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NBEF Names 2022 Alan Davis Shining Stars

The North Branford Education Foundation is proud to introduce its 2022 Alan Davis Shining Stars. The honorees are recognized for their contributions to our community, especially to its youth.

This year our program will include information about the probate system and the role which it serves in society today.

The event will take place on Thursday, October 27th at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets can be obtained by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



Frank Forgione has served in numerous roles over the years, endeavoring to make the lives of those around him “a little better.” After 32 years as Probate Judge, he will be retiring at the end of this year.

Frank grew up in Branford and moved to North Branford in the 1980’s and currently resides in Branford. His daughter, Kate, graduated from North Branford High School and works as a nurse in the neo-natal intensive care unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She will complete the graduate degree program at Northeastern University as an Advanced Practice Nurse in 2023.

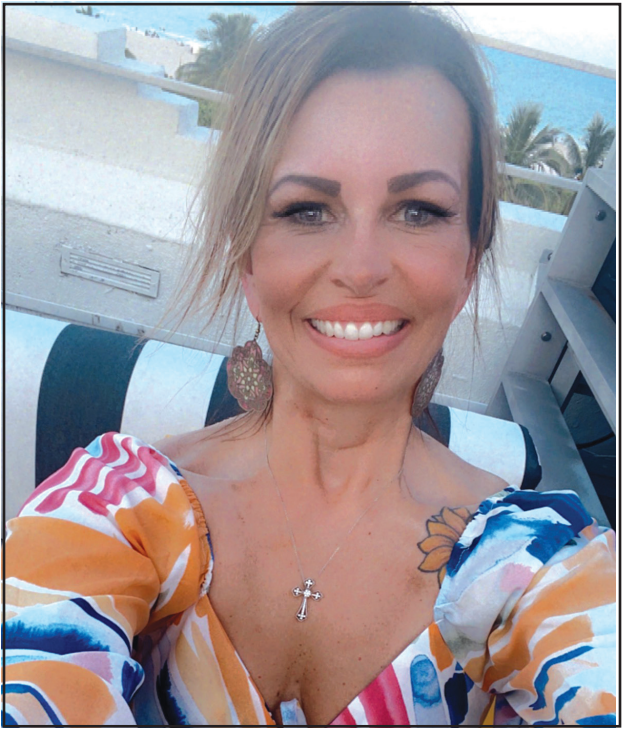
Frank has had a local law practice throughout his career, representing many of our residents over the years. At the start of his legal career, he also spent time volunteering at the Branford Counseling Center, which led to his pursuit of a master’s degree in social work and work as a clinical therapist in addition to his law practice. The combination of the legal and social work experiences has proven to be the ideal background for his service as Probate Judge. Frank’s commitment to children and families led to his participation in the development of the New Haven Regional Children’s Probate Court which opened in 2004, the first Probate Court in the State of Connecticut dedicated exclusively to children’s matters. He was honored to have been selected to serve as the first administrative judge of

the Children’s Court. In 2006, the Children’s Court received the Innovations Award from the Council of State Governments as one of the eight most innovative projects in the country. The Court has since served as the model for other Children’s Courts throughout the state.

Over the years Frank has been a Rotarian, chamber of commerce member, vice-president of the North Branford Education Foundation and a co-founder and past president of the Food Pantry of North Branford with Lynn Reardon. He has also taught at Quinnipiac University as an adjunct professor. During the holiday season, he can be seen donning a red suit and a long white beard, delivering joy to many children and families.

One of his great passions is baseball. Frank played high school and college baseball and coached local teams as well. He has coached at Choate Rosemary Hall, North Branford High School with Billy Mitchell and Frank Mentone, and American Legion Post 83 with Rich Balzano and Kyle Heins. In 2013, the Post 83 American Legion team, with players from North Branford and Branford, won the state and northeast regional championships, making it all the way to the American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina. A special bonus for Frank was that his nephews, Tyler and Michael, also played for Frank during his tenure as coach of the American Legion team. Frank enjoys an especially close relationship with his brother John, a retired state trooper, who also lives in North Branford.

