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Keeping Agricultural in our Town!



Upcoming Tractor Pulls

Tractor pulls are coming back to the Augur Farm on Route 22 on July 22nd and August 4th (POCO Festival).

Sign in will be at 8:00am and the pulling will start at 9:00am.

Farm Trail Brochures are now Available

The North Branford Economic Development Commission, with the help of members of the Agricultural Commission, has updated the North Branford/Northford Farm Products/Agricultural Services brochure.

The new brochure highlights Town grown products and services from 23 local growers with contact information and locations included. Products from each farm are displayed with an icon and a legend to interpret it. You will find where to get fruit, mulch, vegetables, poultry, horses, meat, corn, maple syrup, exotic fish, Pick Your Own, horse rescue, wood, wine, plants and flowers. There are colorful pictures of local products as well as a full page 11" X 17" map offering a detailed "Farm Trail" from Van Wilgen's in North Branford on the Branford line to 3B Ranch in Northford close to Durham.

Farm Trail brochures (free) will be available at the North Branford Town Hall, Atwater and Edward Smith Libraries, Community Center, farm stands in Town, Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, State tourism location, REX Development and B and Bs and hotels in surrounding towns.

This brochure is the result of the combined efforts of many people in North Branford. Members of the Economic Development Commission are Joan Tutor, Liz Caplan, Chris Kranick, Scot Small and Jan Finch. Carey Duques, the Town Planner, was the driving force on the project. Town Manager Mike Paulhus was always supportive. Local resident and tree farmer Jesse Cave was the talented graphic designer and intern Barbara Ruth Hickey helped with computer input, calling and great suggestions. Farmers Nelson Ccarelli and Joe DeFrancesco gave up valuable hours during planting season to give agricultural input and local history of the Agriculture Commission. Many thanks to all who participated.

Agriculture is an important business and economic driver in this community. Please look for the farm trail brochure and support our local agricultural businesses!



Shoreline Chamber Needs Your Help!

Dancing with the Stars is In it's 5th Year ! 2017 is the All Star Event and we are looking for committee members to help us make it the best year yet!

Committee members need to be able to commit to one daytime meeting every month and closer to the event every 2 weeks.

Event is November 11th 2017 at the Country House in East Haven. First meeting will be Thursday August 10th at 10am. Shoreline Chamber Office. 764 East Main Street Branford If you are interested please email Michele@shorelinechamberct.com

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ALAN DAVIS 

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, the last few weeks have been a bit crazy. Even with all the stress going on, I am still able to observe some crazy stuff. In the last issue I reported some information about a 5K race that has been named after Floyd Parness the North Branford High School Track coach who died suddenly. I picked up something on face book where they referred to Floyd as being in our hearts and soles. I thought it was cute.

Apparently several readers called to let me know the correct spelling of souls. I appreciate the fact that these people have the time to read this paper so thoroughly with even more time to let me know about the error. Maybe if they took a few more minutes they would have recognized the play on words. Floyd was a track coach, thus the reference to the word "soles" instead of "souls". Sorry I had to explain this but I didn't want anyone else losing sleep over this major error.

On another note I still marvel at the facebook experts complaining about a possible supplemental tax bill among other things, and blaming it on the Town Council. I don't believe anyone on the Council has experienced operating on brains. But some of these people who are complaining might have been on the table. First of all the notice did not say it was definite. This situation has been going on in most towns due to the state budget which at this point has not been completed. If we get less funds from the State, we might need more funds from residents. Not the fault of our volunteer council. Maybe you should direct your ire at the State level.

On this page and on page nine there are announcements about meeting of both parties to elect candidates for Municipal offices. Maybe some of these people should attend these meeting, get involved and help solve the problem. I myself have recently turned down an offer of interest to run for the Town Council. It's a thankless job and although I don't always agree with them, I would never want to be them. I have watched a few recent meetings and some of the things they have to deal with are absurd. A waste of time which in my mind interferes with real issues.

