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North Branford Public Schools North Branford Town Council

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Friday, June 10, 2022



The Food Pantry is in need of the following items designated by school.

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

Instant Potatoes and Pasta

Totoket Valley Elementary School

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North Branford Intermediate School

Jell-O/Pudding (not sugar-free) Baking Items—Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Muffin Mix

North Branford High School

Juice and Cereal



Additional info to follow from each school administrator.

The North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Town Council extend their sincerest thanks for helping us to help our neighbors!

Honor our Military with a Flag Ceremony

A ceremony has been scheduled for Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14th at 7pm on the North Branford town hall lawn. Please come and join us for this moving program.

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is sponsoring Honor Them with a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel and veterans. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from Flag Day, June 14th 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 or loved one. Information about a ceremony will be published shortly. 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 Women's Club for \$10 per flag to: The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Information is also available online at www.northfordwomensclub.org. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 10th. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Collett at 203-484-9079.

Special four page Centerfold Highlighting North Branford High School

CT Trails Day Hike with the North Branford Land Conservation Trust



Join the NBLCT on Saturday, June 4th for CT Trails Day from 9:30-11:30am to hike the Notch Hill Brook Trail where you will learn about the geology and forest makeup of the area.

The hike will be in two parts. First there will be a short walk along the old Trolley line, appropriate for all ages. Once that is complete there will be two options for the main trail.

One is an easy to moderate hike, that will be appropriate for all ages. The second option will be for the more advanced and adventurous hikers to walk the ridge trail, which has a few very steep sections.

There may be 1-3 bridge crossings of Notch Hill Brook, depending upon the route selected.

Dress comfortably and wear sturdy shoes, or hiking boots if you have them.

Meet at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ciro Road by 9:15 am. Rain date is Sunday June 5.

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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September 23	September 30

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED



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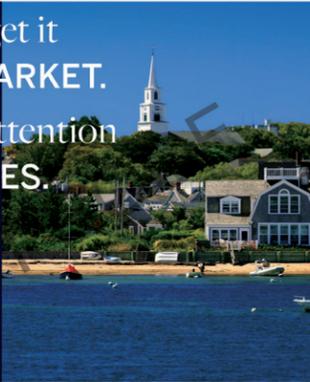
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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Pressure on Connecticut Taxpayers is No Laughing Matter



An interesting moment during a recent meeting of the State Bond Commission personifies the lopsided relationship between government and the taxpayers that fuel it.

The agenda for the May 26 meeting included \$20 million for the troubled Port Authority project to make the State Pier in New London suitable for a hub for an off-shore wind farm.

Gov. Lamont, whose job it is to preside over Bond Commission meetings, made light of the agenda item when it was called, suddenly adopting an auctioneer's cadence as he jokingly fast-tracked a vote, "moved and seconded, hearing no discussion...oh!" Guffaws from bureaucrats and Democrats ensued.

Problem is, this redevelopment project is no laughing matter. Not to taxpayers at least. A project that was supposed to cost \$93 million now carries an estimated price tag of more than \$250 million. What's more, in a recent CT Mirror article, the current Port Authority chairman signaled that at the project's outset officials knew it would cost as much as \$120 million.

"To be totally frank, there probably should have been more nuance conveyed at the time that it was a preliminary estimate," the chairman said, according to the Mirror.

Yes, more "nuance" would've been appropriate.

It's also important to keep in mind that, as reported by the news media, federal investigators have their eye on the beleaguered State Pier project as well as school construction projects.

Forgive those of us who found the Governor's foray into comedy just a little off-key.

Yet it's the current tone of a state government that's working for itself rather than residents. Need more evidence? Look no further than \$3,500 bonuses for state workers approved on the eve of a state budget vote that installed far less tax relief that could have been achieved. After all, a nearly \$4 billion budget surplus was part of the equation. That's right—no income tax cut, no break from skyrocketing diesel fuel prices, and full steam ahead on the highway use truck tax that will undoubtedly increase the cost of goods and services as residents absorb the impact of runaway inflation.

