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Michael Doody, 69, of Cisne, IL, formerly of Northford, CT., passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at home, with his loving family by his side.

Michael was born in New Haven, CT on March 21, 1955 to the late Francis P. and Eleanor (Downing) Doody.

Michael attended the University of New Haven, where he studied criminal justice.

Michael was employed by the North Branford Police Department from 1976 to 2010, rising to the position of Deputy Police Chief before retiring. In 2011, he realized his desire to continue working, and became a driver for JP Express in

Northford, CT, a position he held until 2021, when he relocated to Illinois to start his own trucking company, White Hollow, LLC.

Michael was a devoted public servant to the Town of North Branford, CT, holding the elected office(s) of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Council Member, and being an appointed member of the Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission, Inland/Wetlands Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Human Relations. He served as a youth basketball and soccer coach for his children's teams and was the past President and board member of the New England Hereford Cattle Association. A lifelong proponent of agriculture and the rural lifestyle, he was happiest attending cattle shows or sales, on his farm, helping with chores, making hay and cheering on UCONN'S Men's & Women's basketball teams.

Being a loving father and uncle meant the world to him as he was truly as selfless as they come. He always had a lot going on, but he always made time in his life for family. He worked everything like a professional. From showing cattle, to police work or his involvement in his community he was able to relate to and bring people together.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Jo Ann (Salg) Doody; son, Michael (Dalton) Doody Jr; daughter, Melissa Doody (Angel Cintron); grandchildren, Christian Cintron, Michael Doody III, and Madden Doody, his sister, Susan (Michael) Doody-Duhamel; and brothers; Francis (Valerie) Doody III, and John (Michele) Doody; as well as a large, loving family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The visiting hours will be Friday, August 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at The Havens Family North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue. Family and friends are invited to go directly to St. Monica Church/St. Ambrose Parish, 1331 Middletown Avenue, Northford on Saturday morning, August 24th at 10:30 to attend a Mass of Christian burial and are also invited to attend the committal service immediately following in All Saints Cemetery. www.northhavenfuneral.com



Join NBLCT for Mattabessett Trail Hike

Join us Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, for a hike on the Mattabessett Trail, where you will visit the highest peak in North Branford at 720 feet (360 foot elevation gain). NB Land Trust member Geoff Smith will lead the hike.

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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 Facebook.



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Dear Editor:

Labor Day weekend is about celebrating hard-working Americans nationwide and savoring the final moments of summer alongside cold beers and good company. Anheuser-Busch is honored to be the drink of choice at so many Labor Day gatherings across the country.

As you kick back and enjoy your well-deserved break, we at Dichello Distributors encourage you to do so responsibly. The Labor Day holiday is considered one of the most dangerous weekends for drunk driving-related fatalities, so do your part to help keep our roads and communities safe. Plan ahead for safe rides if you're planning to drink and remember that you can't drive drunk, if you don't drive there.

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Sincerely,
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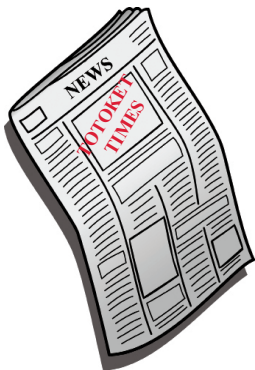
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State Representative Vincent Candelora
**On the Heels of Rising Electric Bills,
Regulators Approve More Rate Hikes**



On Aug. 14, state utility regulators took just moments to breeze through their scheduled agenda and signed off on another \$80 million rate adjustment increase that they expect will enhance the electric vehicle industry in Connecticut, starting next month.

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, PURA, permitted Eversource and United Illuminating to collect that amount from ratepayers already struggling to pay their monthly electric bills that increased significantly in July. This EV initiative evolved as result of the policy adopted by PURA to bolster the EV charging grid.