To get to the important stuff, Nico Francesco Bozzuto (#2 grandson) recently for the first time, experienced his meema's famous baked rigatoni with ricotta cheese and his poppy's legendary tomato sauce. The results were simply magnificent. Although I am happy I did not have to deal with the final results which must have come later in a diaper change.

Nothing else is happening except the Yankees, although struggling as of late are once again fun to watch with all these young kids. You would really enjoy it. Take care and I'll see you soon.

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Budge Update



You are probably hearing about the dysfunction with Connecticut's state budget, which is no impacting our nonprofits, social services and towns. I believe it's important for people to understand how we got here and where we are going. June 30th marked the end of the state's fiscal year. Democrat leadership in both the House and Senate

refused to allow a budget to be called for a vote, leaving Governor Malloy in complete control to run government by Executive Order. I think it's fair to say that most residents are not happy with the Governor's decision making, and unfortunately, the lack of a budget has put his power on steroids.

While Democrats in the House only enjoy a 79-72 majority, they still control the ability to have legislation put up for a vote. Since April, the House Republican caucus has produced three no-tax increase budgets that funds our cities and towns; yet Democrats who have failed to produce a fully vetted, balanced budget refuse to allow a vote on the Republican versions or any other version of a budget. Rather, they are quick to point out that we need to work on a bipartisan solution.

Frankly, Democrats have controlled the legislature for almost 40 years, and are not accustomed to having conversation with Republicans on budget policy. In my 11 years in the legislature, I've opposed 10 budgets, which have led us down the path of economic uncertainty, job loss and high taxes. Each time, Republicans have made it clear that this tax and spend path was wrong, and offered alternative budgets the provided long-term solutions and structural changes to government. To this day, we continue to offer alternatives. It is my hope that the Democratic Party in Hartford has woken up and will begin embracing these ideas.

On the eve of the fiscal year end, House Democrats finally offered a budget framework, but want to delay the vote until July 18th. This proposal increases the sales tax to 6.99%, cuts municipal funding, provides for millions in unspecified cuts, and places an additional 1% tax on restaurants. Conversely, Senate Democrats have failed to offer any budget and refuse to commit to calling us into session on July 18th for a vote. Meanwhile, my Republican colleagues continue to wait to bring our plan forward for a vote.

Governor Malloy and his legislative colleagues have made Connecticut the hardest state to live in with the highest taxes in the country, highest energy costs and most burdensome regulations. Republicans have a plan to reverse this course. The residents of Connecticut deserve better than what is currently offered by our administration. I will continue to fight for a budget that provides no new taxes and right-sizes government to something that we can afford, and await for the opportunity to vote on such a budget.

NORTH BRANFORD DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To: Enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of North Branford, CT

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and the State election laws you are hereby noticed that caucus will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at 7 PM at 909 Foxon Road, North Branford Town Council Chambers.

To endorse candidates for Municipal Office and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus.

Dated at Town of North Branford, CT July 25, 2017.
North Branford Democratic Town Committee, David Palumbo, Chair

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

According to recent research conducted by The Hartford Insurance Group, it seems like most baby boomers would rather go to the dentist for a root canal than talk to their aging parents about estate planning. The research indicated about 71% of parents of baby boomers were comfortable discussing estate planning with their children, whereas only 54% of their children were comfortable having such discussions. It turns out that parents are more comfortable discussing estate planning than are their baby-boomer children-who knew? This "communication gap" can have serious consequences for your parents and family.

Talking about your parents dying is not a fun topic to explore. Although it may be a hard conversation to have, it can make such a difference after your parents are gone. This is too important of a conversation not to have.

Getting the conversation started is the hardest part. A few simple guidelines can help turn this conversation into a positive experience. The most important rule (in my experience) is to include ALL of your siblings in the conversation. Nothing works quicker to undermine your intentions than excluding someone. Group discussion fosters a free exchange of ideas. Choose a comfortable and private setting for this family meeting that is free from distractions.

