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HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Thomas and Anne Purcell were married on July 10, 1954. They had seven children: Deborah, Tara, Kathleen, Colleen, Eileen, Daniel and Thomas. They have 21 grandchildren and 23 great grand children. They have lived in North Branford for 67 years.



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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR POLICE CHIEF JAMES LOVELACE & DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL PENDLETON

NORTH BRANFORD -All residents of North Branford are invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony for newly appointed **Chief of Police James Lovelace**, and **Deputy Police Chief Michael Pendleton**. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branford Auditorium between the High School and Intermediate School at 654 Foxon Road, North Branford. After the ceremony, light refreshments will be served in the Auditorium lobby.

Chief James Lovelace has been a town resident since 1980, and is married to Justine Lovelace, and has two daughters Eden and Cora Lovelace. He graduated from North Branford

High School, and received a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut and a Master's in public administration from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Chief Lovelace joined the North Branford Police Department in 2006, and during his tenure he has served a police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, Acting Chief, Deputy Chief, and now Chief of Police. He also had extensive leadership training at Quantico, Virginia and has served on the regional "Special Weapons and Tactics" (SWAT) team. Since 2017, Chief Lovelace has worked on the planning and construction of the new North Branford Police Station.

Deputy Chief Michael Pendleton joined the North Branford Police Department this spring following his retirement from the Connecticut State Police and the Connecticut State's Attorney's Office. Deputy Chief Pendleton has over 25 years of dedicated law enforcement experience with

the Connecticut State Police. He retired at the rank of Major while serving as the Commanding Officer of the Central District Headquarters, and also supervised the Central District Major Crime Unit. Deputy Chief Pendleton has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts and a Master of Arts degree from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He has served as a state trooper, sergeant, acting commanding officer, lieutenant, acting captain, and Major.

All are welcome to join the North Branford Police Commission is honoring these two new North Branford chiefs.



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Grand Opening Ceremony for New Police/Emergency Operations Center

North Branford Press Release: There will be as a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting for the town’s new Police Department/ EmergencyOperations Center, on Wednesday, July 17th at 9:30AM. Construction began for the new \$16.2 million facility in February of 2023. Located at 305 Forest Road, the facility represents a cooperative effort between local, state and federal authorities with a \$4.5 million in state funding and \$1 million in Federal EOC grant funds. The public is invited to attend the ceremony where local, state and federal officials including,

U.S. Represnetative Rosa Delauro (D-3), and State House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora (R-86) will Be on hand To celebrate the new state of the art facility. The new building addresses the town’s change in population and policing that have occurred since the old station was put into service \more than forty years ago. Light refreshments will be served at the event. *(Submitted by North Branford Town Manager Michael Downes)*



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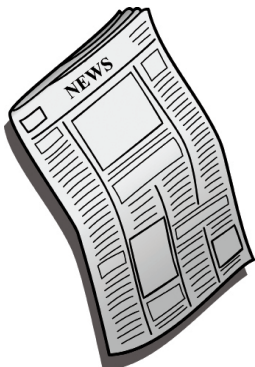
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State Representative Vincent Candelora



As someone who serves in the General Assembly, a privilege that requires me to win election every two years, I am deeply committed to the integrity of our electoral process. That’s why, on June 20th, I called on Governor Lamont to immediately establish a bipartisan commission dedicated to reviewing and enhancing the security of Connecticut’s elections. This initiative is not merely a political maneuver but a necessary step to restore public confidence in our democratic system.

The urgency of this matter is underscored by recent events in Bridgeport. On June 11, four individuals were arrested in connection with ballot fraud allegations dating back to 2019. More troubling still are the ongoing investigations into new allegations from 2023, sparked by a video showing a campaign operative stuffing ballots into a drop box. These incidents have cast a long shadow over Bridgeport and brought national attention to the potential for corruption within our state.