As I write this, Democrats' signature tax relief measure—the one-time child tax credit—is getting media attention. Under the plan, parents who meet specific income thresholds will receive \$250 per child for a maximum of three children. This tax relief, we were told in celebratory messaging, would benefit 300,000 families. Turns out, though, that parents must apply for this rebate. That means it's unlikely the benefit will reach the advertised number of families, eroding the \$600 million in tax relief that's been ballyhooed by a majority party that increased tax revenues by more than \$6 billion over the last decade.

Government, it seems, is poised to win again.

Not laughing? I don't blame you.

Bus Tour of Tilcon Quarry

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

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

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

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, as I am writing this letter, it is Memorial Day. I am sitting here alone, with reruns of "Monk" in the background. There was no big get together at the parade where at least thirty family members use to gather and honor our fallen heroes.

The wind is forcing the blinds to chatter but that is the only sound at the house. There are no wiffle ball games in the back yard. No basketball in the driveway. No grills filled with sizzling burgers, popping hotdog or clam chowder on the stove. There is also no bantering about the after lunch softball game. Sadly, the Yankees aren't even playing today.

Where has the time gone and when did everything change. The day started off with cleaning the car, a trip to the cemetery and then baseball practice. Yes, mom, they are practicing baseball on a holiday. I can hear you loud and clear. "What's this country turning into".

Family and old tradition is gone. Everybody goes their own way. A high school asked me today if Memorial Day was Sunday or Monday. When I asked him what Memorial Day was he quickly responded, "Lobster, steaks and a long weekend. Nothing mentions of fallen soldiers and the simple hotdogs and burgers have been replaced with lobster and steak.

As we were playing a game, what seemed like a million miles away, families were mourning the loss of first and second graders who were murdered in a senseless act of violence, with assault weapons that should never be allowed on the streets. But powerful people are more interested in the politics of their power and party leadership, than the are in the safety of our nation. A moment of silence and a prayer just can't be good enough anymore.

I know this next statement is going to piss a few people off but I don't care. With me as was with you, I have never gone out of my way to make friends. I do the best I can and if you like me that's great. If you don't like me, that's your problem.

It's time to put God and family back into our lives. It's time to bring prayer back into the schools and if you don't agree with it then let the kids take a moment of silence to meditate on what they do believe.

It's time for families to start being families again. Pick a time that is convenient (or maybe even inconvenient) and have dinner together as a family.

Get rid of a television in every room and have one in the family room and watch things together.

Don't let your kids learn about sex and drugs on the street, sit down and discuss it with them.

Stress discipline. Don't be your child's friend, most of them have enough friends. Be their parent. Teach them what is right and wrong and don't blame all the bad things that happen in this world on a corrupt society.

Take responsibility and force them to do the same. It's not what they have, it's how they obtain it and how they handle themselves.

Not everyone deserves a trophy but everyone deserves to be a part of a team, doing their best to make this world a better place.

I am grateful for the days we celebrated as a family and I am sad about the many who don't experience that. They are missing out on some great times even if they do drive nicer cars than we ever did.

Take care and tell mom I am still trying to fight the good fight.

I'll see you soon.

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For the Health of It



Farm Fresh Finds Start the Season Right

There are lessons to be learned from the rhythms and patterns of nature. This time of year, one of the easiest ways to get in sync with that rhythm is to visit a local farm market. Freshly picked produce is at its peak flavor. With no need for long distance shipping or sitting for weeks in storage, it is healthier and more nutritious. The best nutrition comes in rainbow colors and the color palette of fresh fruits and vegetables; vibrant reds, greens, blues, and yellows are not only pleasing to the eye but taste even better than they look. And, although the vast array of fruits and vegetables are

clearly the stars of the show, fresh herbs like basil, mint dill, chives, and thyme, enhance flavor and take our favorite dishes to the next level. Local dairy products allow for even more variety.

Everytime I sink my teeth into a thick slice of native tomato, whether in a caprese salad, with fresh basil and mozzarella or on a slice of my favorite bread, I'm immediately taken back to my childhood. In those days, a salad of fresh tomatoes, basil, olive oil, onion, and garlic would be accompanied by crusty white Italian bread fresh out of the oven. Those were definitely the good old days. But these too are the good old days so let's make some new memories to intertwine with the old. It's never too late to start making delicious and nutritious food memories that last a lifetime.