The family is assembled, in a comfortable, private, space...then what? How do you actually start the conversation? A good way to start is to discuss your own plan. Discuss with your parents what your estate planning experience was like. Talk about what your estate plan contemplates. Another way to start the conversation is with an article or book on estate planning. If your parents are readers this is a terrific place to start.

Assuming that you have created an opportunity to talk to your parents about their "exit plan" you should discuss several different aspects. Remain focused on the fact that you are trying to help your parents maintain independence and control over assets that took a lifetime to accumulate. Focus on long term care: have they considered what would happen if one or both of them had to spend time in a nursing home? Nursing home costs can quickly eliminate your parent's life savings. Ask about what type of estate plan they have in place. Make sure the plan fits their estate. Explore whether their estate plan contemplates tax issues, probate costs, or beneficiaries with disabilities? Don't neglect to focus on lifetime planning. Make sure your parents have updated Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Remember, most parents want to discuss their estate plan with their adult children. Finding out that your parents have planned their estate will be very comforting. Finding out your parents have not made a plan is a great opportunity to help them get their affairs in order.

P.S. If you are looking for a conversation starter we do offer free initial consultations. Call my office at 203-234-7400 and make an appointment to sit down and make a plan for the future.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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WIT & WISDOM

It was September 1936 and Dr. Clarence Rungee and I were on a coast to coast trip. On arising one morning we were impressed with a high mountain directly ahead. We hadn't noticed it the night before, probably because we were driving late and it was dark. In a sort of a game we played to add interest to our trip the "Doc" said, "How far do you think that mountain is?" I ventured, "About 35 miles, the distance from New Haven to Hartford" thinking what it would be if we were in Connecticut. Well we drove all day long and it seemed no closer. In fact it took another half day to finally reach the Eastern edge of the Rockies. So clear was the air. I risk saying none of you have ever experienced such a clear atmosphere.

Another experience stunning us, and me personally was one day we stopped on the Mohave Desert. As we slowed I leaped from the the car running at full speed trying to catch a Tarantula. Of course I knew I could never catch one nor would I try, for they appeared and disappeared into the sand in an instant. It was near a sizeable hill the "Doc" suggested I climb. Taking off in what I thought was at most a few hundred yards only to find myself going at least a half mile and finding a collapsed tower on top of the hill, which suggested it had been a signal tower for airplanes since it also had a large bulb on it's top. When I got back the "Doc:" said, "I never thought you were coming back. You kept getting smaller and smaller the further you went". I repeat this to emphasize how clear the air was once you got past the industrialized East and the rapidly increasing pollution.

To further .emphasize I told of watching the thunder heads of the summer storms when I was a youth. Recently as I rode the same area and looking West couldn't see half way to the Bethany Ridge so polluted has our air become.

Independence Day?

Eight years ago former President Obama trotted off to Denmark to sign away US independence in the Copenhagen Climate Change Treaty. Full of exuberance and believing that his popularity would carry the day, he tried – but failed - to create an entirely new World order that would have been controlled by a new international organization. The details of that treaty were never really revealed to us because mainstream media portrayed it simply as a "climate change agreement" that would stop the ravages of global warming, but it was much more.

In 2009 I reviewed the Copenhagen climate change treaty that Obama signed. At page 122, Item #15, it would have bound all "developed and developing countries" to compensate for damage to «underdeveloped» countries. Monetary compensation would be paid by the US "for lost opportunities, resources, lives, land and dignity" and; the continent of Africa was to be compensated "for environmental, social and economic losses arising from the implementation of response measures." Article II, Paragraph 3 gave this new international organization power over all territorial seas and waterways. In other words, Obama tried to sign away US sovereignty over its 12-mile territorial seas, US coastlines, estuaries and rivers that flow to the oceans!

This effort at globalism that was the Copenhagen treaty essentially tried to implement global Marxism, to control world markets, commerce and transportation, to centralize control of the "modes of production and of exchange" through "carbon trading." Yes, carbon trading was to be the mechanism by which to transfer wealth and manipulate and control the sources, repositories and exchange of all wealth. Never mind that the power to do so would be in the hands of a new, unknown global elite, unchecked by any consent of the people.