Some in the public and media were taken by surprise at the news that the regulators were once again allowing the utilities to increase rates given the whopping rate hikes that dominated state news coverage in the previous weeks. But for those who vehemently opposed efforts by the Lamont administration *last year* and succeeded in blocking the mandate that no gas-powered vehicles could be sold in Connecticut by 2035, the news was particularly galling.

Republicans have repeatedly proposed solutions to the rising electrical costs by using existing surplus and other funds to mitigate the exploding costs, and have asked for a special sessional session to immediately address these issues. So far, no word from the Democrats.

The debate over EVs versus gas powered vehicles is not over. But this is not a contest between myopic Luddites desperately grasping the steering wheels of their gas-powered trucks and cars against inevitable technological advances. It's about common sense, and the common good.

And politics

After the PURA decision Aug. 14, Senate Democrat hastily distributed an undated letter asking that the vote be delayed, this after Republicans had condemned the action.

Let's briefly recount recent history:

The Lamont administration in late 2023 abandoned its initiatives to follow the California model to switch to EVs *in the near future* in the face of strong public opposition and the realization Lamont could not get legislation passed in the General Assembly. At the time, supporters of the switch to EVs gave up their efforts but never ceded their long-term goals of fundamentally transforming how Connecticut motorists and consumers could go about their business – getting to work, to school and generally conducting their private lives.

Of course, the major obstacle to promoting EVs in Connecticut over the last year was the realization that the state's charging grid could not support an expanded EV fleet. Never enough charging stations to supply electricity to EVs. Simple, right?

But PURA continues to promulgate policies designed to make the electric cars and trucks the reality, not just an option, for consumers. The approval of the rate adjustments last week signals that the future of transportation in Connecticut has not been decided yet.

Anyone interested in just what happened at the PURA meeting Aug. 14 and how much thought was given to the ramifications of its actions might want to check out the brief meeting here. And see the level of discourse and the body language of the three members involved.

State Rep. Vincent Candelora
is the House Republican Leader from North Branford

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, the reunion/vacation at Lake George last week was nothing overly exciting. Frank and Ana flew in Wednesday night. (Too bad you weren't here long enough to meet Ana. She's a real keeper).

We drove to our destination in the pouring rain. I love driving but this wasn't easy. We got there a bit late but the family held up dinner and 25 of us all ate together.

Getting back to the hotel we hung around the fire place and shot the breeze. Telling all the old repeat stories made us laugh again even though we knew the endings. Maybe at our age we forget. The age of the group ran from 5 to 80 with the five year old possibly being the smartest of the group.

When we got to the room and jumped into bed, I had my only fight of the weekend. After hooking up the Cpap machine, I found the pillows to be too soft and uncomfortable. I tried one. I tried two. I tried three and I even tried four. I tried punching them into shape but finally they won the fight. It was a TKO at 5:00 AM. I finally got up, took a shower and went out and slept two hours in the car.

Due to this wonderful relaxing sleep, I was pretty tired most of Friday. It poured all day. As SueAnn, Frank and Ana went for a few rides, I napped most of he day while watching the Little League World Series when I wasn't watching the insides of my eyelids. Ana found a nice place for lunch and we drove about twenty minutes. The venue was beautiful but the food was not too great. Ambiance is expensive.

After lunch, we drove 45 minutes for axe throwing. The rain did not let up and it was hard to pay attention to the road while trying to listen to the GPS as your nephew was conducting business on his phone. He is tenacious and seems to have the same work ethic as our father and ourselves (a trait that seems to be lost on this generation.) Once we got there, no one chopped off any limbs so I guess it was a success.

We didn't go to dinner with the group that night, as we had quite the late lunch. We sat around the fire after dinner as it finally stopped raining. Some of the youngsters and a couple of elders partook in the grape and some of the stuff that normally isn't funny got much funnier.

Saturday was sit by the pool day as it was finally nice. We had snacks by the pool, spent a lot of time in conversation and then we all went to dinner together to close out the week. I must say Lake George is not noted for its food. To me it is overpriced and under taste.