Given these events, it is no wonder that Connecticut residents are increasingly concerned about the vulnerabilities in our election system. The Governor’s recent formation of a bipartisan commission to explore Ranked Choice Voting demonstrates his willingness to address electoral issues. However, the current crisis of confidence in our existing system demands equal if not greater attention.

My proposal, offered with my House and Senate Republican colleagues, calls for the formation of a bipartisan commission focused specifically on the absentee ballot process and the use of ballot drop boxes. This commission would operate independently of the General Assembly’s standard committee workload, with the goal of presenting its findings and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee for possible action in the next legislative session.

Decisions that govern our voting system should not be made along party lines, with the legislature’s Democratic majority dictating the terms. Such an approach only exacerbates the crisis of confidence in Connecticut’s electoral system. Instead, we must adopt a bipartisan process that ensures both majority and minority interests are protected. This commission should include appointees from the Governor, state legislators, a representative from the Office of the Secretary of the State, and the Registrar of Voters Association of Connecticut.

Republicans have been at the forefront of advocating for election integrity in the General Assembly, often offering proposals to safeguard the absentee voting process. Despite their efforts, these proposals have been rejected along party lines.

Elections in Connecticut are at a pivotal moment. This year, for the first time, early voting will be available residents for the general election. Also in November, voters will decide whether to amend the state constitution to allow no-excuse absentee ballots—a significant change that carries risks if not accompanied by robust election security reforms. Meanwhile, Democratic officials in Bridgeport continue to downplay the controversy, even endorsing for a statehouse seat an individual implicated in the 2023 absentee ballot scandal.

We must act now to demonstrate to Connecticut residents that we are serious about addressing these issues. Establishing a bipartisan commission to review and improve our election security is a crucial first step. Only through such a collaborative effort can we restore faith in our electoral process and ensure that every vote is counted fairly and accurately.

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

LET’S BE “FRANK”

Well brother, I just woke up and as I am writing this letter, half the year is already behind us. Boy, as the old man use to say, “it goes by fast”. But you will probably be reading this letter on the 4th of July, and that brought a lot of mixed memories to mind.

I know most of my Fourth of July’s were not spent with you as by the time I was able to remember, you were already dating and hanging out with your girlfriend and guys from your heralded Wooster Street neighborhood. I was just a young tag along brother that got in the way

Fourth of July was always the big thing for us. Back then it was often celebrated on a Monday, to give us the long weekend. This was like a vacation for us and most times the only thing we could count on. The old man knew all the good spots to see the firework displays from so there was no charge involved. “Free”, was always his favorite price. I never liked fireworks but we always went to at least one and often two events and there was always a picnic involved. Most of the time the picnic was with the aunt Tess and uncle Rudy’s family and occasionally we would go to uncle Albert’s.

I can vaguely remember in my younger years we would go to Rudy Jrs. girlfriend’s house who lived by the beach in West Haven. We would all park the cars the driveway and we all walked together to sit on the beach, start a little bonfire if no one caught us, and watch the fireworks from a really good spot.

As we got older, there were different events that hit my memory. One was the day mom didn’t feel well and I took dad with cousins Rudy and Ricky, as we were gonna watch the fireworks from the parking lot where Ricky worked. When we got there, to my surprise they were lifting people with the forklift, having them stand on a skid and putting them on the rooftop. Just as I was turning the corner, they had the old man on a skid. By then, they his legs were shaky and he wasn’t the person that he once was. But they got him up there. I was petrified the whole time we were watching the fireworks, thinking of how we were gonna get him down. We finally did and when I took him home that was the first thing he proudly announced to mom. She yelled at me for an hour about being irresponsible and putting him in harms way. Consequently, I didn’t talk to Rick or Rudy for a month, but they became the old man’s favorite nephews for a while.

I do remember the time you took me and my girlfriend to Wooster Street. All you did was brag about the big display. There were no aerial fireworks. It was on the street and it was nonstop hours of cherry bombs and salutes and M-80s. I guess the redeeming factor was breaking the law and that made it much more exciting.

