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Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 Distiguished Citizens Awards Dinner!

The Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 have rescheduled their Distin-
guished Service Dinner honoring Mary Jane Merola and Nick Mastroianni

The dinner will take place on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 1:00 at Il Mon-
ticello in Meriden Ct. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and can be obtained
by contacting northhavenlodge28052.club or calling Regina at 203-376-
8524. Please leave a message if you wish to purchase a ticket or you had
purchased one prior to the postponement.



Nick Mastroianni

Nick was born on April 17, 1941, in New Haven. He graduated from Eli Whitney Tech as a carpenter and worked in the trade most of his life. The last 17 years of his working career was working at Yale University as a Facilities Manager.

When Nick was a young, he joined the Boy Scouts and was initiated into the Order of the Arrow. This was the Scouts National Honor Society who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Then he rose to Assistant Scout Master at St. Rose's Church in Fair Haven.

As a teenager Nick joined the Civil Air Patrol, which supports America's aviation and ground team services. Their job was to track every airplane that flew over Connecticut. Nick proudly joined the Army National Guard in 1959 and served six years during the Vietnam War as a member of the 102nd Infantry Association.

Nick's working career as a carpenter took him to A. Prete & Son Construc-
tion. His largest account was Southern New England Telephone Company. He remodeled their corporate headquarters at 227 Church Street in New Haven and many other projects on their properties around the state. In his later years with the company, he met a young lady who turned out to be his future wife, Sandra. They were married in 1986.

Nick is very proud of his family. He has three children: Michael (wife Madaline), Marc (wife Diana) and Kimberly. Nick's family also includes stepson David Johnson and his wife LeeAnn. David gave him two grand-children, Ethan and Seth. David remarried to wifeLeeAnn. They brought him two more grand-children: Connor and Alexandria. Nick is proud of them all.

Nick has lived in North Haven for 45 years and spent many years volunteering. He was Photography Superintendent of the North Haven Fair for 27 years, retiring in 2018. As Assistant Superintendent his responsibilities were many and varied. The job included many hours of work but the rewards were great.

Nick's other interests are helping the North Haven Registrar of Voters whenever he can, and loves to volunteer and cook at the Senior Center. Other activities include being an officer in the North Haven American Legion and the co-chairman of the Memorial Day Parade. As a member of Carmel Council Knights of Columbus and is a 4th Degree Knight. Nick rose through the chairs to be Grand Night in 1976.

Nick is also a long-standing member of the Hamden Fish and Game As-
sociation. As a member of the 15th Connecticut Voluntary Infantry, a black powder Civil War competitive shooting team, he took home many medals and ribbons. They traveled up and down the East coast and were in first place for many, many years. He has a bag of medals to prove it.

As an active member and officer in the Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 in North Haven, Nick loves to volunteer and help cook. It is where everyone shares their heritage and even finds out that some of them are related. Nick says, "It is an honor for me to have been selected as Distin-
guished Citizen. I'd like to thank the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 for bestowing this honor to me."



Mary Jane Mulligan

A lifelong resident of North Haven, Mary Jane Mulligan was born to Nicholas Merola and Catherine Czipiga Merola. Mary Jane grew up in a loving home with her older brother, Nicholas, Jr.

A 1963 North Haven High School grad-
uate, Mary Jane married her high school sweetheart, long time North Haven resi-
dent, Richard Mulligan. Together, Mary Jane and Richard raised two loving sons,
Richie and Shawn. When Mary Jane's

beloved husband passed suddenly in 1994, she stepped up to take over the family business with her sons. Together they own and operate Merola Mo-
tors, a successful and well-respected North Haven business.