“I’m certainly going to miss being the Probate Judge. It’s been a great honor to have served the people of Branford and North Branford. I have met so many people and am so grateful for the opportunities that I have had.”



Rita Ney has been a resident of North Branford for 19 years. She and her husband Phil have two children PJ 27 and Mia 25 who both went through the North Branford school system. She also has 3 rescue pups Mushy, Chase and Scarlett.

Rita had a 21 year career in Retail Management which she was blessed to be a part many different community outreach programs. Rita has worked alongside of Habitat for Humanity to renovate a wounded female veterans home in CT, participated in Earth Day clean-up, volunteered at The Children’s Center in Hamden CT, renovated The Coast Guard Auxiliary after it was completely destroyed in 2012 from Hurricane Sandy and volunteered at the Norwich soup kitchen.

Rita has been active in the community for many years. She has been on the Board of Directors for Food Pantry of North Branford since 2016 with her current role as President. As you can imagine during the pandemic FPNB had been faced with many challenges to include food supply and how to distribute in a “safe” way for all involved. During Covid the one thing that we were all sure of was we must put ourselves on the front line for those who are facing food insecurities. She wants it to be known that she would be remiss if she didn’t mention the Board of Directors who selflessly put themselves on the front lines as “essential” volunteers. She has also volunteered for Project Graduation, Matt’s Mission and Our Community Hero’s Inc.

Rita has played a key role in organizing a NBPD parade along with a Fire/Rescue parade in her neighborhood recognizing our “essential” workers during a very difficult time.



Lori Connelly has been a resident of Northford since 2010. She is married to her husband Ryan Connelly and has three children, Tyler (TJ), Kylie and Emma. Lori is a graduate of the class of 1999 from Daniel Hand High School in Madison CT, where she was an active member in the band, chorus, wind ensemble and drama club as well as an athlete on both the field hockey and lacrosse teams. After graduation she attended Wheaton College for one year before transferring and earning her Bachelors of Science degree in Mathematics Education at Southern CT State University. Lori played both Field hockey and lacrosse in college and was captain of the lacrosse team in both her junior and senior year. She is still noted as the athlete to score the first goal for the SCSU Owls Girls lacrosse team, a memory she holds near and dear to her heart. After graduating in 2003 as a distinguished Barnard Scholar for the State of CT, she

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was offered a job at North Branford High School as a mathematics teacher. In 2006 she graduated again from SCSU with a Master of Science in Mathematics.

After accepting the job at NBHS and having her name go out as a new hire on the back to school letter that gets mailed out to staff every August, she was quickly contacted by two important people that have helped shape her life. The first one was Babby Nuhn, the legendary Field Hockey coach for North Branford who she always looked up to as a player and Cliff Yerkes who was her freshman lacrosse coach at Hand and the first one to actually teach her the game itself. Both people offered her coaching positions on their teams which was nothing that she had ever considered doing, but an opportunity she quickly accepted. Since those phone calls Lori has been coaching both the sports she loves and has never stopped.

Lori has spent 14 years as an assistant coach of the NBHS Field Hockey Team (2004-2017) and 6 years as a volunteer coach (2003, 2018-2022). She has also been with the NBHS girls lacrosse team for 20 years, her first year as assistant coach in 2004 and then as head coach to this present day with the help of her husband and longtime assistant coach Ryan and new assistant coach and former player Joanna Phabmixay. As a coach of both teams she has been a part of donating to many charities both nationally and locally, most recently collecting food for the North Branford food pantry at one of their night lacrosse games. During her coaching career she has won several lacrosse awards including, CIAC coach of the year in 2011, Shoreline Conference coach of the year in both 2018 and 2019 and USA Lacrosse Connecticut coach of the year in both 2018 and 2021, all for her dedication to the love and growth of the game.