While savoring native produce at the peak of season may be a good enough reason to support local farmers, doing so has additional benefits like strengthening our community and local economy. It's also a place where you can ask questions about the best cooking methods and preparation recommendations and get answers from those who know. You can join a CSA Share or inquire as to whether there might be a "misfit" section where less than perfect items might be sold at a discounted price.

Regardless of where you shop or even if you grow your own, it's always fun to try new ways of preparing your new found harvest. Hopefully the recipes below will help. Pair the first two with your favorite protein for a balanced meal. The Chocolate Zucchini Cupcakes are versatile as a grab and go snack or to dress up a bit and serve to guests. (It's also a great way to sneak in zucchini for finicky eaters).

Jerry's Roasted Corn Salsa

4 ears of corn par-boiled and grilled, (remove corn from cob), ½ jalapeno pepper, 1 can of organic, low sodium, black beans (rinsed), 1 each red pepper, green pepper, orange pepper, diced, 1 minced small red onion, 1 tomato seeded & diced

Prepare and combine all ingredients in a large bowl, add 1 cup minced cilantro, juice of 3 limes, salt & pepper to taste. Enjoy at room temperature or cold.

Tip: Remove seeds from jalapeno for a milder kick.

Red, White and Blue Summer Salad (My summertime favorite)

This tasty fruit salad is edgy and delicious and will add sparkle to your Fourth of July menu.

Watermelon cubed a bit larger than bitesize, pint of fresh blueberries, fresh mint leaves, goat cheese crumbles, juice of 2 limes (optional drizzle of sweet balsamic vinegar).

Combine fruit with lime juice and refrigerate. Toss with mint leaves and add goat cheese crumbles before serving.

Chocolate Zucchini Cupcakes (Courtesy of my friend and fellow Nutrition Coach Tania Gustafson). I like to call this recipe nutrition in disguise.

2/3c (scant) olive oil

1/4c applesauce (unsweetened) or mashed banana

4 scoops of protein powder-chocolate or vanilla)

4 egg whites

1/2c almond milk + splash of lemon juice

1/2c coconut flour

2.5 tbsp cocoa

1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

2c grated zucchini

walnut/pecan pieces for topping

Raspberry puree and coconut cream for serving cupcakes (optional)

Serving suggestion: Cut the muffin in 1/2 and serve topped with raspberry purée and coconut cream. Simply heat the raspberries in a small pan on medium heat until it becomes a puréed consistency. For the coconut cream, put an open can of coconut milk in the refrigerator overnight and the cream will rise to the top. Put a dollop on top of the raspberries and there you have it.

DIRECTIONS

Mix ingredients in order, then spoon into muffin cups about 2/3 full. Parchment cups are best to avoid sticking. Bake at 350F for 22-25 mins. I took mine out at 22 mins and allowed to cool in the pan. Serving size 2 cupcakes

I hope you enjoy these recipes and invite you to share some of your own at joann@wellnessfusion.net. We are fortunate to have so many fresh food options in our community. Make it a point to venture out this season, either solo, with a friend or as a family adventure where everyone gets to choose a fruit or vegetable they never tried before. As we allow ourselves to indulge in nature's pattern, we become part of the rhythm. In a subtle way, life simplifies.

JoAnn Begley is a health enthusiast and Certified Nutrition Coach who has practiced and taught holistic therapies for more than 20 years. She and her husband Jerry have two children and live in North Branford. This monthly column is here for you, For the Health of it!

Probate Judges Nominated as Frank Forgione Retires Chuck Tiernan Wins Democratic Nomination For Branford/North Branford Probate Judge

Attorney Chuck Tiernan was nominated to represent the Democratic Party in the election for Probate Judge for the 35th District covering Branford and North Branford. The Democratic Convention to select a candidate for Probate Judge was held on May 12 at the Branford Community Center.

Tiernan was nominated following the announced retirement of Probate Judge Frank Forgione. Forgione was first elected in 2010 when the 35th Probate Judge District was first created. Previously, Forgione served as North Branford probate judge from 1990 to 2010.

A lifelong Branford resident, Tiernan told the convention members, "I was lucky enough to grow up here. I want to make a difference in the communities where I would serve: Branford and North Branford."