I firmly believe that our US system of government, as originally envisioned and created by our Constitution, is a substantially flawed system of government, yet better than all others yet conceived. I believe that the inherent evil of those who have a will to power must be controlled through the limits on power entrusted to them by "we the people." This can only be done through a consensual, constitutional balance of powers, and only through the perpetuation and enforcement of the same. Unfortunately, 20-20 hindsight reveals that - through the Copenhagen treaty – the globalists really did try to replace and eliminate the consent of the governed. I urge all who will listen to discover how those with this Marxist-elitist philosophy continue to pose a danger to our balance of powers and threaten to eliminate the consent of the people.

The globalists are all the more dangerous because they take great effort to conceal their true purpose. I suggest that they will continue to assail our Constitution in an effort to revoke our independence. Perhaps this was what fomented the 180-degree swing in public opinion that elected Donald Trump. Thus we must hope, pray and take action to ensure that Trump and his successors honor our Constitution, protect our independence and at least give us something other than the smoke and mirrors his predecessors gave us.

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To ignore the illnesses being part of virtually every persons life, but with so many of us employed in some capacity as a treatment of our ailments. it is rapidly, if not already so, the leading field of employment.

The importance of air pollution didn't really become of such concern until our ventures into space made the earth's entirety completely visible and of major importance. Thus Hanson's employment with NASA made just how serious the importance of doing something quickly was. The auto, coal and every industry dependent for it's existence on fossil fuel fought every effort to replace those

dependent on fossil fuels with photo voltaic and other means of providing clean energy. A perfect example of how Reagan's election stymied Carter's efforts to lead the change was his removing the photovoltaic panels from the White House curtailing the move to clean energy 46 years.

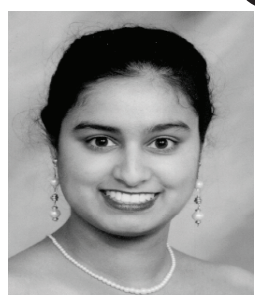
What I have tried to do is impress on you how clean our air was and can be. When I was young you could see the stars so clear they almost seemed within reach. To be continued.

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A Note from Hope Looney at J Cakes



I am really impressed by the way the Economic Development Committee of North Branford and the Shoreline Chamber are working together to help businesses in North Branford. They have taken a pro-active, one-on-one approach to seek out problems and help find solutions. When I moved my business to a new location, the Chamber took initiative to organize a ribbon cutting and notify local officials. When advice was needed regarding HR needs, Kathy Testa, Membership Director, gladly came to my office to discuss and offer assistance and resources for my needs. I learned first hand that the Chamber has more to offer other than networking opportunities. I look forward to using them as a resource as needed throughout the year.

Photo by JC Carley Photography

Basket Making with Donna Lowell

Our noted basket maker Donna Lowell is providing monthly basket making classes this summer! Planned classes include oval bread basket, field basket, trestle table basket and cat nap basket. Classes, which last 3-4 hours, will begin at 10 AM.

The July class features an oval bread basket and will be held July 26th. The class fee for this basket is \$120 and includes all materials. Registration is required by July 12th with check to be received by, and made out to, The Dudley Foundation by July 16th (The Dudley Foundation, 2351 Durham Rd, Guilford.) Please note



“basket class” on the check.

To register call Donna Lowell at 203-457-0033.

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Kevin Wentworth to Wed Perry Band

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The future groom is a graduate of North Branford High School and Emmanuel College, He is the grandson of Barbara Misbach of East Haven and Joanne Wentworth of North Haven.

A September wedding is planned in Arlington, MA.



**25th Anniversary for Memorial Scholarship
In memory of Arthur & Astrid Wolfe**

The Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship was awarded recently at Senior Awards Night at North Branford High School. The presentation was made by the Wolfes' daughter, Linda Wolfe Rankin, of Wallingford. Mrs. Rankin gave the following message about her parents.