The Merola family has long been recognized for their involvement in the town. Among their many contribution, Mary Jane's father served as Town Treasurer and State Representative. Her brother served as Fire Chief. Mary Jane has cheerfully followed their example of giving back to the com-
munity. She has been a vibrant member of the North Haven Rotary since 1992. She has served on every committee and is actively involved in all fundraising activities. In 1996, she served as president, and also received several recognitions awards from the Rotary Club, including Rotarian of the Year, and the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Following the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", Mary Jane has selflessly contributed countless hours of her time to meeting the needs of our community members. She has served the Town of North Haven on the Planning and Zoning Commission and presently sits on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mary Jane served as a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Barnabas Church and has volunteered her time and energy on the carnival committee at Church of the Resurrection. Her many years of service, dedi-
cation and friendship have been warmly appreciated.

Mary Jane's family are sons Richie and Shawn, daughter-in-law Ellie, and grandchildren, Marissa, Spencer and Lillianna. They acknowl-
edge Mary Jane, who has strength, spirit, and dedication to her family and community.

North Branford, Connecticut

MAY 2021 AT A GLANCE

Homes Sold
6 homes sold
compared
to 10 in May 2020

-40.0%

Median Sale Price
\$357,500 compared
to \$330,000 in May
2020

+8.3%

Days On Market
16 days compared
to 85 in May 2020

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Active Inventory
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"I used to be an American, now I'm a Flaming Liberal"

Dear Editor:

For my first 79 years I was an American. I belived in, was proud of and supported the U.S> Constitution, The Rule of Law, voting rights, the American ideals of equality of all people and fundamental human rights, and politicians who were responsive to the people who voted them into office.

Now, as I apporach my 80th birthday, according to one of our two major political parties, if I think people should be able to vote without standing in line for hours, and maybe even be allowed to have a sip of water, I'm a flaming liberal. If I think that billionaires should pay their fair share of taxes or that we should join the rest of the advanced world and grant paid family leave, I'm a Socialist or a Communist. If I think it's a good idea to teach children about our history so they can help move America towards its ideals, I'm "divisive". If I support the separation of church and state, "I'm destroying religious liberty".

The extreme right wing has taken what has always been decent, solid, centrist, American values and recast them as radical and dangerous. I haven't changed nor have basic American values. Please don't be fooled by any demoagoguery.

Sincerely,
Peter Rothenberg



***Matt
in the
Minors
will be
back
next issue***

NB / NORTHFORD FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY & BENEFIT FOR THE FAMILY OF RICARDO TORRES, JR.



WHEN: Sunday, July 11

TIME: 10am until 3pm

LOCATION: Good Vibes Nutrition / 1715 Foxon Road / NB



We will honor our local First Responders & show our gratitude and appreciation with a raffle section just for them! Stop in for drink specials just for you & enter your name in one of our raffles – each one of you will receive a raffle ticket just to say thank you for all that you do for this community!

This day will also be a major fundraiser. Proceeds from this day will be donated to the wife and children of Ricardo Torres, Jr. the fallen brother, son, husband, father, friend, HERO who paid the ultimate price on May 12 serving his community.

The day will offer a Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Local Vendors, Local Food, Dogs & Burgers on the Grill, Touch-a Truck Fire Trucks, K9, a Live Band, **THE ELWOODS** will play from 11am to 2pm and more to come!

If you have any connections with food trucks that would like to join, please text/call us at 203.285.7912 so that we can set it up. We are still looking for local vendors if you would like to set-up with your items. All we ask is that a portion of your proceeds be donated back to the family. We are creating a Facebook Event Page as we speak to post updates...stay tuned!

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State Representative Vincent Candelora State's Longstanding Juvenile Crime Problems

Demand Action



Back in early May, when a vehicle with two children inside was stolen from a Cumberland Farms parking lot in Wolcott, a lot of people who had followed the state's juvenile crime crisis figured the headline-grabbing incident might spark a movement in the legislature.

I certainly did, and when it happened again a few days later, this time in Waterbury with a baby inside an SUV—well, surely that would spur the General Assembly's majority party toward substantive reforms to our state's juvenile justice system. Right?

Wrong.

As I type this, Connecticut is in no better shape than it was at the time of that SUV theft, and since then another vehicle was stolen with a child inside—Manchester.

Yes, that was three such cases in month.

