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## Take Down That Wall!



*The new North Branford High School project has begun as portions of the school are being knocked down in phase one of the new construction!*

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Superintendent of Schools  
Scott Schoonmaker.*

## North Branford

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August 13  
August 27  
September 10  
September 24  
October 8  
October 15  
November 12  
November 27

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October 1  
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2020 **-11.0%**

Days On Market  
20 days compared  
to 84 in May 2020 **-76.2%**

Active Inventory  
14 homes for sale  
compared to 22 in May  
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Data source: Smart MLS, Single Family, Northford, CT 5/1/20-5/31/20, 5/1/21-5/31/21

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State Representative Vincent Candelora  
Connecticut still a tough place to do business



Connecticut businesses continue to struggle as the state incrementally emerges from the pandemic that has stymied economic activity and forced us as a society to adjust to a different way of life.

Small business owners report that they cannot hire new employees or bring previous ones back to work, largely due to over generous unemployment benefits. This is particularly

true for the restaurant industry. This spring bonuses of up to \$2,000 were offered by some.

The governor is fond of pointing out seemingly enhanced or improved business ratings, selectively chosen from one outlet or another to support his dubious claim that the one-party Democrat rule in Hartford is succeeding in restoring economic stability and growth in our state. But try as he might, there is no denying Connecticut’s history of poor performance when it comes to the cost of doing business here.

And it is not likely to improve much in the near future when laws such as the so-called truck mileage tax are put on the books as just happened. That tax on large trucks for traveling on state roads and highways is going to increase the cost of goods and services being delivered here and will further add to the inflation consumers are already feeling.

The Connecticut Business and Industry Association, CBIA, the state’s largest business group, recently pointed out that the perception of Connecticut as a tough place to do business is tangible. The Democrat-controlled House and Senate in the last few hours of the legislative session in June narrowly approved a bill that will further constrict business on how they can operate, employ people, and stay open.

The law places restrictions on hiring and re-hiring employees who have been laid off during the pandemic, and essentially applies union hiring policies to non-union, private sector shops. For instance, a laid off worker would have to be re-hired not based on merit, but on seniority. These onerous requirements would apply to the companies even if they are sold or moved to another location.

The narrow margins in both legislative chambers indicated that even some Democrats fear backlash from their constituents over this highly controversial vote.

These impediments to allowing employers to operate efficiently and without needless government meddling only add to the high cost of doing business and will constrict economic growth. Connecticut must do more to help Main Street prosper as we continue to emerge out of this pandemic.

Honor Them with a Flag Project a Success

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC, would like to thank the community for supporting the Honor Them with a Flag project. The funds raised will be used to support Veteran’s projects in the area.

The flags that were purchased are still available for pickup if you missed the pickup date. For more information, contact Mary Ellen at 203-484-9079.

I am an American.

Dear Editor;

I am a proud second-generation refugee immigrant on one side and have antecedents that pre-dated the revolution on the other.

1. Citizens should be able to vote at polling places equally allocated in number on the basis of the population of registered voters in any given area of every state.

2. Billionaires can and should, but don’t pay their fair share of taxes. Warren Buffett rightly noted that his Secretary pays a higher percentage of her income in taxes than he does. Please refer to the countless studies available on this subject.

3. Children should learn history in history class from teachers and texts that accurately and factually report our history. The less savory actions of our government and citizens over our historical record must be included in context, rather than whitewashed as if children are unable to understand

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the reality that we have not always been a perfect union, but that our grace springs from our effort to seek that end.

4. The First Amendment to the Constitution thankfully requires the separation of church and state. This does not mean that the free practice of your religion includes depriving me of my right to live free of its practice or requirements.

There is nothing that can be defined as extreme left or right, nor anything radical about any of these values. Some believe that the rule of law does not apply to them; some believe that the free exercise of these rights by some may deprive others of their rights. There must not a double standard; we are better than that.

But failure to acknowledge where we have gone astray is a sure path to lose those values we all hold dear.