An attorney at Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante, for almost 40 years, Tiernan told the convention members that he has "a diverse practice and over his career has handled virtually every type of probate case" including guardianships, estates, adoption, name changes and appointing conservators and psychiatric commitments. He has been appointed by superior court judges to represent minors and act as guardian ad litem. Tiernan has represented clients in cases involving termination of parental rights in juvenile court and handled custody and paternity matters. Talking about this part of his practice, Tiernan said, "The cases I find most rewarding are those helping children and families and I can think of no better way to continue that than as a probate judge."

Tiernan was educated in the Branford schools and captained the Football Team in his Senior season. He received his B.A. from Trinity College and his law degree from Drake University, where he was an editor on the Drake Law Review. He has served as Chairman of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission which makes recommendations on the appointment of judges. He said that this assignment has taught him what qualities are most important in a judge: "temperament, compassion, personality, common sense, and knowledge of law."

Talking about what motivated him to run for Probate Judge, Tiernan said that he appreciated the work of the retiring Probate Judge Frank Forgione and his predecessor, John Donegan. Tiernan said that, like them, he "would like to help members of the community deal with their problems in a compassionate and common-sense way."

Although Probate Judge is not a political position, delegates at the convention felt that Tiernan, because of his experience and community ties, would draw votes from a broad section of the electorate in both communities.

Branford Attorney Al Ippolito Receives Endorsement for Probate Judge

Branford- On May 16, a joint convention of the Branford and North Branford Republican Town Committees endorsed Al Ippolito to run as their candidate for probate judge, with jurisdiction over Branford and North Branford. Ippolito hopes to replace Frank Forgione, who is retiring.

"I would like to thank the town committees in Branford and North Branford for their show of faith," said Ippolito. "I know I have big shoes to fill, but I feel I have the experience to serve this community as its next probate judge. I have been blessed to have practiced law in Connecticut for many years. For all those years much of my practice has been representing clients in probate matters."

Al Ippolito graduated Harvard University in 1979 and Boston University School of Law in 1982. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1982. Since 1989, Al has practiced law with his partner, former Senate Minority Leader Len Fasano out of their office in New Haven. The firm of Fasano, Ippolito, Lee and Florentine, LLC now has offices in both New Haven and Branford.

In recent years Al has been appointed by probate judges and attorneys as either a court appointed executor or mediator for difficult cases of feuding families that were stagnant in the courts.

"I enjoyed the work," said Ippolito. "That experience inspired me to run. My goals are to diminish probate's public negativity by educating the public on its benefits and to reunite any feuding families."

Ippolito also thanked his supporters.

"There are so many people I could thank but two deserve special mention. I'd like first to thank my wife, Elaine. If it weren't for her support, I wouldn't be running. I'd also like to thank Representative Vin Candelora, whose guidance and encouragement really got this campaign off the ground."

NBHS Awarded Accreditation in the New England Associations of Schools and Colleges

Press Release: On May 11, 2022, North Branford High School was notified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) that the NEASC Commission has voted to award the school continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

NEASC completed the Decennial Accreditation Evaluation visit during October 3, 2021 through October 6, 2021. During the March 7, 2022 NEASC Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed the 40 page NEASC Evaluation Report and voted to award continued accreditation. The NEASC Report included several commendations in specific areas directly related to the NEASC Standards. A copy of the full report is available at the two local libraries, Atwater and Smith. Additionally, an Executive Summary of the document is enclosed.

View Evaluation Report on right.

Information provided by Principal Todd Stoeffler.



New High School on Schedule!

Project Narrative

“The North Branford High School project is being constructed in multiple phases; with the first phase comprising of the academic classrooms, science labs, Cafeteria, Media Center, Administrative and support spaces. Construction began in the summer of 2021 with the partial demolition of a small section off the existing academic classroom wing, which allowed the construction of phase one of . The project is proceeding on schedule despite several supply chain challenges and phase one is currently anticipated to be occupied and functioning after the 2022 Winter/New Year break. Programs and students will relocate to the new facility and the remaining building will be demolished in the Winter, with new construction for phase two starting in the Spring of 2023. Phase two consists of the Gymnasium, locker rooms, health and fitness facilities, the construction and culinary labs and additional academic classrooms and is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024. The site work comprising of the roads, parking and landscaping will be the final phase of construction. Students, teachers and administrators will transition into the completed new facility over the summer of 2024 with the first day of school in the New North Branford High School being the Fall of 2024.”