"Tonight is commemorative for me because it marks twenty-five years since I presented my first annual memorial scholarship in memory of my father, Arthur F. Wolfe, under the auspices of the North Branford Scholarship Association.

Each one of my parents played an active and important role in the community. They owned a dairy farm on Forest Road. When it became difficult to find hired help, they sold the farm and moved to Middletown Avenue, where Dad always had over a thousand chickens, and at the same time worked at a Wallingford lumber company. In addition to family and work, Arthur was a charter member of Northford Volunteer Fire Department Company # 2, serving forty-nine years, and a long-time member of the North Branford Constabulary, working to protect our town. He was an active member of his Masonic Lodge, Corinthian #63, and his church, always doing for others. Arthur was a worker with a strong work ethic!

Astrid, who was born in Denmark, entering the United States through Ellis Island as a child. The family settled in Northford on a dairy farm. She drove a tractor, baled hay, and milked cows. She graduated from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford; as there wasn't bus transportation and she too young to drive, Astrid and herister, Elna, drove a horse and buggy to school! Mom gave so much of herself to charities and organizations, volunteering at Red Cross Blood Drives, working at Soup kitchens, and reaching out to the needy through Women's Fellowship at her church. As a Dane, she was proud to belong to the Danish Sisterhood of America. Could she bake! I can smell the almond coffee cakes now!

Astrid owned, ran, and taught at her own Little Folks Nursery School in Northford for more than twenty-five years. Occasionally,

Arthur was a gentle man with hard-working hands, common sense, and the respect and admiration of all who knew him. Astrid was humorous and witty, cared about others' feelings, and proud to have become an American citizen!

They were my mentors, who taught by example and demonstrated how important I was as a person. I am so appreciative of the legacy they bestowed upon me, most especially their beautiful, warm, and gentle smiles, which spoke more than words could say and were so influential in who I am today.

Through my description of Arthur and Astrid, you can see that who we are and what we do is noticed by those around us and become our legacy. You are graduating soon, and your legacy will be left in North Branford High School for years to come. Your actions, words, attitude, and voice affect you throughout your life. Show compassion. Be a friend. Use your special gifts. Lend an ear and a helping hand. Be of service. Be positive and see the impact you make on others. As Tim McGraw says in a popular song of the day, 'Always stay humble and kind.' Now, I pose a question for you to think about - what can I do to make a difference? With much pleasure and honor, I present The Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship to Victoria Pawlak.

Miss Pawlak is a graduate of North Branford High School Class of 2017. She will continue her studies at the University of Connecticut.



Wepawaug-Flagg Federal Credit Union & North Branford Parks & Recreation Department
9th Annual PoCo Fest 5k Cross Country Race
Augur Farm ~ 298 Forest Road ~ North Branford
Sunday, August 6, 2017
Rain or Shine



Check Your Event:

- 5k X-Country Run 9:30 am
- 1 mile Fun Run (12 & under) 9:00 am
- 5k Fitness Walk 9:30 am

	5k Run	Fun Run	5k Walk
Pre-Registration	\$20	\$10	\$10
Race Day	\$25	\$12	\$12

**Course: Rolling terrain through fields, woods & over streams*

All Entries Will Receive a Race Shirt:

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State

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Sex (M or F)

Age

Date of Birth

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OR

Make checks payable to:
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North Branford Parks and Rec.
1332 Middletown Avenue
Northford, CT 06472

OR

By Phone w/Visa/Mastercard
203-484-6017

Following the race

- Awards will be presented
- Snacks are included with race fee
- Festival opens at 10 a.m.

Release: I know that participating in this fitness event is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not enter and compete unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effects of the weather including high heat & humidity and the conditions of the course, all risks being known and accepted by me. In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the North Branford 5K Cross Country Race and Festival and their representatives, successors and assigns The Town of North Branford for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I know that dogs, bicycles, in-line skates and baby joggers & stroller are not allowed on the course.

Date

Signature of Athlete

Parent's signature if under 18

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Production of *Camp Rock* This Weekend

The East Haven Arts Commission's production of *Camp Rock* will take place on July 14th and 15th. Many of the young and talented kids involved live in area towns in particular, Jenna Gall, Carlie McIntyre and Christina Riggione who are cast members from North Branford.