Sincerely,  
Susan DeSilver

Letters to the editor...

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Often, I am asked “What is the difference between and Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?” On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

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When my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in an nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a “closed box trust,” irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care. Irrevocable Trusts offer an opportunity to pass an intact estate to your heirs, even if you have to go into a nursing home.

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Matt in the Minors



The days start to blend together. The dog days of summer are real in Peoria, IL. The weather is hot and it hardly rains. At least we get to play baseball for a living. The good news is, a lot of call ups have been happening. This means that the good guys that make you look bad are gone. At the same time, some new rookies show up to try and take your spot. It’s a business with non stop pressure. But that’s why we love it. Perform, or get cut.

Luckily my bat started to heat up at the right time. A few injuries landed me a handful of extra at bats that I usually wasn’t getting. We had a nice series against the first place team in the division and split with them. Nonetheless, we are still in last place by a few games.

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I will say I miss CT food. A nice pizza from Giovannis or a sub from Tony Cal’s can go a long way. Until next time.

-Matt  
Matthew Chamberlain

Who’s an American?

Dear Editor:

I’m curious how some folks think they have the inside scoop on which beliefs, views and values are the truly correct ones.

(1) D. Kirt Westfall’s little treatise of the July 23, 2021 Totoket Times suggests that he is willing and able to “stand in line for hours” in order to vote. Highly doubtful, isn’t it?

(2) For unknown reasons he feels the need to defend billionaires from paying more than they now contribute, apparently overlooking the huge tax loopholes and overseas sheltering techniques to which they have access.

(3) We’re led to understand that “Marxist divisiveness” is somehow part of school curricula, and that just maybe his own hatred and anger is thereby being stoked.

(4) What could make any thoughtful American believe that religion is truly threatened by “destruction”, when tens of millions are raised annually by faith-based corporations for the express purpose of buying political influence at the local, state and National levels, AND when the U.S. Senate (under the previous leadership) managed to pack the Supreme Court with three very conservative Justices?

Nobody enjoys being told what to believe, so let’s keep the discussion open to diverse opinions and especially to verifiable conclusions.

Sincerely,  
Jack Hearn Jr.

“Be aware of what’s going on...”

Dear Editor;

How can a leader of this great country be driven by uncontrollable hatred that she is willing to spend millions of taxpayer dollars again to satisfy this hatred?

Now she has engaged the support of two other Trump haters ( Cheney and Kinzinger)to try to accomplish her goal.

Of course the entering of the Capital on January 6 was wrong, but for some of our so called leaders to say it was worse then 9/11 where over 3000 people lost their lives is unbelievable and very disturbing. That attack was by a foreign country and against our United States as was Pearl Harbor where many of our military lost their lives.

Is this commission looking into the death of Ashley Babbitt or are they so focused on trying again (third time) to destroy President Trump. Isn’t her life important? Does she not deserve justice? Or is it that the people who are testifying know who the shooter was but have been told not to identify this person but to spew their own hatred for Trump ?

Maybe these people are all competing for an Academy Award with their dramatic performance..

All Americans should be aware of what is going on in this administration.

Sincerely,  
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Albrecht, Noelle  
Allen, Noah Patrick  
Amendola, Ashley  
Anderson, Kyle  
Aneiro, Christina  
Ardito, Lily  
Artaiz, Mercedes  
Battista, Isabella  
Cahill, Olivia  
Chopus, Justin  
Colantonio, Cassidy  
D’Albero, Matthew  
Danner, Nathan  
DeFrancesco, Alexa  
Dell’Aquila, Vincent  
DeLucia, Ryan  
Dion, Gabrielle  
Durkin, Kaleigh  
Esposito, Benjamin  
Esposito, Shane  
Falcioni, Alexa Jai  
Ferraro, Samantha  
Forslund, Brianna  
Frost, Kevin Charles  
Graver, Kara Ellen  
Hannan, Catherine  
Hannan, Mary Susan  
Higgins, Joshua  
Hills, Adriana Marie  
Izzo, Tanner James  
Kamienski, Daytona  
Krebs, Marley Mae  
Kundrath, Kyle Mark  
Lamot, Joanna  
Mann, Julia Rose  
Manske, Griffin