Recently, I called for the General Assembly to hold a special session to tackle this long-standing public safety crisis. It had been a priority for House Republicans ahead of the session's early January start, and we spoke about it often during the five-month period that saw Democrats do next to nothing—simply creating a new penalty for adults who entice juveniles to steal vehicles, rather than doing something to hold persistent teenage offenders accountable.

Among the concepts offered by the Republicans were:

Eliminating the statutory limit of 6 hours that a juvenile can be held in detention without an order from the court;

Including the DCF in the investigation of family circumstances of a repeat offender charged with stealing a car or any offense involving a deadly weapon;

Broadening criteria for a court to deem a juvenile a risk to public safety on a second offense instead of a third;

Evaluating the need for support services for to the individual and/or family

By now, you've probably realized those ideas were rejected.

I'm hopeful they'll get a second look soon, though it may come as a result of more crimes: a senior center trashed in Wolcott by teens who stole a car afterward, shots fired at a Glastonbury resident who confronted teen car thieves at her home, and, tragically, a 53-year-old pedestrian struck and killed in New Britain by a stolen vehicle operated by teenagers.

One of those teens had been arrested 13 times within 4 years. Police there, and in Wolcott, say our state's juvenile justice system is broken.

I couldn't agree more, particularly if you consider that it's possible for a 17-year-old to be arrested twice—in two different stolen vehicles—within

five hours.

Yes, that actually happened.

I'll let you know whether majority party Democrats, or Gov. Lamont, answer the Republican call for immediate action on this crisis.

In the meantime, please follow the crucial guidance issued by North Branford police recently: Don't confront criminals rummaging through or even trying to steal your vehicle. Call officers instead and they'll respond immediately.

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Is Marijuana the Only Alternative? Why Neurofeedback Should be Considered.

By Dr. Tom Woodman and Dr. Laura Pardue

In 2012, Medical Marijuana became legal in Connecticut, and as of July 1, 2021, it is now legal for anyone over the age of 21 to possess and/or use recreational marijuana within our State. From a health perspective, many people use marijuana to help mitigate the symptoms associated with anxiety, to help improve their sleep, and to help decrease chronic pain.

From a neurofeedback perspective, these conditions have a commonality in that they often demonstrate a similar type of brainwave dysfunction – an overactive brain that produces too much of the faster frequencies at the wrong time (the brain is supposed to fluidly shift brainwave activity based on the circumstances). When this “fast frequency” pattern persists, the symptoms of anxiety, poor sleep and chronic pain often emerge and become a more frequent experience for the person. Marijuana seems to slow the brain down temporarily giving some relief with these symptoms. But despite the temporary relief that some people experience, studies suggest that chronic marijuana use is associated with compromised memory, attention, and judgment, especially if started while the brain is still developing. So in some ways, while it seems that marijuana replaces one undesired brainwave pattern with another undesired brainwave pattern, it doesn't restore the appropriate shifting patterns that a healthier brain demonstrates.

Neurofeedback therapy is a unique form of exercise that trains the brain to produce more desired patterns of brainwave activity that can restore the brain's ability to shift more fluidly and appropriately given the situations that the person finds he or she in. We have been offering neurofeedback therapy since 2010, and have helped many people be better able to manage their anxiety, improve sleep challenges and significantly decrease the chronic pain. It is a safe, effective and non-drug treatment alternative for managing a variety of symptoms that people struggle with, including what we have discussed above. If you find yourself (or your child) struggling with these issues, we encourage you to learn more about how brainwave training might be something to consider.

[Dr. Tom Woodman and Dr. Laura Pardue are both Board Certified in Neurofeedback and Chiropractic, and have maintained an office in Fairfield County since 1995. They have been offering neurofeedback therapy since 2010, and have opened a satellite clinic (Next Level Neurofeedback) at the Connecticut Sportsplex for the summer. Dr. Woodman has lectured throughout the country on neurofeedback, and teaches a 12-hour continuing education seminar on Functional Brain Development, Neuroplasticity and Neurofeedback. He also serves as a mentor for other healthcare providers who are seeking Board Certification in Neurofeedback. For more information, please visit www.nextlevelneurofeedback.com – or call or office at (203)316-8212.]