Gina drove up Saturday night with my pillow so I finally got a good nights sleep. On Sunday, we had breakfast and we all went our separate ways. Our choice was to drive to Saratoga Springs. It's a quaint little town with shops and restaurants. The young four walked around and I did what I do best. I found a bench and people watched. They found a restaurants that was suitable to Gina and Ana's spacial diets and we had lunch. Again not a great menu but just the five of us had a relaxing time checking out the stores and walking around.

The ride home was uneventful. Beautiful weather and Frankie and Ana napped a good portion of the way. SueAnn went home with Gina. After unloading the car we had the best meal of the week. Corn and cucumber and tomato salad from Augur Farms. They are the best.


This weekend I have been glued to the TV watching the Little League World Series. I can't believe how good these kids are and how big some of them are. I compare the 12-year-olds to Johnnie who will be 12 in a few months and they are giants compared to him, They play a great game and they are really fun to watch. I actually enjoy this weekend better than a weekend of vacation.

Today we are on our way to Amish Country. When we first got married and lived in East Haven, we use to go there often. Driving through the farms and cornfields was always special. Then we moved to North Branford and we were surrounded by them. This city boy from New Haven was amazed with what was going on just a few miles down the road. With upcoming doctors appointments, procedures and surgeries we had to schedule some short trips. Once we're done with these, the hope is that 2025 will be a full year of travel and relaxation.

That's it for now. By the way, before I forget, your son Matt is getting the Tony Mentone Distinguished Service Award. I was proud to get it fourteen years ago and I will be prouder to present him with this award.

Take care. I'll see you soon.

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Estate Planning for Everyone:
Now Is a Good Time to Review Your Estate Plan
By Attorney Marc

As the summer winds down and we round the final corner of 2024, now is a good time to review your estate plan and make sure it still meets your needs and goals. I recommend to my clients that they review their plans at least once a year. Fall will be here sooner than most of us would like, and will be quickly followed by the busiest season of the year for many of us– the holidays. So, if changes to your plan are necessary, now is a good time to make them.

I encourage you to find an hour of time and a quiet space *in the next few weeks* to review your estate planning documents. These might include Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Directives and Living Wills, life insurance policies, financial records and any other important documents.

When you’re reading through them, ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. Do I understand what these documents do/mean?
- 2. Do the documents still represent my wishes?
- 3. Are the beneficiaries correct? Has there been a recent birth or death in my family that requires an update or change to my documents?
- 4. Are the people I have put in positions of power (executor/guardian/trustee/power of attorney) still the right people for the job? Are they still alive? Are the right back-up people in place?
- 5. Are these Wills (or other documents) so old that they should be in a museum?

Asking yourself these questions as you review your estate planning documents will help you determine if it’s time to make changes to them. If your plan and/or documents no longer conform to your wishes, then it’s time to make an appointment with your attorney or other trusted professional to make the necessary updates. And if you have questions about what’s in your documents or what they do or mean, now is a good time to reach out to your advisor to get those answers.

If you would like to talk with me about updating your plan- I offer a free consultation. Please call 203-500-0201 or email Marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule a consultation.

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Disputing Candelora’s Column

Dear Editor:

State Representative Vincent Candelora’s editorial in the August 2nd issue of the Totoket Times contained a number of misleading and incorrect statements. It is only fair that these be responded to, and ultimately corrected. Candelora first argues that the Democrats’ narrative of a democracy under attack is “worn-out.” However, he also opens by mentioning the attempt on a former president, and the current nominee of the Republican party. This attack also claimed the life of one of his supporters. Democracy quite literally came under attack, so it is incorrect to say that this narrative is “worn-out.” The letter then presents a series of falsehoods about this year’s Democratic primary. Firstly, Candelora claims that Democrats moved the South Carolina primary first to cement Biden as the nominee. This would be rather than New Hampshire or Michigan, where he previously struggled. However, South Carolina voting for Biden first wouldn’t guarantee him the nomination anyway. The first primary in the season did not predict the winner of the nomination in 2008, 2016, or 2020. Democrats did not need the first state to vote for Biden. After all, the “problematic” state of New Hampshire voted before South Carolina this primary season, anyway. Despite not even appearing on the ballot, Biden won through write-ins. Additionally, Democrats did move the Michigan primary up two weeks. It was the Michigan Senate Republicans who voted against the move, not Democrats. Further along, Candelora claims it is Democrats who are a threat to democracy, since they “won’t protect our nation’s borders.” Yet, it was a bipartisan trio of senators—including Connecticut’s own Senator Chris Murphy—who wrote a border bill in May of this year. The Border Act of 2024 would have funded drug and customs enforcement. Former President Trump vocally opposed this bill, and the rest of the Republican party fell in line behind him to vote down the bill. It was Republicans who refused to protect our nation’s borders. Candelora believes that Democrats only appreciate democracy when they can “control it from a backroom.” And yet, apparently Republicans vote against national security when an unelected former president says to. The events of July 13th represent a tragic attack on democracy. Both Republicans and Democrats should be coming together to condemn it, not using it as an opportunity to decry their opponents with misleading inaccuracies. That is the duty all politicians in this country owe to their voters.

Sincerely,
Ethan Sabetta

Let’s Talk Parenting

Dear Editor:

Imagine that your 12 year old son decides to run for president of his 6th grade class. You’re a proud loving parent and you want to be supportive. He tells you that it’s absolutely clear that he’s by far the best candidate and that he’s certain that if he doesn’t win the election is rigged. Another parent shares with you that they overheard their son talking with your son about figuring out ways to stop some kids from voting because they favored another candidate.

So mom and dad what do you? Do you tell him, “Yes son it’s a dog eat dog world and since you are superior to all your classmates you should do anything you need to do to guarantee a win. They’ll call it cheating but that’s because they’re weak. Remember winning is all that counts”? Or do you tell your child that you are proud that he is participating in a democratic election and that you understand that he is afraid but that real strength includes the ability to accept defeat and that you love him because of who he is not because he is superior or inferior to anything else?

How about this one? Your daughter comes home from school one day annoyed that there’s a new kid in her class who’s “not from here”. She says she doesn’t like her because “she’s not like us”. Do you support her burgeoning prejudice which comes from lack of exposure, by encouraging her to fear or hate people who have different names, accents, or skin color? Or do you explain to her that 99% of Americans or their parents or their grandparents aren’t from here? Do you ask her how she would want to be treated if she were the new kid in a new school in a different culture?

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“Democracy is at Stake”

Dear Editor:

I am a new resident of North Branford and a life long Democrat (ok, I was young when I voted for Reagan). And my wife and I love living here!

I received my first copy of the Totoket Times today and am beginning to realize I’ve landed in a republican leaning community. And that’s ok.

I have a long history of service to my community and of voicing of my opinion about things I think matter in my home state of New Jersey. I am retired now and no longer wish to be that deeply immersed in politics, Facebook notwithstanding. That being said, I feel obligated to correct your State Representative Candelora about some of the misleading and blatantly false statements he made in his recent Democratic hit piece on your Editorial page.

Mr. Candelora is a state representative in a state of approximately 2.5 million people with a long history of hometown community service, and that’s commendable. But how he can describe the sitting *elected* Vice President of this country, former *elected* Senator of the largest state in this country, it’s former *elected* Attorney General, and former *elected* District Attorney of San Francisco as an “untested candidate” defies common sense. It may be an in vogue trump/republican party trope, but it’s nonsensical and thinking people know that.

In his piece, Mr Candelora goes on further to complain about the sequence of *Democratic* primaries decided on by the *Democrats* insinuating that it would have some effect on the election outcome. Mr Candelora certainly knows that *all presidential elections* are decided by a tally of the votes of the Electoral College and that the order of gathering those votes is irrelevant to that counting. But he tells his supporters otherwise, as instructed.