Carson Collier, AIA

Leete & LeBeau - Scholar Athletes

PRESS RELEASE: On Sunday May 22, CAS- CIAC hosted their annual Scholar Athlete Dinner. Student Athletes were recognized for their academic excellence and achievements in the area of athletics.

Regan Leete and Braeden LeBeau pictured at right represented NBHS. Families and school personnel attended the celebratory event in Southington CT.

Information provided by Principal Todd Stoeffler



NBHS NEASC Evaluation October 3-6 2021

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Commendations directly from the NEASC Evaluation Report:

Commendations area 1 of the NBHS Growth Plan

- The joint work of the communities of North Branford and North Branford Public Schools to create and implement a plan for a new school building
- The approval and funding the construction of a new NBHS by faculty, staff, administration, the board of education, the town council, and citizens
- The approval process that resulted in the beginning of the rebuilding process, which began in summer 2021 and will result in a new building in June 2024
- The commitment of the committee that meets weekly to ensure a timely construction project

Commendations area 2 of the NBHS Growth Plan

- The completion of all landscape maps for all courses
- The commitment to maintain choice for student learning during the implementation of curriculum
- The commitment to high expectations for all students, regardless of academic levels
- The availability of release time and resources to complete landscape maps for every course in every discipline

Commendation area 3 of the NBHS Growth Plan

- The work done by the vision of the graduate committee to make the vision of the graduate come to life
- The updating of the mascot based on the SOAR acronym
- The development of detailed rubrics of the SOAR vision of the graduate that will help teachers when assessing students
- The culture and climate that is exceptionally positive
- The agency and autonomy educators and leaders had in creating the vision of the graduate
- The reflective nature and growth mindset of those involved with the vision of the graduate

Commendation area 4 of the NBHS Growth Plan

- The delaying of the rollout of flex time in 2020-2021 to allow teachers to focus on students during the Covid-19 pandemic
- The purposeful implementation of flex in its first year
- The commitment of the teachers responsible for the learning labs to their content area intervention, growth of students' skills, relationship building, and fidelity of the flex intervention rollout

Additional Commendations

- The drive to ensure every student can find their path to success
- The commitment to include Life Skills and Bridges as a part of the new academic wing
- The drive to constantly improve



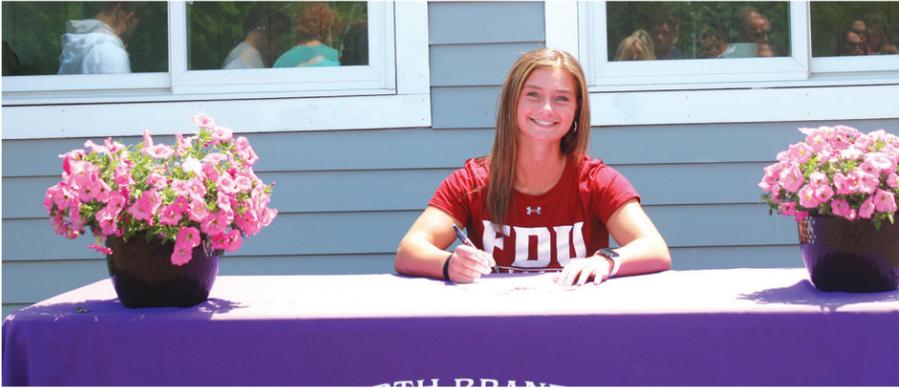
NBHS Student Athletes Sign on to play in College



Lauren Ackerman - Softball - University of Hartford D3



Samantha Helwig - Lacrosse & Field Hockey - Albertus Magnus



Bella Hills - Softball - Farleigh Dickenson (New Jersey) D1



Dominic Scalia - Baseball - St. Joseph's



Olivia Toto - Lacrosse & Field Hockey - ECSU



Ryan Michonski - Baseball - Nicholls College



Michael Virginelli - Baseball - St. Joseph's



Lacrosse - Joey Marra - Dean College



Hanna Senerchia - Softball - Barry University - Miami, D2



Mia Oliverio - Field Hockey SCSU





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Gianna DePino - Softball - University of New Haven D2