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Dated at North Branford – June 4, 2021

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HH 12TH GRADE

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Anastasio, Sophia
Appicelli, Allie
Archer, Sachin
Armin, Jessica
Brezicki, Brianna
Burwell, Mackenzie
Butler, Carly
Colavolpe, Bella
Coyne, Connor
Dow, Catherine
Evans, Summer
Fabish, Paige
Fortier, Isabelle
Garrett, Jillian
Geist, Griffin
George, Julianne
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Gott, Onna
Iuteri, Brianna
Jacobson, Kelli
Karsmarski, Marlana
Kendall, Riley
Kendrick, Alyssa
Laucella, Kelsey
Manner, Kaila
Maroulis, Vasilios
McCormack, Emily
Melillo, Landon
Nero, Alyssa
Nuzzo, Amanda
O'Brien, Jamison
O'Connor, Jeffrey
O'Neil, Kylie
Ouellet, Sophia
Preiss, Mallory
Raymond, Ava
Riggione, Christina
Sabette, Ethan
Santiago, Ilyanna
Serenson, Emma
Shadman, Caroline
Sorrell, Alexis

Stoner, Aidan

Sullivan, Leigha

Vecchio, Krista

HH 11TH GRADE

Aguiar, Sarena
Burke, Saoirse
Camejo, Genesis
Cavalier, Christopher
Christiano, Jonathan
Cronan, Tyler
Danner, Jacob
Gomez, Nichole
Iuteri, Mila
Langlan, Charles
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan
Levine, Taylor
Melillo, Kate
Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pinto, Gabriella
Pollock, Catherine
Ricardo, Marissa
Rossicone, Jalen
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Saldutti, Jake
Senerchia, Hanna
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna
Toto, Olivia
Yarnall, Paige

HH 10TH Grade

Angiollo, Kasey
Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella
Beardsley, Alyssa
Betzner, Bridget
Bogardus, Grant
Brindisi, Dradon
Bureau, Shelby

Burwell, Dylan

Candelora, Ava

Capasso, Chelsey

Carroll, Spencer

Chasanoff, Ryan

Cotton, Alexa

Cucchiarelli, Patrick

D'Amico, Cecelia

D'Onofrio, David

DellaCamera, Angelina

DeSisto, Nicolas

Falcioni, Nico

Gallagher, Stephanie

Gambardella, Ava

Gambardella, Sophie

Garrett, Cameron

Girardi, Drew

Heffernan, Carolyn

Higgins, Nathan

Huisman, Alexander

Ianniello, Alexandra

Izzo, Eric

Johnson, Charles

Juniver, Tessa

Kamienski, Payton

Katz, Avery

Manning, Ashley

Mansi, Heather

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Molleur, Anastasia

Park, Mia

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Serenson, Tyler

Shadman, Alexander

Sim, Paulynna

Teodoro, Alexa

Tranquilli, Nathan

Vincent, Vada

HH 9th Grade

Aguiar, Evyn
Augur, Collin
Barrett, Logan
Cappetta, Aidan
Carofano, Joseph
Carusone, Christiana
Cepeda, Destiny
Criscuolo, Keana
DePino, Lucian
Jacobs, Joseph
LeBeau, Patrick
Lin, Sabrina
Lucibello, Morgan
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack
Mone, Patricia
Mullins, Kiley
Nuzzo, Giana
Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay
Peterson, Lars
Pinette, Leah
Plano, Giana
Rish, Adeline
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Sigal, Elizabeth
Toto, Sophia
Vongher, Frederick
Yacono, Mia

HONORS 12TH GRADE

Barile, Alyssa
Becker, Nadia
Cacopardo, Adrianna
D'Aversa, Shawn
D'Onofrio, Briana
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
DellaCamera, Sophia
Didiano, Felicia
Didiano, Giacomo
Graver, Summer
Holzer, Trevor