Democrats are by now used to the wholesale gaslighting (lying) that is the foundation of Trump’s entire history. We’re still trying to come to terms with the adoption of that strategy by his newly acquired party and it’s desperate disciples like Mr Candelora.

I won’t address the rest of the silliness in the piece about (falling) inflation, “cover ups,” (lower than when trump was in office) illegal immigration and the like because the truth about them is easily verifiable.

What I will say is that Mr Candelora is right about one thing: Democracy *is* at stake. And we each must decide if we want our nation to become a one man dictatorship (as trump has promised)” You won’t need to vote after I’m elected” or the one based on the rule of a law that has made us the greatest

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Sincerely
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Marcey Onofrio - Board Vice Chair -Marcey is currently in her 19th year on the Board of Education and has held the position of Chair and Vice Chair. She has been a resident of Northford for 47 years. She and her husband were determined to stay in town after getting married to ensure that their two children would graduate from the North Branford School system, as she did. Her adult children have also made Northford their home with their families. Marcey began her professional career as a paralegal, but her love for children guided her to become a home daycare provider. She has run her daycare for 31 years in Northford and has cared for well over 100 children over

these years. Her dedication to children’s growth helps prepare her little ones for the school system. Due to her steadfast belief that a great education, along with social and emotional development, are critical to the preparation of a successful student, Marcey continues to promote and fight for the best interests of the children in our district.

Elizabeth Siena - Board Secretary - Elizabeth Hintz Siena is a lifelong resident of North Branford. She is a retired teacher of the North Branford Public Schools, and a Connecticut State Certified Reading Consultant with both her Masters and Six-year degrees. Along with her education degrees, she brings her knowledge of business, finance, and Project Management. She is a member of the Permanent Project Building Committee for the New North Branford High School. She is also a member of the second graduating class of the first NBHS and proud that her grandchildren are now stu-

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The coordinator team would like to thank the staff at the Rec Department, including Jessie Caetano, Kerry Haynes, Kathy Poston, Sarah Brown, and Jess Cave for all their help, support, and many hours spent putting in a lot of hard work!!!

In addition to the support we receive from the Recreation Department, we could not put on a festival of this magnitude without the unwavering support of the following town departments: Public Works, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Town Hall staff, and North Branford Social Services. A special THANK YOU to Country Farm Market I and II for donating their Gators to the Police Dept. to use during the festival.

We are already planning 2025! If you would like to join the Committee and help share ideas and planning, reach out to us! Potatofest@northbranfordct.gov

See you in 2025! -Steve Torino, Mary-Elissa Giovanni, Rose Angeloni, & Elisa Pannone
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**Sunday
September 22, 2024**

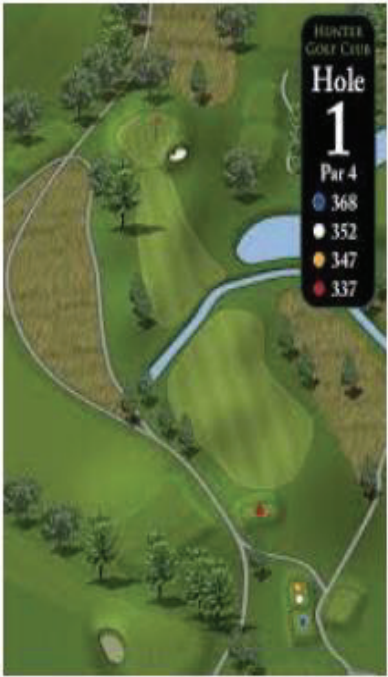
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www.huntergolfclub.com

Outing is held Rain or Shine

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made by the Course Superintendent



6TH ANNUAL

**North Haven Sons &
Daughters of
Italy Lodge 2805**

**Richard M. DeCrosta
Memorial Golf Tournament
In Memory of All Departed Members
of our Lodge**

**A Portion of the Proceeds
To benefit
The Epilepsy Foundation
& The Lodge
Scholarship Program**



***Let's Take a trip to
Staten Island & The Bronx
Join the North Haven Sons
& Daughters of Italy on
this two stop excursion.***