Best Regards,
Theresa Moscato

Back Row: Julia DeMaio, Tehrhan Pierce, Jeffrey Maffeo, Alina Catania, Nick Vance, Matthew Gaudio, Nathan Higgins

Middle/Back Row: Sophie Walters, Vinnie Apicella, Britny Gildersleeve, Lucas Johnson, Anthony Butler, Isabella Martindale, Callie Fusco,

Christina Riggione, Travis Giordano, Travis Johnson, Carlie McIntyre

Front Row: Alanna Cajigas, Jenna Gall, Alexis Mascaro, McKenna Doebrick, Leah Reed, Tyler Vance, Gianna Lipka, Anna Kelly, Brooke Ciscone, Kayla Fisher

Missing from photo: EiruelleMaree N. Pendon

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Hannah Albert & Alyssa DeNardis have been named to the Dean's List at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Evan Cordova, Alexa Farkash & Jessica Mc-Morrow were named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

Nicole Bruno was named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Mark Farat, Jessica Leigh, Kevin O'Dell and Deanna Heine were named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island,

William Tobin was named to the Dean's List at Paul Smith's College in NY,

Jaime Murphy, Grace Singer, Michelle Theigard, erin Burns, Isabella Lucibello, Grace Neubig and Caitlyn Rebesch were named to the 4th quarter honor roll at Mercy High School in Middletown.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

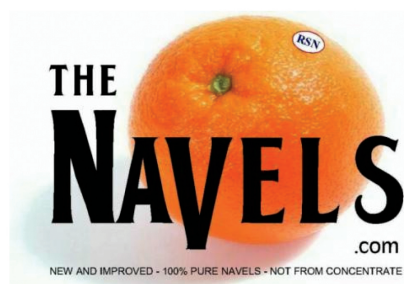
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

ATWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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Family Concert, Picnic, & lots more!



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Giovanni's Pizza Take Minor League Championship

Giovanni's Pizza defeated Notre Dame 8-6 to win the North Branford Little League Minor's Division Championship.

Pictured front row: Liam MacDougall, Logan Green, Jason O'Connor, Dylan Russo & Logan Barrett

Back Row: Sam Harang, Greg Ferraro, Jason Cosgrove, Joey Raffone, Caleb Raymond & Chase Cioffi-Smith

Missing from photo: Jack Cucchiarelli

Coaches: Marc Cosgrove, Jeff O'Connor & Doug Cucchiarelli

NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

August 6, 2017 - Save the Date

The North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be holding its Induction Dinner on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Woodwinds in Branford, from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. The goal of the organization is to recognize and honor those former outstanding individuals who have made an exceptional impact on the North Branford High School Athletic Program.

So far there have been 47 individuals and one team inducted. This year the inductees will include: Pete Glenewinkel (1973), Colleen Aughur (1985), Jimmy McNamara (1980), Tricia Mase (1997), Jackie Gallo (2000), Luke Gagliardi (2005) and the 1987 Girls Basketball team which recorded a perfect 26-0 season and won the Shoreline Conference as well as the Class "M" State Championship, and coach Chris Webster, former Girls Basketball Coach and Athletic Director.

The cost of the Dinner is \$40 and reservation forms are available in the Main office of North Branford High School.

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Hello Summer Enjoy and Be Safe!

ACTIVITIES

Ballet & Tap

Who: Ages 3-6
Session: August 5 – September 2 (No Class 8/12)
Time: Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Where: Revolution Academy of Dance
Fee: \$20res/\$25nr
Description: Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes, and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus!

Pre-School Karate

Who: Ages 3-5
Session: August 31 – September 21
Time: Thursdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Where: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy
Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr
Description: an exciting way to introduce children to take direction from a teacher or coach while learning the skills of martial arts. Such skills include the physical aspects of martial arts: discipline, focus, self-confidence, bully-busting, stranger-danger, and respect. Children who begin martial arts training at an early age tend to do better and are more focused in school, at home, and in other sports.