Hummel, Ryan

Jassil, Karina

Judd, Marc

Kammerer, Michael

Leete, Conor

LeMere, Alex

Miller, Zoe

Mullen, Patrick

Nuterangelo, Dominic

Olson, Emily

Podoloff, Jake

Raffone, Anthony

Sellitto, Andrew

Tranquilli, Nicholas

Valentino, Alessia

Velez, Ariana

HONORS 11TH GRADE

Ackerman, Lauren
Barrett, Samantha
Belbusti, John
Bombenza, Jerom
Brennan, Robert
Bunosso, Isabella
Cassista, Tara
Chopus, Jake
Esposito, Joseph
Ford, Zechariah
Jarmie, Aubrey
Norman, Delaney
Nuzzo, Ryan
Nye, Morgan
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Proestakis, Nikolas
Pujols, Cynthia
Rivera, Sheyenne
Sorrentino, Liam
Teodosio, Demetrios
Virginelli, Michael

HONORS 10TH GRADE

Beecher, Nicholas
Defaranos, Elias

Dolzani, Robert

Esposito, Alexander

Farrell, Ally

Geist, Aidan

Herassme, Ryan

Hoskins, Nathaniel

Johnson, Alec

Kamienski, Ian

Lacroix, Molly

Langello, Dominick

Martinez, Nevaeh

Meehan, Jack

Onofrio, John

Palma, Gianna

Powell, Carly

Raffone, Paul

Rojas, Cristian

Seward, William

Sorrell, Jaiden

Ulak, Aaron

HONORS 9th GRADE

Allen, Caleb
Blomster, Luke
Brustman, James
Carter, Gianna
Chittenden, Aidan
D'Aria, Samantha
Dion, Joshua
Dodge, Lauren
Fico, Gianna
Gamble, Gianna
Gott, Samuel
Herassme, Joelle
Martinik, Brady
Miller, Tiffany
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It was a beautiful morning on IDS’ sprawling campus on June 11, as the Class of 2021 gathered with family, teachers, and administrators to celebrate their graduation from the Independent Day School.

The program began with comments from Head of School, Dr. Marijke Kehrhan, saying “To the Class of 2021 - the adventure continues! Your IDS journey has come to an end and you are about to take a giant step forward - into a world of new challenges, new friends, new opportunities. It has been my pleasure to watch you learn and grow from fourth-graders (her first year as Head of School) to young people who are ready to take the next step. When it comes to choosing your next steps - choose wisely, choose fearlessly, choose freely, choose with your head and choose with your heart.”

Students were also chosen to speak and address the crowd. Ava Jacobson reflected on her long journey at IDS, starting when she was a Beginner (three years old). She shared stories of unforgettable memories and emphasized how she was able to try and be involved in so many different clubs and activities while here. She was followed by Akum Grover, who admitted that while he was nervous to start school at IDS, he soon felt extremely welcomed by this amazing community, and was grateful for all of the great memories he made while at IDS.

Each student was then called up to receive their diploma and, as is tradition, a faculty member gave a speech about each member of the graduating class. The words shared by the teachers truly highlighted the deep connection and impact each student had not only on their grade but on the entire school community as well.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Madison Sullivan and Jacob Montanaro were named to the Dean’s list at the University of New Hampshie in Durham, NH.

Logan Frandsen was named to the Dean’s List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in MA.

Elisa Palmieri was named to the Dean’s List at the University of Scranton in PA. Elisa graduated cum laude with a BS degree in Neuroscience and Philosophy.

Bella Crotta was named to the Dean’s List at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Shaina Alexander was named to the Dean’s List at Southern Connecticut State University for the College of Arts & Sciences.

Cayleen Defaranos was named to the Dean’s List at the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford.