**Start off at the
Garibaldi Meucci
Museum & Italian
Cultural Center.
Finish off at the
legendary Little Italy
in the Bronx.
Bus leaves the
Commuter Parking lot
off exit 10 - I-91 at 8:00.
Travel to the Museum for
a tour and then spend the
afternoon at the
restaurants and shops on
Arthur Avenue.
Saturday,
October 19, 2024.
Tickets are
\$65. for members and \$75
for non-members.
Includes bus trip
and Museum Entree fee.**

**Contact SueAnn at
sueann.mentone@yahoo.com or
call 203-710-4186**

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON NORTHFORD CENTER CONNECTIVITY STUDY

NORTH BRANFORD – The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) and the Town of North Branford, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) have initiated the Northford Center Connectivity Study to evaluate existing challenges and opportunities throughout the Study Area.

The purpose of this Study was to conduct a comprehensive transportation plan for various intersections along CT Route 17 (Middletown Avenue) and CT Route 22 (Clintonville Road / Forest Road) and prepare conceptual engineering drawings for improvements along the length of the corridors. The improvements would seek to improve connectivity and circulation throughout Northford Center.

A preliminary study has been completed and is available on the Town website (northbranfordct.gov) for review, and a public forum will be held on August 27th, 2024, at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center gymnasium at 1332 Middletown Avenue in Northford, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend, participate, and give feedback.

Jane Kircaldie to Speak at NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

Guest speaker Jane Kircaldie, PT, MA, from Hartford Health Care Rehabilitation Network will present Physical Therapy Approach to Back Pain; learn how to maintain a healthy back and spine.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <http://www.narfe.org>

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

August 13, 2024

Total Number of Electors - 2645

District 1 - 1338

District 2 - 772

District 3 - 535

Total Number Voting - 128 (4.8%)

District 1 - 56 (4.2%)

District 2 - 35 (4.5%)

District 3 - 37 (6.9%)

United States Senator	District 1	District 2	District 3	Total
Gerry Smith*	24	17	22	63
Matthew M. Corey	31	18	15	64

* denotes party endorsed candidate

Recycling News

Labor Day is September 2nd. This is a trash Holiday. Trash pickup will be one day later this week.

Hazwaste Central in New Haven is also closed for Labor Day weekend.

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Please don't put your bulky waste out at the curb.

The next bulky waste pickup isn't until November!

This means that no couches, tables, or large home goods should go to the curb until Bulky Waste.

Bulky Waste will not pickup construction debris, such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material or home cleanouts. Please dispose of property.

Bulky Waste will not pickup TVs, monitors, printers and other electronics.

We will have an electronics collection on November 2 to collect these.

Please don't put these items by the curb as trash – ever.

You can post useful items on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items.](#)

There is also [Freecycle.org](#) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can look up your item in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Some places even pickup large items.

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com.

They also have an app.

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Hazwaste Central is open for the Season

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays through October. They are closed on the weekend of Labor Day.

HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from 9 a.m. until

noon on Saturdays only. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

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

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

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

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Plastic Film Reminder

Please remember to empty your plastic bags of food and liquids before placing in the collection bin. The best way to do this is to turn the bags inside out. It may just be water to you, but mixed with other things it becomes a sticky mess. Also, if you are putting the bags in another bag, please pack them loosely. Tightly packed bags tend to get smelly.

As a reminder, the town's drop off locations are:

[Atwater and Smith Libraries, Northford Store, STW Community Center, The Food Pantry of NB, Country Paint and Hardware, T.J.'s Launderette](#)

Helpful Hints for Plastic Recycling

You can keep the caps on the bottles when putting them into the blue bin.

Black plastic, as in plant pots and take-out containers, are not recyclable.

The sorting machines don't work on the black plastic.

All other colors work fine.