Uncle Rudy took us a few times when we didn’t have a car and we parked what seemed like miles away from the fireworks. As we hiked to the right spot, he kept saying it’s just around the corner. Billy who was the youngest of the cousins was complaining because he was tired so I put him up on my shoulders to give him a break and he threw up on my head.

One year I had a big party at my house, bought a bunch of fireworks which I wasn’t big on, but I figured everybody was going to be there. It was when I first bought my house and we had a great time.

One time at the beach, an aerial bomb fell and pointed right at a group of us. Cousin Joe made it diving, rolling grab and straightened it up just before it went into the air saving what could’ve been a disaster.

The older cousins always seemed to have a firework show at aunt Tess’s house and unbeknown to me as a youngster, Uncle Rudy would go down in the basement. He never once complained as he didn’t want to spoil the fun, but I later learned that the noise and lightening strikes reminded him of when he was a war hero in World War II.

As I mentioned, I never liked fireworks. I guess I am my mother’s son as I though the spending of thousands of dollars only to go up in smoke could have fed a lot of homeless people. The great part was being with family. Eating, playing bocce or whiffle ball or softball or basketball in the driveway was something I always looked forward to.

Those were the special times that I am fortunate to remember. It’s just sad that we don’t do much of that anymore. Once the matriarchs of the families are gone so goes a great deal of the traditions.

Well, that’s all for now. Take care and I’ll see you soon.

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For the Health of It.....

Are You Sitting Down? Surprising Reasons to Get Up and Get Moving!



Think you know all the reasons to get up and get moving? Then you may be surprised by benefits that go beyond shedding pounds and breaking a sweat! I get it, in our increasingly sedentary world, completing most daily tasks requires very little movement so we tend to forget the value of movement and the impact it can have on our health and quality of life. Many of us spend hours sitting at desks, commuting, and lounging on the couch. While it's true that we deserve a rest, we also *deserve* to be healthy. Our bodies were designed to move and health is the greatest gift we can give ourselves.

I had an eye opening conversation with a friend the other day. She is in her early thirties and works with older adults. In her day-to-day work and within her own family she has noticed the difference between those who regularly engage in physical activity such as walking, playing pickleball, or taking an exercise class, and those who don't. That observation has given her the motivation to make health a priority by making positive changes consistently over time. The vision of being able to do things independently, like get down on the floor to play with her "someday" grandchildren, and avoid chronic illness is what fuels her "Why".

But she has age on her side, you say. Well maybe so, but before you pull the "I'm too old" card, I'd like to tell you of a 90-year-old woman from Kelowna, Canada I recently read about who started working out regularly after retirement at the age of 60 and benefits from a level of agility that rivals those who are 40 years younger.

Exception to the rule? Let's find out, by challenging ourselves to make small changes 1% at a time, regardless of the decade we currently find ourselves in! Our *reasons* for not exercising, (with some exceptions) are nothing more than excuses in disguise. I know because I've used them too. While it might seem to offer a bit of temporary relief or comfort, regularly doing so will have a negative impact on overall wellbeing, and gets us nowhere! We can make excuses or we can make positive changes that lead to improvement, but I've learned we can't do both.

So, as promised, it's time to reveal those surprising reasons to get up and get moving! Full disclosure, I am by no means an "exercise fanatic" but I know I have to, so I do. Although I mix up my routine, my favorite activity is to take long walks at my favorite spot by the beach. I've been doing it for many years and now my adult children sometimes join me which makes it even better. I have personally tested and experienced many of the benefits listed below.

Movement Can Give You a 2nd Wind

When you're feeling sluggish by mid afternoon, movement can be the perfect pick-me-up. Physical activity stimulates the production of endorphins, and enhances oxygen flow to the brain, helping you feel more alert and focused.

Movement Can Enhance Creativity

Studies show that physical activity can improve divergent thinking, which is a key component of creative problem-solving. Next time you're working on a creative project, try taking a movement break!