Shoreline Champions Seventh in a Row

North Branford High School girls softball team took their seventh consecutive Shoreline Championship. The Lady T- Birds finished the regular season at 13-7 and caught fire in the tournament by defeating Coginchaug 8-4, Haddam Killingworth 5-0 and took the championship by defeating Old Lyme 7-2. *(photo courtesy of Dina Falcioni)*



North Branford High School



Graduation Class of 2022



Lauren Ackerman
 Lauren Adamczyk
 Sarena Aguiar
 Ryan Anderson
 Julia Angelini
 Jade Aucapina
 Mario Avallone
 Gabriel Bagley
 Samantha Barrett
 John Belbusti
 Jerom Bombenza
 Ava Bonapace
 Robert Brennan
 Cameron Brittell
 Nolan Brustman
 Isabella Bunosso
 Saoirse Burke
 Genesis Camejo
 Zandrea Carbone
 Alejandra Carmona
 Alyiah Carter

Maissa Caso
 Tara Cassista
 Christopher Cavalier
 Valissa Cavalier
 Zachary Chittenden
 Jake Chopus
 Jonathan Christiano
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 Dakota Cooper
 Jernay Cope
 AshleyRose Cory
 Mitchell Cosenza
 Alanie Crocker
 Tyler Cronan
 Kayla Crouch
 Maya Damiani
 Jacob Danner
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 Anna Fratta
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 Mila Iuteri
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 Braeden LeBeau
 Regan Leete
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 Liam Vander Wyk
 Michael Virginelli
 Abigail Vollono
 Cailey Waldron
 Emma Yacono
 Paige Yarnall

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Michael Module graduated Summa cum laude from Boston College with a double major in Linguistics & Biology. He will be attending Boston University Graduate School in the fall.

Marie Zampano was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta international business honor society at Lasell University.

Samantha Fowler was named to the Dean's List at Fowler University in Evansville, IN.

John Custy and Andrea Weaver were named to the President's List at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH.

Angelena Sholun was part of the cheerleading team that placed in the top ten in the country for Eastern Connecticut State University.

Matthew Sibley, Madison Sullivan and SiannaMarie Milone graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

John Pellegrino was recognized for academic excellence at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT.

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June 2022

<p>2 PAT'S PICKS MOVIE CLUB <i>Atwater @ 1:00PM</i> <i>Children of Heaven</i> - 1997 Drama "After a boy loses his sister's pair of shoes, he goes on a series of adventures in order to find them. When he can't, he tries a new way to "win" a new pair." - IMDB</p>	 <p>Come check out our new Library of Things! Some of these items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BINOCULARS & FIELD GUIDE • METAL DETECTOR • MINI PROJECTOR • TELESCOPE • AIR FRYER • MICROSCOPE • SEWING MACHINE • T-MOBILE HOTSPOT • KARAOKE MACHINE • BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR • TRIPOD • AND MORE!
<p>17 MOVIE MATINEE <i>Smith @ 1:00PM</i> <i>West Side Story</i> - 2021 Crime-Drama Musical "An adaptation of the 1957 musical, <i>West Side Story</i> explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds." - IMDB</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Wednesdays</p> <p>NEEDLE ARTS <i>Atwater @ 10:00AM - 12:00PM</i> Enjoy the friendly camaraderie of your fellow artisans and join us on Wednesday mornings! Beginners are welcome. Knit, crochet, embroider, quilt -- all kinds of needle craft.</p>
<p>29 ASK-A-LAWYER <i>Atwater @ 6:30PM</i> Free, 15 minute consultation with a lawyer to help you with your legal issues. First come, first served. Register with a library staff member the evening of the event.</p>	<p>10 BILLY'S TECH ASSISTANCE 22 BILLY'S TECH ASSISTANCE <i>Atwater @ 2:00 - 3:00PM</i> <i>Atwater @ 6:00 - 7:00PM</i> Do you have any general technology questions? Want to learn how to use our e-resources? Maybe a question about your new phone, tablet or laptop? Have no fear, Billy is here! Sign up to reserve a 30 minute session to sit down with Billy while he tries to answer your questions and help you navigate your device. "Disclaimer: I am not a trained technology expert, but I will do my best!" - Billy 😊</p>