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

Thank You for Your Participation

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Community Baptist Church. 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. During the summer, adults meet for bible study and prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Mid-week clubs for children will resume in the fall. For more info.: 203-488-8581[; info@cbcbranford.org; www.cbcbranford.org

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us. Nursery Care is available.To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey; you will always be welcome here.

Northford 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, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10 a.m., except during the Summer are held at 9 a.m.(from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! St. Andrew’s supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew’s Parish Hall. St. Andrew’s annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; Back-to-School backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew’s priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005.”

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

Military Whist





The North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship will be hosting a Military Whist Card Game on Friday, September 20, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473. Tickets are available now (\$12 per person) prepaid or with a reservation before September 17. Singles, couples, and teams of four are welcome. Please text 203-668-0608 for information. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a variety of gift card raffles and a 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Game begins at 6:00 p.m. Prizes for the winning table and losing table. Ample parking, handicap accessible.It’s fun and easy to play!



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Knights of Columbus Council 6801

St. Ambrose Parish

An Evening with a twist-Murder Mystery Dinner

Friday 13th of September 7:00 t0 10:30

St. Monica’s Church Hall 1331

Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472

Dinner – Dessert – Cheese and Crackers. Bring your own Wine

\$35.00 per person.

Proceeds to benefit the parish and children’s hospitals

Call Wayne -203-410-3885 for Tickets or Call Frank – 203-623-1734

Or request the through our email site: Kinghts6801@gmail.com

NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FALL

FESTIVAL

and Flower Sale

Friday Sept. 13th, 2024 10am-6pm

Saturday Sept. 14th, 2024 10am-6pm

Sunday Sept. 15th, 2024 12pm-5pm

4 Old Post Road, Northford, CT 06472

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: northfordcongregational.church



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We are excited to announce that the North Branford Parks and Rec has partnered with the Soundview YMCA and After School R.E.C. Crew has become part of their School Age Child Care program (SACC)!

After School will still be held at the STW Community Center. Registration is processed through the Soundview YMCA, please visit ccymca.org/locations/soundview/child-care/ download the forms and return them to the YMCA. Questions for Soundview YMCA contact Lynn Wheeler, 203 481 9622 x3208

If you have any additional questions please contact Kerry Haynes, khaynes@northbranfordct.gov or (203) 484-6017.

YIN YOGA Wednesday August 28, 2024 6:00-7:00pm - Ages 16+ STW Yoga Room - \$25

Yin yoga is a slow paced practice holding poses for 3-5 minutes. You will gain circulation in joints and improve flexibility that will aid you in everyday activities.

Instructed by Toni McGovern
Registration Required by 8/22

SOUND HEALING WITH REIKI

Wednesday September 4, 2024
6:30-7:30pm - Ages 16+
STW Yoga Room - \$35

Experience this incredible workshop with Toni McGovern. Balance your mind, body and spirit with sound healing instruments to heal, reset & promote deep rest. Enjoy Reiki with Barb Stainton.

*Blankets & mats are available, however you may choose to bring your own pillows.
Registration Required by 8/30

POWER YOGA

This yoga practice is a full body workout that will challenge your mind and body. With this practice you will build endurance, gain core strength, create flexibility and promote weight loss.

Instructed by Toni McGovern

STW Yoga Room
Wednesdays, Sept 25 - Oct 16 5:30-6:30pm Ages 16+
Cost \$45 res/ \$45 nr

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Stillness is a powerful practice. With the help of props to support the body you will relax muscles and calm the nervous system. Help reduce stress and create an overall well being.

Instructed by Toni McGovern

STW Yoga Room
Wednesdays, Sept 25 - Oct 16 6:45-7:30pm Ages 16+
Cost \$40 res/ \$40 nr

AUTUMN NIGHTS AT AUGUR

FALL CONCERT SERIES

LEAF JUMPERS
Thursday, September 19th 6:00-8:00pm
Augur Park - 290 Forest Rd

OUTLIER
Thursday, September 26th 6:00-8:00pm
Augur Park - 290 Forest Rd

JUICE BOX
Thursday, October 3rd 6:00-8:00pm
Augur Park - 290 Forest Rd

— SENIOR CENTER —



Tuesday October 8, 2024

11:00am -3:30pm

American Bandstand Tribute!