Movement Can Improve Your Physical Health

No surprise here, but worth emphasizing. Regular movement helps maintain a healthy weight, reduces the risk of chronic disease, and strengthens muscles and bones. It also can improve cardiovascular health, boost the immune system, and aid in digestion to improve gut health. Want beauty benefits? It can also nourish skin cells giving your skin an extra glow!

Movement Can Be a Mood Elevator

Physical activity has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, boost self-esteem, reduce stress, and improve overall mental well-being. Even just a few minutes of moderate activity can lead to significant improvements in mood.

Movement Can Improve Sleep Quality

If you struggle with getting a good night's sleep, regular exercise might be the solution you've been looking for. Engaging in physical activity has been linked to improved sleep quality and a reduction in insomnia symptoms.

Movement Can Strengthen Social Connections

Joining a fitness class, walking group, or sports team can help you meet new people and foster a sense of community. Even casual activities, like taking a walk with a friend or playing a game of catch with your children, can strengthen bonds and create lasting memories.

Movement Can Increase Productivity

Taking time away from your desk to move can actually make you *more* productive. Physical activity improves focus, cognitive function,

and efficiency. A quick workout or movement break can help you return to your tasks with renewed energy and a clearer mind.

Movement Boosts Brain Health and Improves Memory

Studies show exercise can boost memory and thinking skills.

So, are you ready to get moving? If you already are, keep up the good work! If not, be sure to get your doctor's ok. Then, get up and make movement a regular part of your day! Whether it's a few minutes of stretching, a walk around the block, or dancing to your favorite song, every bit of movement counts. Embrace the joy of moving and experience the countless benefits it brings to the body, mind, and spirit.

As always, reach out at joann@wellnessfusion.net with questions and comments. This monthly column is here for you, For the Health of it!

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One More Honor for Babby Nuhn



At the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coaches Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota, Nuhn was presented the National Coach of the Year award in the category of Special Sports. She was one of eight finalists for the award, with the others hailing from Nebraska, Minnesota, Florida, Mississippi, Wyoming, Louisiana and Illinois. The Thunderbirds won their third consecutive Class S field hockey title in November, capping a perfect 22-0 season with a 4-1 victory over Canton in the championship game. It was the program’s seventh state title since 1980, and extended Nuhn’s state record to 43 years be-

tween an inaugural championship and the most recent.

In 52 seasons at the helm, Nuhn has compiled a 579-209-103-7 record, for a .706 winning percentage. She has been inducted into three halls of fame: Connecticut High School Coaches Association (1998), National High School Athletic Coaches Association (2019) and National Field Hockey Coaches Association (2024). She has also earned numerous Coach of the Year honors, and in 2023, she was a recipient of the prestigious Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Sports Media Alliance, one of the highest honors in state sports.

Submitted by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler

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We will also be taking MATTRESSES (clean and dry).
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When having your picnics, try to have a separate bin for recyclable bottles. Someone will want to cash them in when the picnic is over.

Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder

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Fluorescent light tubes do not go into the recycle bin.
Balloons go into the trash bin. They are not plastic film and don't go in the Recycle bin.

Black plastic plant pots and takeout containers are not recyclable.
The next Bulk Pickup isn't until November. Please make other arrangements for your unwanted furniture / bulky waste trash to be disposed of.
Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not place your bulky waste curbside until then.

Plastic Wrap Reminder

Most bird seed, pet food and mulch bags are not made of the right plastic to be considered plastic film. And even if they are labeled as recyclable, they would need to be clean to go into the plastic film bin. Please put these items into the trash unless it has a recycle symbol on it and has been turned inside out and clean.

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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.