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Ash, Murphy and Giovanni chosen for

Service Above Self by North Branford Rotary

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

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



Ken Ash is distinguished individual who has been described as someone who will stop what he's doing to help anyone, or any animal, based numerous testimonies of service to individuals and animals throughout his lifetime. Ken has served as an active firefighter EMS for several years and is a Public Works employee. Ken is known around town for his countless hours helping to set up and participate at events such as Story walk at North Farms, Haunted trails, and PoCo. During the peak of Covid-19 Ken organized a food share program that distributed several boxes of foods to families in need. Someone you'll see helping run a blood drive, set up a fundraiser, collecting donations or supporting the local food bank, Ken is a genuinely kind person with a commitment to community. The North Branford Rotary is honored to award him with Service Above Self!



Fran Murphy is an individual known in the community for being devoted to helping and putting the needs of others in her community ahead of her own. She's known as the person who will go out of her way to put a smile on faces as part of her commitment to the North Branford Food Pantry. Fran has been a longstanding advocate of the food pantry and has been instrumental expanding the outreach of the North Branford Food

Pantry. Through her own personal challenges, she continues to prioritize her longstanding commitment to the Food Bank and has exemplified the meaning behind Service Above Self. The North Branford Rotary is looking forward to honoring Fran Murphy for her dedication to her community!



Mary Giovanni is a passionate and generous individual with a community-centric mindset. She is known to motivate and empower residents to improve the wellbeing of our community. She's co-founded the Northford/North Branford How to be Grateful Community Facebook page where she promotes a positive mindset despite many of the ongoing challenges faced in this world. The page has also become a place to promote community events. Mary

is actively involved with her children's PTOs and is always stepping up to help organize fundraising and volunteer activities. Mary is also co-chair of PoCo, where she's volunteered several hours to make the event an ongoing success. Mary was recognized as Person of the Week in 2021 for all the dedication she provides to the town. The North Branford Rotary Club is eager to award Mary for her distinguished service!

The North Branford Rotary Club will be awarding the recipients on Thursday June 23, 2022 at 6pm, at the Millpond Gathering in Northford. Tickets can be purchased in advance by going to www.northbranfordrotary.org or by contacting Rotary Club President Melinda at NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com / 203-988-0883.

Committee Chair, Alex Casella, expressed his appreciation to those who sent in nominations. "It's been a very rewarding experience for the members of the committee, and the club, to receive a fantastic response from the North Branford Community and I'd like to thank those who found the time to submit nominations." Casella and Fonda were both impressed by the number of nominations that came in this year. The club is looking forward to continuing to honor distinguished members of the community each year.

Recycling News

Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly).

The next pickup is in November 2022.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not place your bulky waste curbside until then.

Hazwaste Central opened for the season on Saturday 5/21

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

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

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

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

Please gather the formally festive balloons and put them into the trash.

Balloons do not go into the Recycle bin and they are not plastic film.

To protect our wildlife, please prevent balloons from going into the storm drains or blowing away.

There are many ways to have fun and celebrate with environmentally-friendly alternatives.

Giant bubbles, ribbon dancers, streamers and garden spinners are a few examples. Many of these can be reused for another celebration.



Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain

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

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways.

Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues.

Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens can also end up in your drinking water, threatening water quality.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

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

North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

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

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

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

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email; northfordcc@gmail.com 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 is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, please visit us!

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

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

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

Do you often Wonder, What is this Plant?



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

We'll meet in back of the Northford Ice Pavillion. The Ice Pavillion is located at 24 Firelite Pl, Northford, CT 06472, Firelite Drive is off route 22 next to Honeywell. Please watch our website www.nblandtrust.org or our Facebook

page for schedule changes.

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

Knights of Columbus Continue to Serve



The Knights of Columbus, Council 6801, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all that came to our St. Joseph's Lasagna dinner on March 19th at St. Augustine.