Sarah Anastasio was named to the Dean’s List at the College of Holy cross in Worcester, MA

Madison Hoop Dreams Summer Camp 2021

With the battle against Covid 19 keeping young people from activities that enhance their social and physical well- being, we are thrilled to have secured the HK Middle School the week of July 26th to 30th this summer to have a week of basketball for fun and development. Historically, we held 5 to 6 weeks of camp each summer.

Since it is so late in the registration process for summer camps, we have opted to only offer 1 week this summer. It is our hope that we can attract 30 players in grades 3 – 5 and 30 players in grades 6 – 9. I hope that every family will help us spread the word. Camp is from 9 AM to 3 PM each day.

Each camper will receive a composite leather basketball and a quick dry camp T shirt.

Please register ASAP to avoid disappointment. Enrollment is limited. The cost is \$275 for 1 camper. A family with 2 campers will pay \$250 each. A family with 3 or more campers will pay \$225 each. Since we are a non-profit, we will assist every family to enable our program to be affordable. If you have financial need, please call me, Coach Bill Barker, to request assistance.(203-494-6905).

This is our 27th year of offering summer camp. The past 12 years, we have been a non-profit and given over \$130,000 to college scholarships and donations to Wounded Warriors, St Jude’s Children’s Hospital, The Shriner’s Children’s Hospital, and Tunnel 2 Towers. I hope you will continue to support our program.

Recycling News

Next Electronics Recycling
and Mattresses and Propane Tanks

Saturday July 10, 2021 9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center 290 Forest Road

Please bring your unwanted electronics, mattresses and empty propane tanks to our recycling collection. Mattresses and box springs need to be clean and dry. Take 2 Inc. will be on site to safely unload and collect your electronics. If it plugs in, there is a good chance that Take 2 will take it. Unaccepted materials include: smoke detectors and appliances containing Freon, i.e. air conditioners, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers. Electronics and Mattresses are free.

Fee for Propane Tanks: 1, 5 or 20 lbs. - \$2 ; 10 lb. - \$5 ; 30 lb. - \$8 ; 40 lb. - \$10 ; cash only

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.

HazWaste Central opened May 22nd for the 2021 season
Located right behind the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters,
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 30th, 2021

Note: Center is closed for Independence Day and Labor Day holiday weekends.

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

Call 203-401-2712 or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com for more info

Reduce Contamination in the Recycling Totes
Help our town reduce the contamination of our recycling to avoid fines and increased taxes!
Do not put plastic bags containing recyclable items in the recycling tote, remove the items from the plastic bag and reuse the bag or bring to a plastic film drop off location.
Black plastic take-out containers and plant pots should not be put into the recycle tote, these go into the trash. The trash plants can’t recycle black plastic at this time.

Learn what can and cannot be recycled using the RecycleCT Wizard: <https://www.recyclect.com>

Have you noticed that the plastic film bin at Big Y was moved to the bottle room?

Plastic Film Drop Off Program Restarted April 5th
4 convenient drop off sites: Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries and Park & Rec

As a reminder, please do not include: grape/cherry bags, candy bags, individual tea bag packets, Saran wrap, and plastic bags that make a loud crinkling sound. These items cannot be used for this program.

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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 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; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting 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 church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, 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). St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry (MACM) Network, along with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum. Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-in Charge at St. Andrew’s. Due to the COVID pandemic, services are currently held on-line via Zoom, and may also be viewed on St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT Facebook page. St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford, located on the lower level of the church’s parish hall. And, the Community Dining Room utilizes our kitchen and parish hall to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound in Northford and North Branford. These are 2 vital community resources serving families in need in our community. 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, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed located in the church parking lot. Like us on Facebook: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT. For more information contact Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; or MACM Network office, 860-345-0058; or Rev.Spinks, 860-304-5266.