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Northford Community Church. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor . Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

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

Please join us for worship at **St. John’s Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John’s Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

Shoreline Community Church located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website www.sccbranford.org. SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. Our vicar is the Rev. Lucy LaRocca. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395



Fifty Years of Service

An annual tradition in the Spring, the North Haven Congregational Church honored those members who have belonged to the church for 50 years or more, on “Heritage Sunday”. These members represent not only 50 years of church membership each, but also 50+ years of service to the North Haven community and beyond.

The church has had a presence in North Haven for over 300 years, having been established in 1716. Rev. Scott Morrow is in his 30th year serving the church.

Front row L to R: Eleanor Harple, Merrilee Gladkosky, Carol Mitchell, Elfie Hummel, Linda Lacobelli, Ann Schneider, Lillian Flodquist

Back Row L to R: Bernard Hummel, Bryant Munson, Rev. Scott Morrow, Doris Ferner, Lynn Reardon, Jeanne Reardon, Victoria Struk

Photo credit: Patience Benassi



North Haven Day of Prayer

Recently, we gathered at the Best Western for our Annual North Haven Day of Prayer. The breakfast was sponsored by:

Faith United Methodist Church, Pastor Ed Horne **Hope Christian Church,** Rev. James Detweiler, **Life Changing Ministries** Pastor Lisa Sessions-Grey, **North Haven Congregational Church,** Rev. Scott Morrow, **Pond Hill Baptist Church,** Rev. Mike Carbaugh,

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, Father Michael Santiago, **St. John’s Episcopal Church,** Father Thom Peter, **Vox Church (North Haven Campus),** Rev. Jim DeAngelo, **Word of Faith Christian Center,** Pastor Chris Soto

Michael Freda, Dave Yaccarino greeted the group. The Honor Guard from the American Legion presented the flags with the National Anthem sung by Hailey Bayusik.

Each Pastor prayed a short prayer for Family, Media, Military, first responders, Education, Business Community, Church, Government, and Arts and Entertainment. We had a special song by Michael Horn and Brianna Audrey and Mark & Mary Minotti. Thank you for the many pictures taken by Helen Pappas.

We enjoyed warm fellowship and a delicious breakfast together as a community. We do this annually, next year plan to join us! Save the Date: **Thursday, May 1, 2025.** For more information: office@hopeag.com

Photo courtesy of Helen Pappas



Albert “Duke” Fiasconaro, 77, of Northford passed away peacefully on Friday, June 14th, 2024, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with his family by his side. Born in New Haven on September 28th, 1946, son of the late Salvatore and Carmelina Laudano Fiasconaro. He served his country proudly and faithfully in the US Army Reserves. Duke worked for the former Metro Roofing of North Haven and later for the Department of Transportation for the State of Connecticut until his retirement. He enjoyed playing softball on many different leagues in his earlier years, fishing, hunting and was a member of the Hamden Fish & Game and the Elm City Gun Club. Brother of Barbara Jean Pisani and the late Leonard Fiasconaro. Brother-in-law of Nancy Fiasconaro and the late Ralph Pisani. Uncle of Christina Fiasconaro (John Guidone), Matthew (Mary) Pisani and Ralph (Maryanne) Pisani. Also survived by great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice, Inc., 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. www.northhavenfuneral.com



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Parents & Caregivers Support Group

Please join us for a special grassroots collaboration between North Branford Parks, Recreation & Senior Center and the North Branford Public Libraries:

We are thrilled to be offering support for our families who have children (of all ages) with special needs.

This is a reoccurring group that meets every first Tuesday of the month at Smith Library, from 12:30pm - 2:00pm and the third Thursday of every month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the STW Community Center

Smith Library - 12:30-2:00pm: 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5

STW - 6:30-8:00pm: 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21

For more information or questions please reach out to Kerry Haynes - khaynes@northbranfordct.gov



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TEAM POCO

***HELICOPTER RIDES ARE BACK!!**

***LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

***BEST FIREWORKS AROUND**

***MIDDLESEX TRACTOR PULLERS WILL BE BACK FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT**

***AND THIS YEAR WE WELCOME ONE OF THE LARGEST TRAVELLING PETTING ZOOS IN THE COUNTRY!**

****NEW THIS YEAR****

Only handicap parking will be at 260 Forest Rd.
All general parking will now be located at
641 Totoket Rd, Northford, CT 06472