BUS TRIPS

One World-New York City Friday, September 15

Cost: \$131resident / \$136 non-resident

The national 9/11 Memorial Museum serves as the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the events of 9/11. The Museum displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Spend some time at Chelsea Market, home of many restaurants and food stores. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center to the One World Observatory, then look toward the horizon and feel the city's invincible spirit. With a 360 degree view, take in the panoramic sights of New York City and beyond!

Scenic Vermont. Tuesday, October 3

Cost: \$120 resident / \$125 non-resident

Today's journey goes back to yesteryear as we board the antique Green Mountain Flyer for a narrated roundtrip ride through scenic Vermont. View fall foliage like you have never done before. Lunch will be at the beautiful Castle Hill Resort and Spa.

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Please contact Shawn Keogh at RecreationSupervisor@townofnorthbranfordct.com with any questions regarding camp.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

* Senior Hot Lunch – Check out the menu at nbparkrec.com

Cold Salad option available weekly

Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

*As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip at 12:30.

Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2017 Potato and Corn Festival!

We are in need of volunteers to help us work our senior booth at the Potato and Corn Festival. The wonderful people at **Pastry Fusions** have joined us for this year and we will be selling their Potato Donuts as well as other delicious baked goods. This is a great way to meet people and encourage others to join some of our great programs and events.

Please contact Kathy or Kerry at (203) 484-6017 with any questions or to sign up for a shift!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

North Haven Cinemark - Monday, July 17, \$6.00 + tax senior ticket price

Time - TBA. Join us for a trip to the movies!

Senior Women's Conversations - Wednesday, July 19, 1:00,

Free. Explore healthy aging topics with East Shore Nurse Educators.

Fired Up! - Thursday, July 20, 10:30, \$15.00

Fired Up! of Branford is bringing the fun of painting ceramics here to the Senior Center. Be creative and have fun with friends. Seating limited.

Being A Volunteer For The North Branford

Potato and Corn Festival

Might Be "Apeeling"

2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

August 4, 5, and 6

WE WANT YOU!

You can volunteer for as little as four hours or for the whole weekend. The easiest way to volunteer is to go to our website – nbpotatofest.com – click on "Volunteers" and do the online sign up. If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Festival Coordinator at admin@nbpotatofest.com or at 203-484-6017.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Parish Baseball Game Bus Trip

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish at Citi Field for a day of Baseball on Saturday, August 5th. New York Mets vs. Los Angeles Dodgers. Bus leaves St. Frances Cabrini Parking Lot, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven at 1pm. Ticket cost is \$80 per person which includes bus & game ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Sharon at 203-239-5700 or 203-234-0215.

NORTH BRANFORD REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

TO: Enrolled members of the Republican Party,
Town of North Branford:

You are hereby informed that there will be a Caucus of the enrolled members of the Republican Party on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT for the following purpose:

To select party endorsed candidates for the offices of Town Council and Board of Education.

To conduct such other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Edward Boughton, Jr., Chairman
North Branford Republican Town Committee

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are 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; nchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service and 9:30am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday on Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

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). We will again be transitioning to SUMMER HOURS beginning June 4th - celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionaepiscopalchurch.com.

Summer Worship Services & Preacher at Northford Congregational Church

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m. Bob Barton will conduct services and preach on July 9 and 30. Rev. John Afman will conduct communion and preach on August 6. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, July 16, there will be a 9:30 a.m. worship by the Farm River in Northford instead of in the church building. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained). The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park.

The historic 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. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Note new website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email: nchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Ice Cream Social/Make Your Own Sundae

St. Andrew's Church, 1382 Middletown Ave, in the heart of Northford. will host a Ice Cream Social/Make your own Sundae, on Wednesday, July 26th. From 6 - 8 p.m.

Cool off from the summer heat with a make-your-own sundae. Lots of flavors and toppings. Bring your friends and family and join in the fun. \$3 per person. All are welcome!