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. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

DEATH NOTICE



Ralph J. (Battipaglia) Barrie, 96, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, at Yale-New Haven Hospital/St. Raphael campus. He was the beloved husband of Jeannette Faggio Barrie who was the Love of his life. Ralph was born in New Haven on June 28th, 1924 and was the son of the late Alphonse and Maria Grazia Iannone Battipaglia. He served his country faithfully in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater during WW II aboard the L.ST.S. and received three letters of commendations, along with three medals for service to his country. Ralph had worked for the Continental Baking Company for 28 years until his retirement. He was a proud member of the Teamsters Union Local #443. He enjoyed playing bocci and golf with his buddies, writing poetry (some of which were recognized by the American Library of Poets). Ralph was one of the founders, past secretary, and past president of the Prihillan Club. Father of Donna (David) Ales and Sally (Brian) Mahoney. Grandfather of Michael Mahoney, Jeffrey Mahoney, and Andrea (Rob) Edwards. Also survived by many wonderful nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Predeceased by his sisters, Rose Nuzzo, Mary Battipaglia, and brothers Joseph, Dominic, Al Battipaglia.

. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or the Register Fresh Air Fund.

Rosary Walk 2021 No. Haven Walking for a Purpose and a Cause



All are welcome to join us **every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM** at All Saints Cemetery (rain or shine). Meet in front of the main building.

The Rosary Walk began on June 8th and will continue until October (with a time change in October).

We are praying for World Peace and for each of your intentions. This Season, we will be walking to benefit the **CT**

Diaper Bank in hopes to help families with children. Let us make a small change in the world through our prayers and a simple act of love for thy neighbor. Making changes from the bottom up!

Please visit our website **EVENTS** Calendar to learn more and to donate by click on the link provided.

If inclement weather, please meet in front of the Mausoleum instead. Programs will be provided. If you have questions, please call Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or visit our website for additional info. at www.ccacem.org.

A Pathway Through Grief

North Haven Funeral Home is offering an eight (8) week bereavement support program July 7 – August 25. This program is designed to provide comfort and counsel for those who have lost a loved one and are finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

The program will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8PM at the Hamden Miller Library Sr. Center at 2901 Dixwell Avenue.

Together, we will embark on an eight week journey to rediscover that we can, once again, have peace and joy.

There is no cost to participants. For information please call: Jean M. Hadley (Facilitator) 203-433-4552

Masks and distancing is required.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Resume

The Sons & Daughters of Italy have resumed indoor meetings and functions. Become a part of a growing organization that embodies the Italian culture,

The July meeting will take place on July 6, 2021at 7:00 in the St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven. Come and visit to see what we are all about.

For more information call Frank at 203-410-4254 or go to northhavenlodge2805.club



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Monday, June 28 - Friday, August 20
8:30am - 4:30pm

\$125 weekly resident rate

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Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14

STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

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JULY 13, 2021

Orange Chicken and Berry Cheesecake

JULY 27, 2021

Chicken Parmesan and Sweet & Salty Sand Pudding Cups



FUN & FITNESS - KIDS!

Ages 6 - 9 — STW Community Center

Session 1: Mondays, July 12 - August 2, 6:00 - 6:45pm

Session 2: Mondays, August 9 - August 30, 6:00 - 6:45pm

Instructor: Coach Gibilaro

\$35 res/ \$40 nr

SLAMMA-JAMMA BASKETBALL

Grades 3-9 — Jerome Harrison Elementary School

Session 1: July 12-July 16

Session 2: August 16-August 20

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$155/res \$160/nr

Instructor: Slamma Jamma Coaches



FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC

Grades 2-8 — Northford Park

July 14 - July 16—9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday, \$65/res \$70/nr

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

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Ages 16+ — STW Community Center

Thursday, July 15 - September 2, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Instructor: Bhogah Yoga

\$75 res/ \$85 nr

Join us for this OUTDOOR class! This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind.

COOKIE DECORATING

HAVE FUN DECORATING COOKIES IN THE COMFORT YOUR OWN KITCHEN

"Sweets on Main" will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructions to create your own cookie masterpiece!

Summer Themed Cookie Kit - \$25/kit

Orders need to be placed by Sunday, July 25th.