****FREE shuttle parking will still be available from both sides of town!****



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
NBPOCOFESTIVAL.COM

GUITAR 101

- ★ Thursdays July 11-Aug 1
- ★ STW Community Center
- ★ Senior Room
- ★ 4:30-5:15pm - Ages 8-12
- ★ \$40 res/\$45 nr



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

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

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

JULY 15 - JULY 18 9:00AM - 11:00AM

NORTH FARMS PARK SOCCER FIELD

GRADES 2-8 \$80 RES / \$85NR

Instructor: Cheryl Canada-Associate Head Coach at Quinnipiac University, USA Field Hockey Level II Accreditation, CPR and First Aid Certified

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels that are new to the sport or looking to enhance their skill level. This camp is designed to develop the basic skills each athlete has by focusing on tactical game awareness, 1v1 defense, elevated passing, elimination and shooting skills. This camp is fun, exciting, and creates player synergy no matter what age or skill level. Equipment needed: Stick, mouth guard, shin guards and goggles (optional). Sticks can be provided if necessary. Please let us know at time of registration.

JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH!

SAVE THESE DATES FOR SOME FUN
POP-UP EVENTS AT AUGUR PARK!

Wednesday, July 3rd

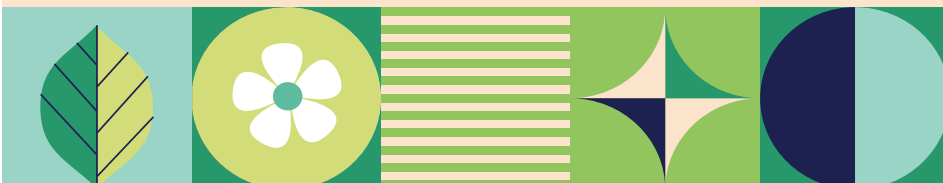
Tuesday, July 9th

Tuesday, July 23rd

Details TBA

Wednesday, July 25th

With a Performance by Jason Tardy!



Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country

November 13, 2024 - November 15, 2024

\$540

***Per Person, double occupancy**

(\$615 per person, single occupancy rate; \$520 per person, triple occupancy rate)

Incredible Price includes:

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

\$75 due at registration; final payment due: 8/30/2024

Gratuity for motorcoach driver and step on guides included.



— SENIOR CENTER —

ESSEX LUNCH TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT

July 12, 2024

\$84 res / \$89 nr

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 4:00pm

Register by June 7th

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

ENDER'S ISLAND GARDEN TOUR & LUNCH

July 16, 2024 - 10:00am-2:00pm

\$25 res / \$30 nr

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

Register by June 25th

SUMMER TIME SUPPER CLUB

July 17th - 4:30 pm

Join us for dinner (pay on your own) at Dockside in Branford at 4:30 pm! Register by 7/10

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified
1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,
after 20 words
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3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00
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HELP WANTED

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

Ordinance

Notice is hereby given of the enactment of Ordinance #268 (Council
#2024-1), entitled “Blight”, which adds a new chapter to the Code of
North Branford.

A copy of the entire ordinance is available in the Town Clerk’s Office
or on the town website. The following is a summary of the adopted
ordinance for informational purposes:

The purpose of this new ordinance is to prevent and remedy blighted
properties in the Town of North Branford pursuant to the provisions
of Connecticut General Statutes § 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xv), 7-148aa, and
7-148gg or as such may be amended from time to time.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a summary
of the ordinance passed by the Town Council of the Town of North
Branford on June 25, 2024 in accordance with Section C4-6 of the
North Branford Town Charter.

Effective date: This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one days
after publication, to wit: July 26, 2024

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC
North Branford Town Clerk

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