McCullough, Giana  
McMillen, Erin Shea  
Melillo, Karma Angel  
Melillo, Samantha  
Meneo, Jeremy  
Mercuriano, Edmund  
Monde, Jack Robert  
Montesanto, John  
Nuzzo, Megan  
Onofrio, Isabella  
Onofrio, Julianna  
Ozoria, Arianna May  
Patel, Preet Chirag  
Regino, Nicolette  
Rizzuti, Aaliyah  
Sadlon, Ana Carol  
Schmidt, Alivia Gina  
Segui, Gioia Cipriana  
Spanier, Sofia Bean  
VanDerMaelen, Sophia  
Vongher, Miles

Grade 7 High Honors

Aiken, Bree Addyson  
Apuzzo, Joseph Frank  
Bliven, Alyssa Jean  
Bliven, Gary Taylor  
Budd, Michael Gabriel  
Cantore, Taylor Lynn  
Carbone, Santino  
Carusone, Justin  
Cioffi-Smith, Riley  
Connelly, Tyler  
Cucchiarelli, Jack  
DeFrancesco, William  
DePino, Payton Hope  
Dodge, Tyler Daniel  
Evans, Ariana Ann

Falcigno, Nico  
Foley, Caden Joseph  
Haeckel, Jason  
Heffernan, Tyler John  
Iamunno, Benicio  
Intravia, Luca  
Kuczynski, Madison  
Lacroix, Cameron  
Longo, Brandon  
Ludington, Sofia  
Marino, Alyssa  
O’Brien, Charles  
Papa, Samantha  
Pienkosz, Olivia  
Poston, Jacob Logan  
Raymond, Caleb  
Riordan, Zachary  
Ryszczyk, Ava Diana  
Saulino, Luca Anieli  
Sherman, Aiden  
Sigel, Anthony  
Traill, Gavin Ian  
Venturini, Leo  
Vitarisi, Lauren  
Westefeld, John

Grade 6 High Honors

Anderson, Matteo  
Angiollo, Ava  
Angiollo, Luca  
Aucapina, Isabella  
Balliu, Jayden  
Caffalette, Talan  
Cameron, Peyton  
Carbone, Armani  
Chasanoff, Ella Rose  
Cinquegrana, Jonathan  
Delfino, Laila

Peterson, Leif  
Podzikowski, Siena  
Ramage, Mae  
Rish, Aesop Orion  
Seward, Madelynn  
Sharkey, Robert Jude  
Sheridan, Evan  
Sigal, Alexandra  
Sigal, Michael  
Spinelli, Valentina  
Stewart, Savannah  
Trudeau, Camden  
Urbano, Mario  
Wang, Natalee  
Weld, Aubrey  
Wojciechowski, Emma  
Wright, Carly  
Wright, Christian  
Zulawski, Katheryn

Grade 8 Honors

Amin, Makaila  
Boardman, Sean  
Brezicki, Adrianna  
Fortier, Aidan John  
Giovanni, Anthony  
Godoy, Noah Tomas  
Guerrero, Aleksander  
Hoskins, Mallory  
Jarmie, Logan Jake  
Keil, Jordan Paul  
LaCerva, Giuseppe  
Merry, Natalie  
Minnocci, Brody  
Nay, Emilyn Olivia  
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Papa, Anthony  
Proto, Natalia

Dolzani, Steven  
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Famiglietti, Gabriela  
Francisco, Connor  
Frost, Adrienne  
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden  
Gauvin, Cameron  
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Humphries, Sophia  
Jerew, Abigail Luz  
Johnson, Samantha  
Keil, Brianna Rae  
Kleckner, Kayla  
Kundrath, Brianna  
Kwalek, Mia Rose  
LeBeau, Autumn  
LeMay, Peyton  
Macauley, Kate  
Magazzi, Marcus  
Martin, Jake Tyler  
Martone, Alia J  
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Miller, Craig Clyde  
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Scalia, Matthew  
Torok, Asher  
Tropiano, Dante  
Virginelli, Adam  
Wray, Denise  
Zdunek, Eric