We sold over 100 tickets and has numerous donations from parishioners.

This year's dinner was the most successful dinner to date.

Because of your generosity we were able to raise \$3,000.00 for five local pregnancy centers, St. Gianna's Pregnancy Center, Carolyn's Place, Little Miracles, Hope Pregnancy center and Caring Families.

We also held a 50/50 raffle to help support the people of Ukraine, that raffle raised \$1,020.00 and the winner was generous to donate the winnings back. Network Electric and Security generously match the total of the 50/50 raffle. our Council is sending \$2,040.00 to the people of Ukraine thru the Knights of Columbus Charity.

Once again, thank you to all who helped make this a successful event and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Wine Tasting September 18th at Seasons on Route 80 in East Haven

Thank you and God Bless

Damian DeNegre, Grand Knight Council 6801

A Retreat will be offered with the

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On Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm

At Albertus Magnus College

Retreat Theme: The Politics of Love

Cost is only \$50.00 pp for the entire program.

All interested MUST pre-register!

Seating is limited!

To register: Make check made payable to: Franciscan Charities Inc. Please include the number attending, their full names, contact number (s), email address (if applicable) and

Mail to:

Barbara Gode

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as soon as possible.

Questions? Call her 203 605-9845 or

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*For more information about Br. Paul and his ministries,
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June 27 - August 8 (No class 7/4)
7:00-7:45pm

WEDNESDAYS
Tennis Skills (Ages 14-17)
June 29 - August 3
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SENIOR CENTER MOHEGAN SUN TRIP
June 13, Departs STW 8:00am \$15

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

NEW MILFORD BARN QUILT TOUR
June 21, Departs STW 9:30am \$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

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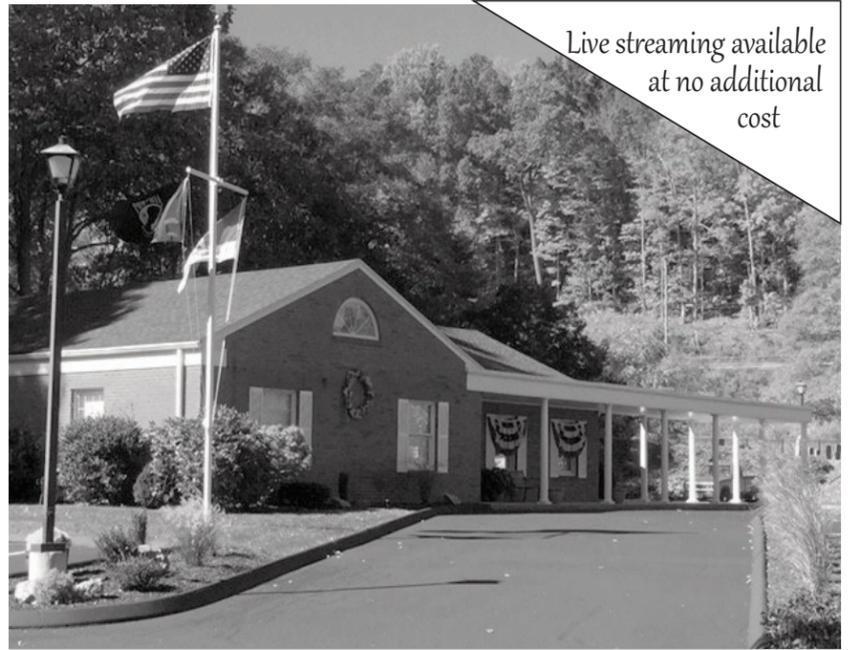
Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," will be holding an outdoor tag sale on the lawn to benefit the church on Sat., June 18, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at 4 Old Post Rd., Northford. A limited number of craft and vendor spaces will be available for \$20 paid in advance (non-refundable). Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own table and chairs. Contact Aloha at (203) 484-0794 for information and to reserve a space. 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. Email address: northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

Public Stargazing at Young's Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday June 11th at 8pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at the almost full moon and all the brightest summer constellations, star clusters and

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It is impossible to stand backwards on Stairs!

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.

galaxies. We ask that you please wear a mask near the telescopes.

Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) or COVID will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org 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.