Pick up cookie kits on July 29th.

Between 9:00am—4:00pm at STW



July Zumba Classes!

Monday's & Thursday's

\$10 per class

Ages 18+ - STW Community Center Multipurpose Court
5:45pm - 6:45pm—Must register in advance

Instructor: Marina Rossi



FAMILY NIGHT AT PARKS & REC

Co-sponsored by North Branford Parks & Recreation
& The North Branford Public Libraries

Tuesday, July 13 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

STW Community Center

Family entertainment by:

Jason Tardy: High Energy Juggling

Food truck available from: D&S



Pack a blanket, lawn chair and enjoy an evening of family fun! *Please register in advance, nbrecreation.com*



HARRISON FARM PRESERVE SCAVENGER HUNT

Come and enjoy the beautiful trails and participate in our Family Scavenger Hunt in collaboration with the North Branford Land Trust at Harrison Farm Preserve located at



95 North St, North Branford, CT 06471 Scavenger Hunt forms can be found at nbrecreation.com

After you complete the scavenger hunt, stop by Atwater Library

(Monday - Friday, 10 - 5 & Saturday 9 - 12)
to enter our Nature Raffle!

Which includes a butterfly habitat, reusable tote, Agway gift card, and more!

ENDS JULY 31st

SENIOR CENTER



BERRY SWEET SOCIAL



Join us Thursday, July 15th 12:30—1:30pm
Ages 55+

For a sweet treat of strawberries, shortcake and lots of whipped cream! *Please register for this FREE event by 7/9!*



Ice Cream Party



Here's the scoop:

Thursday, August 26 12:30—1:30pm

STW Community Center

Ages 55+ Register for this FREE event by 8/19!

SENIOR T'AI CHI—Beginner Level

July 15—August 26

Thursdays 9:45am - 10:45am

\$40 res / \$45 nr

Marty will use the flowing, meditative movements of this ancient Chinese martial art to improve balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, and memory. He will demonstrate how we can use Tai Chi's self-defense strategies to reduce our stress and protect ourselves from the repeated assaults of everyday life.

FOOD EXPLORERS—55+

Wednesday July 14—10:00am

\$15 res / \$20 nr

Join Food Explorers for a game of Nutrition Trivia! Test your knowledge for the five food groups with the help of a nutritionist and see which team comes out on top! You'll win prizes and you'll learn how to make a quick and easy snack! Banana Cream Pie Parfait *This recipe is nut free but does contain dairy.

Registration required by 7/9

MIDMORNING ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

Corn Hole with Jerry at 10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

Cards & Games at 10:30am

THURSDAYS

Bingo - 10:30am

FRIDAYS

Grocery Shopping

Please register for all activities in advance either on our website or call the office at (203) 484-6017

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

10:00am—2:00pm

A 2-week notice is preferred; however, we will try to accommodate last minute appointment changes. Please let us know if you need wheel chair services when you call.

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HELP WANTED

Part-time Office Assistant/Assistant Town Clerk.The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for a part-time Office Assistant/Assistant Town Clerk. Position assists in administration of Town Clerk’s Office including land records, vital statistics, elections and related duties. Must possess excellent customer service skills. Certified Assistant Town Clerk preferred; Office Assistant will be elevated to Assistant Town Clerk upon certification. Position also serves as Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics per state statute. This position is 19 hours per week with flexibility. Salary DOQ.

Applications are available on the Town’s website at: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com under Information, Employment or at the Town Manager’s Office during regular business hours. Please submit cover letter, application, and resume in person or by mail to Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471. This position will remain open until filled. EEO/AA

SUBSTITUTE BOARD/COMMISSION CLERK – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individual for a part-time substitute clerk. The Substitute Clerk will record minutes for various boards and commissions. Clerk must take and prepare meeting minutes and create audio tape of meetings and work evenings.

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Drivers Needed: Must have good driving record and be on time. Apply in person at Petals 2 Go in Central Plaza, North Branford, or call Dave at 203-484-7800