Grade 7 Honors

Albrecht, Danielle  
Beecher, Zachary  
Brustman, Leah  
Crane, Abigail  
Fowles, Kaelyn  
Gage, Skylar Lynn  
Gwiazda, Austin  
Landino, Luca  
Mansi, Giavana  
Tam, Loretta  
Tang, Meghan

Grade 6 Honors

Brown, William  
Cassella, Anthony  
Duffy, Alana Rose  
Ferreira, Lyla  
Frani, Daniel  
Maher, Lillian  
Nargi, Joseph  
Pinette, Eliza  
Plano, Matteo  
Rosado, Haylee  
Sibley, Chloe  
Trammel, Cole  
Troche, Gian Josee

## Freshman Orientation Program @ NBHS

A one day program of freshman orientation, *THE FRESHMAN CONNECTION*, will be held on Thursday, August 26th from 9:45-11:30 am. All activities are held at North Branford High School auditorium. This important program is intended to better acquaint your son/daughter with the many opportunities at the high school, to provide necessary information about the start of the school year, to promote class unity, and to help your child make a successful transition to high school. We urge you to have your child attend. For those students participating, we plan to distribute schedules. Those students unable to attend will receive their schedules the first day of school.

In addition, we are offering a parent orientation from 10:45-11:30 am where parents are invited to join school staff as they review relevant school policies, discuss various support systems in place, and participate in a questions and answers session. Parents are invited to join their son/daughter immediately after for lunch..

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, August 26th

AUDITORIUM LOBBY AREA

9:45 a.m. Check in- Lobby of the auditorium. Distribution of materials, including schedules.

AUDITORIUM

10:00-10:05 Welcome  
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Daniel McCormack, Rachel Vitarisi & Erika Roof were named to the Dean’s List at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

Megan McMillen was named to the Dean’s List at Emmanuel College in Boston, MA.

Brianna Annunziato, John Kalandyk, Emma Randolph, Noah Ackerman and Ethan Despres were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Hartford.

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**Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”.** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

Tag Sale Fundraiser  
at Northford Congregational Church

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will be holding an outdoor tag sale on the lawn to benefit the church on Sat., Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at 4 Old Post Rd., Northford. A limited number of spaces will be available for \$20 paid in advance (non-refundable). Set-up will begin at 8 a.m. Bring your own table and chairs. Contact Aloha at (203) 484-0794 for information and to reserve a space.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). Email address: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

Rosary Walk 2021

All are welcome to join us every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery (rain or shine), now through 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 . at [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org).

Recycling News

Thanks to everyone who dropped off electronics at North Branford’s e-waste collection. We had over 200 cars that recycled electronics, propane tanks, mattresses and used oil.

Got new or reusable unwanted items? Please consider:  
North Branford & Northford free items – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1647630532048934>

Charlie’s Closet will take durable medical equipment such as canes, walkers, commodes and wheelchairs.  
Please consider donating to keep usable equipment from the landfill.  
[givct.org/charlies-closet/](http://givct.org/charlies-closet/)

Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op – [bsbc.co](http://bsbc.co) – donate a bike  
(You can also buy a used bike or learn to repair your bike.)  
1-800-GOT-JUNK? Full-service junk removal company  
Do you know of a local charity that accepts gently used items?  
Let us know and we can put the word out for you.

The town has started a new contract with our Trash Hauler. The start time for the main state roads is now 5 AM for safety reasons. The start time for residential streets remains at 6 AM.

Reduce Contamination in the Recycling Totes  
Styrofoam is NOT recyclable. Black Plastic containers are NOT recyclable. Shredded Paper is NOT recyclable. These items go into the trash bin.