Join Dave Colucci & Donna Lee DePrille as they pay tribute to Dick Clark's legendary TV Show! Featuring songs from artists who performed on the Bandstand in the 50s & 60s!!

Feat songs by: *Frankie Avalon, Bobby Darin, The Everly Brothers*

Dion & The Belmonts, Connie Francis, Leslie Gore & MORE!



\$57res/\$62nr

Lemon Chicken/ Pork Schnitzel



At the Goodspeed Opera House

Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show!

December 4, 2024

\$110res/\$120nr

Departs 10:00am Returns: 5:00pm

The only thing little Ralphie wants for Christmas is a BB gun. But to get it, he must navigate all the obstacles of the yuletide season. Will a neighborhood bully, a strict school teacher, a distracted dad and a department store Santa thwart his quest? There's something for everyone in this hilarious love letter to Christmas past. A package of naughty and nice nostalgia to warm your winter!

The trip leaves from the Senior Center. If you need transportation to the Center, kindly let us know when you register.

Lunch at the Gelston House is at 11:30 a.m.

*Parmesan Encrusted Bass *Sherry Mushroom Chicken
*Smoked Beef Brisket *Pasta Cavatappi
*Beef Burger

Lunch includes Mixed Green Salad and dessert. Coffee & tea are not included, but each can be purchased for \$3.50. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased and paid for during lunch.



Please register by November 6th to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show!

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

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

Assistant part-time: Wednesday & Saturday, 10-12:
Organizing, water gardens, vacuuming, errands, etc. Ethical, logical, affable, honest, energetic.\$20 hr.
Please call: 203-481-4524 - or Text: 475-201-5872

Emergency Management Director
Town of North Branford

The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for Emergency Management Director.
Directs and coordinates the Emergency Management Program for the Town of North Branford and advises the Town Manager on all Emergency Management matters. Develops disaster planning, management and recovery plans outlining the strategy, operations, and communications associated therewith. Assesses, plans, and implements best practice standards and assures compliance with local, State, and Federal guidelines related to natural, environmental, and other disasters and emergencies.
Must have an Associate’s degree in criminal justice, emergency management, homeland security, or related field, Bachelor’s preferred. Education must be supplemented by 7 years’ experience (10 years’ preferred) in emergency management, public safety, or disaster recovery, including 3 years in a supervisory operational capacity. Any equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Certified Emergency Manager designation preferred. Must possess or be able to obtain Incident Command Systems Certification within 1 year.
This position is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Salary is \$5,200/year without benefits. A full job description can be found on the Town’s website.
Please submit cover letter, application, and resume via the Town’s website (www.northbranfordct.gov/jobs), via email to rburke@northbranfordct.gov, or by mail to 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 Attn: Rory Burke. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until position is filled. EEO/AA

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K of C looking for Vendors for
Annual Tag sale/Flea Market

The Knights of Columbus, St.Ambrose Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 86 spaces 15’w x 28’d at their annual fall giant 80,000 sq. ft. tag sale / flea market on october 5th.. (rain dates october 12th, 19th & 26th. at doody’s field 465 foxon road north branford. It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. free admission and off road parking. To reserve a space, call 203 484-9737. The cost is \$42 per space paid before 9/30, after this date +\$5 late fee. Vendors must provide their own tables and be in their space before 7:30am.

ITEMS FOR FREE

Free large Oak lighted four door shelving. 6’ 2” wide, 5’ 8” tall and 14” deep. call 203-804-1011

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An Event That Stocks The Food
Pantry of North Branford

Saturday, Sept 21, 2024
(RAIN DATE – SATURDAY SEPT 28, 2024)

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafted vendors, raffles, live
music and more!

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465 Foxon Rd. North Branford