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

Come to the Church by the River

Northford Congregational Church and the Rev. Robin Blundon invite local residents to participate in a community and family worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, as everyone gathers at the Farm River in Northford. The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained).

This community event will feature the Rev. Robin Blundon from historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795), which is located in the Northford village in North Branford.

Town of North Branford Office of Social Service

Little Class

The Town of North Branford, Office of Social Services will be offering Little Class to any community member.

Little Class is a free educational program to provide information to people about eligibility and entitlements to programs and services for which they may not be aware. You may be eligible for assistance with medical, insurance premiums, reduced house taxes, renter's assistance, and many other offerings that you may not know.

Please consider attending, space is limited. Reserve a spot by calling Luisa Breen at 203.484.6006

The current schedule is:

7/18 Presentation by the State of CT, Department of Social Services. Topics include Medicare, SNAP, How to offset Costs, Husky, Medicaid, Spenddowns.

7/25 Presentation by the Town of North Branford, Assessor's Office. Topics include Renter, Homeowner, and Veterans Benefits reducing taxes.

8/1 Presentation by United Illuminating. Topics include Home Energy Solutions, Weatherization, Conservation, Free Services, Changing a Supplier.

8/15 Presentation by Agency on Aging. Topics include Choices Program, Free Medicare Part B, Respite Care, Changing Health Insurance.

All classes are 10:30 to 11:30 AM with an additional half hour for any further questions, if needed. Flyers are available in both Public Libraries, North Branford Town Hall, Stanley T. Williams Community Center, as well as www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, and North Branford Social Services Facebook page.

Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup*

Effective July 1, 2017 bulky waste pickup is now monthly (instead of weekly).

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2nd full week of each month:

Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
14th	11th	9th	13th	11th

***No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules**

Enjoy this year's Potato and Corn Festival (PoCo Fest) August 4th to August 6th

For a cleaner, greener festival please place trash and recyclables in the appropriate, clearly marked bins.

Thank you for recycling responsibly!

TRY OUTS

The North Branford Solid / Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee is actively looking for unique individuals to help make a difference in our community. Dedicated, creative and environmentally friendly volunteers are needed. It's your chance to make a **BIG** difference with just a little of your time.

Come and "try out" a meeting with us on a second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Email us for a guest reservation at an upcoming meeting (no meeting in month of August): recycle@townofnorthbranfordct.com or call 203-484-6005.

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NBLCT Elects New Officers

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust Inc., recently elected officers for their Board of Directors. Front row left to right; Ken Albin - Director, Wayne LaFond - Treasurer, Patty Meglio - Director and Bonnie Symanski - Director. Back row; David Sargent - President, Geoff Smith - Director, Mike Ferrucci - Director, Hank Petroskey - Vice President and Scott Small - Director;



MAS Paint Out at Harrison Preserve

Members of the Madison Art Society (MAS) Plein Air Painters group gathered to paint the beautiful landscape at the Harrison Preserve on Wednesday, July 5 in North Branford. "This property is a gem for artists," said Jay Babina, who organizes the paint outs from May to October for the Plein Air Painters. The Harrison Preserve is an eighteen-acre parcel of woodlands and fields in the Historic District of North Branford. A stream borders the northern end of the property and is shared with Regional Water Authority land. The woods, which make up most of the property, include a vernal pool and several marked trails. A hay field with blue bird boxes attracts a variety of native birds. Other wildlife spotted on the Preserve includes deer, turkeys, and fox.

Ethel and Dudley Harrison, owners of the farm that was passed down through generations, are generously donating the land parcels to the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT), with the stipulation that it be kept in its natural state. NBLCT has begun the process of surveying the property and filing the necessary legal documents to transfer ownership. The process should be complete by the end of this year. Work parties will be organized to clean up invasive species and clear and remark trails. NBLCT plans to have the Harrison Preserve open to the public for hiking sometime next year. If you are interested in helping with this and other NBLCT efforts to preserve and maintain open space in North Branford, please contact us. NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook.

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