Plastic bags do not belong in the recycle bin. Do not put your recyclables in a plastic bag into the recycle bin. Bring your plastic bags to our town plastic film collection sites or back to a bag collection bin at your local store.  
RecycleCT has a new App! Download yours now at [www.recyclect.com](http://www.recyclect.com)  
RecycleCT lets you know if an item is allowed in the recycle bin.

HazWaste Central is open 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,  
Note: Center will be closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend.  
**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](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com)  
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](http://townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx) or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.

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Food available for purchase  
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## FUN & FITNESS - KIDS!

Ages 6 - 9 — STW Community Center  
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 2: August 16-August 20

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

\$155/res \$160/nr

Instructor: Slamma Jamma Coaches



## BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

Ages 12 - 15 — STW Community Center

Saturday, August 14 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$65/res \$70/nr

Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4

Description: Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)

## COLLEGE STUDENT SELF DEFENCE

STW Community Center

Tuesday, August 24 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$10 per person

Instructor: Stephen Stern, Common Sense Fitness

This class is designed to introduce participants to basic techniques that one can use to defend oneself physically and to win a fight in a dangerous or potentially lethal situation. This class focuses on building the student's confidence in their ability to defend themselves and in encouraging a defiant and aggressive attitude toward an attacker.



## Zumba Classes!

Monday's & Thursday's

**\$10 per class**

Ages 18+ - STW Community Center Multipurpose Court  
5:45pm - 6:45pm—Must register 24 hours in advance

Instructor: Marina Rossi

## BUS TRIPS

### ONE WORLD

September 22, 2021 - \$118/res \$123/nr



- Admission to 9/11 Museum
- Free time at Chelsea market
- Admission to World Trade center

Depart: 8:00am Estimated Return: 8:15pm

### COLORS OF VT

October 6, 2021 - \$108/res \$113/nr

- Trip to Hawkins house
- Bennington battle monument
- Lunch
- Visit to the Apple barn



Depart: 7:00am Estimated Return: 8:00pm

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## SENIOR CENTER

### WELCOME SARAH!



We would like to introduce you to Sarah Brown, our new full-time Senior Center Program Coordinator!

Sarah has been part of the Northford community for 15 years, has studied therapeutic recreation, and is thrilled to be joining the Parks, Recreation & Senior Center Team!

Kathy has shifted to the part-time senior position, which will give her more time with her family.

As we transition back to traditional programming, keep an eye out for new and exciting opportunities. And don't forget to stop by and welcome Sarah!

## BUS TRIPS

### HUDSON RIVER CRUISE

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 9:30am—7:30pm

\$132 resident \$137 nr

Enjoy a pre-cruise lunch at Shadows on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY. This breathtaking waterfront restaurant is perched on a cliff of forty feet above the Hudson River with truly grand views. In the afternoon, it's all aboard the Rip Van Winkle for a river cruise departing from Kingston, NY heading south to Hyde Park and return. Our narrated cruise will take us by beautiful views of Hudson River lighthouses, waterfront mansions and other amazing sites as we lazily glide along the water.

### RIDE AND DINE ALONG NARRAGANSETT BAY

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 • 8:45 am—6:30pm

\$130 resident \$135 nr

All aboard for a nostalgic **train ride** on the Newport & Narragansett Bay Railroad along the Aquidneck Island with views of Narragansett Bay. Ride and dine on vintage streamlined era passenger cars for a fun **lunch train** experience. See how the railroad helped to build Newport into the premier destination that it is today. Advance choice of a **Bistro Lunch** with Dessert. Time to wander around **downtown Newport** before we head home.



## 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!*

### MIDMORNING ACTIVITIES

#### TUESDAYS

Corn Hole with Jerry at 10:30am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Cards & Games at 10:30am

#### THURSDAYS

Bingo - 10:30am

#### FRIDAYS

Grocery Shopping—9am

Please register for all activities in advance either by going to [nbrecreation.com](http://nbrecreation.com) 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 appointments. Please let us know if you need wheel chair services when you call.



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Interested in Girl Scouts? Please join us!

Questions? Email melissark13@yahoo.com