Over the years Lori has given back to the lacrosse

community in a number of ways. In 2008 she volunteered to be the Co-president of the Connecticut High School Women's Lacrosse Association, a position she still currently holds today. She is also currently the CIAC class S representative for girls lacrosse and the girls lacrosse sports committee chair for the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. She has held both of these positions for several years. She has also volunteered numerous times to coach CT teams at the National Tournament both in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Lori has also been very involved in the youth lacrosse program in town. In 2004/2005 when she took over the High School team as head coach she also started a youth lacrosse program in town that she ran through the recreation department for a few years. After that with the help of some fathers in town (Todd Ingarr and Tom Wilkinson) they were able to form the North Branford Youth Lacrosse Association that still runs in town today with President Neil LeBeau. This allowed Lori to take a step back from coaching youth and just organize the youth officials needed for the program to run. In 2013 however, Lori and her husband got back into coaching youth lacrosse on the boys side when their son Tyler began playing in Kindergarten. They remained coaching on the boys side for a few years until Lori moved back over with girls to coach their daughters. Currently Lori is still coaching in the girls youth program and still does the youth officiating along with scheduling for the girls teams. As for other organizations she is involved in, she holds a board position for the Greater New Haven Warriors youth hockey organization and is also coach for the DewLax CT, formally Dodgers, club lacrosse team out of Avon Connecticut.

Lori's latest endeavor for the town of North Branford was in 2018 when she became the high school's athletic director, a position she still currently holds. Lori is still teaching Math for North Branford High School (AP Calc and PreCalculus Honors) while also being the AD. Lori really enjoys both of her jobs at the high school as it is the mix of all her favorite loves in life. Lori's life is sometimes crazy and overwhelming, but she seems to enjoy finding balance in the chaos.



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State Representative Vincent Candelora
Wait-and-See Approach on Home Heating Crisis is Risky Policy



If the Farmer’s Almanac is a reliable indicator, it looks as though Mother Nature will serve up a difficult winter for New Englanders. Here in Connecticut, where the Almanac predicts snowflakes by early November, it appears government will do little to make life a bit easier for those worried about how they’ll cover the cost of heating their homes as temperatures cool.

As it stands, Democrats in Washington D.C. will supply the state with less federal money for heating assistance than last year, shutting off pandemic-driven funding increases. Gov. Lamont has (FY23) plans to disperse around \$79 million for the state’s Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program—less than pre-pandemic levels—compared to last year’s \$140 million. The poorest families would see their home heating oil assistance reduced to \$1,890, down from \$4,825 last year and \$2,980 pre-pandemic. This couldn’t come at a worse time.

As you know, and even feel, the cost of living here has grown untenable for so many residents who rightly feel as if they’ve been overtaxed by state government. Home heating costs are surging, a fact that Sen. Richard Blumenthal described during a recent news conference on the topic. The cost of filling a home heating oil tank is dramatically more than last year, and it could get worse.

Right now, Connecticut Republicans and Democrats have differing viewpoints on how to address the problem. Our majority party colleagues are taking a wait-and-see approach, hoping the federal government will sprinkle more money on the state. Republicans, meanwhile, think that path is problematic. We could be halfway through the winter before a federal solution like that falls into place, and people who need relief now will feel considerable financial pain along the way.

Republicans proposed using roughly \$120 million of a \$163 million slush fund that Democrats stuck inside the budget for the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development. That generically titled line item—CT Invest—has already been tapped once already to help make Bridgeport whole under the Democrats’ car tax cap scheme, but that’s another topic altogether.

Aside from restoring funding to deliver home heating assistance amounts at FY22 levels for Connecticut’s poorest residents, our plan would also expand home heating assistance to middle-income families by providing a flat \$330 benefit to households making between 61 and 120 percent of the state median income. This would reach a family of four earning \$150,000 or less. Similarly-positioned renters would see an expanded benefit under our plan, too.

Democrats, during a recent committee meeting on the topic, rejected our proposal on procedural grounds, refusing to even hold a vote on it.

Considering the severity of the problem that lies ahead, Republicans countered by launching an effort to create a special legislative session on the issue.

At the moment, the governor and General Assembly Democrats are content with the situation and have shown no interest in a solution-focused session. Will that change over the next couple of weeks, will the legislature’s majority party suddenly exchange its reactionary approach for proactive maneuvering? I wouldn’t bet on it.

After all, at the state capitol—epicenter of the Land of Steady Habits—the business-as-usual attitude is as strong as the tradition that drives the Farmer’s Almanac.

For the Health of it!
Are You Ready to Get Fit For Fall?



Before you answer, let’s talk about what it actually means to “be fit” What fitness means to each is unique and seems to define and shape personal goals. How often have you heard someone say, I need to get fit? How often have you said it yourself? Chances are each time those words are spoken, they take on a different meaning depending on who is speaking them and why. The media often sells fitness as having 6 pack

CONSTITUENT CORNER
By State Senator Christine Cohen



A North Branford resident recently wrote me asking about the maintenance and management of state roads regarding traffic enforcement, pedestrian safety and other issues. This is really a fascinating topic because state roads running through our towns are something we don’t think about very often.

For background, there are 21,195 miles of public roads in Connecticut, and the state DOT is responsible for maintaining 3,729 miles of that – about 17.6%, or one out of every five and a half miles of roadway. In North Branford, there are 98 miles of public road, and the state maintains 21 miles of that, or about 21.3%.

Of course local roadways are the places where we often see an “intersection” of people and vehicular traffic, though they should never, ever come in contact with each other. Unfortunately, this is not the case lately.

In just the first five months of 2022, there have been 20 deaths in Connecticut from wrong-way crashes - more than the previous two full years combined. And 2021 was the second-worst year for traffic deaths on our state roads, with 326 traffic deaths statewide, including people in cars, pedestrians, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and crashes at roadside work zones.

Fortunately, we had the foresight in the most recent state budget to address this issue. We budgeted \$20 million for new wrong-way driver technology, and the State Bond Commission just voted to release that money. The new funds will allow the DOT to install very bright, flashing red LED lights on highway exit ramps that illuminate when a 360-degree camera system detects a motorist driving the wrong way.

Connecticut and the federal governments also make routine, massive investments in local and state highway and bridge maintenance and construction. Connecticut approved \$60 million worth of town aid road (TAR) grants in 2021, and the bipartisan Infrastructure Act that President Biden just signed into law will bring about \$4 billion to Connecticut over the next five years for our highways and bridges. That’s the single largest dedicated federal bridge investment since President Eisenhower created the interstate highway system in 1956.

Transportation is a local-state-federal team effort, but we’re getting it done!

abs or defines health as a number on the scale making it seem like attaining that goal will always be out of reach for the average person. The word fitness is multidimensional and encompasses so much more.

To make a point I took a brief survey among a diverse group of individuals ranging in age from single digits to 90’s. Each was asked one simple question, what does “being fit” mean to you? The answers varied and I was pleasantly surprised at the answers. Below is a sampling of responses. You are bound to resonate with one or more.

Since healthy habits are best formed at an early age, we’ll start with a pair of siblings ages 7 and 10 respectively who are well on their way!

“Fit is eating healthy like water and bananas and playing soccer or, to fit someplace like you can sit there. You fit, like the cat.”

“Being fit means staying active like playing sports and taking hikes, riding bikes and working out. Being fit could be different for everyone.”

The insight of the teen group was refreshing since body image and peer pressure to look a certain way is all too common at that age. Here’s what the teenagers surveyed had to say.

“Being fit is the same as being “in shape”, like someone who works out a healthy amount and has a healthy diet.”

“To me it means working towards your own standard and goals to feel the best physically and mentally. Being fit is different to everyone because perception of the word is unique to the individual. I think being fit ultimately is achieving your goals through maintaining healthier habits and showing up for yourself in all different kinds of ways.”

Being fit to me means being the best version of you- healthy mentally & physically. Being fit doesn’t come easily and not everyone is born “fit”. Dif-

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ferent body types look different being fit. It's something you work toward and feel good doing."

This positive theme continues with the following definition from a 26 year old who points out fitness goes beyond the physical aspect. "Being fit to me means being the best and most healthy version of yourself both physically and mentally."

One reply in the 30 something age group was "Being fit is staying active by getting some form of physical activity or exercise on a regular basis" while another sums it up in one word, "healthy".

Somehow I skipped the 40's all together (which wasn't intentional) so we will move right into the 50's and beyond where lifestyle begins to emerge as a common thread as well as having energy and sharing it with others.

(Age 55) "To me fitness is lifestyle, routine, exercise, eating right. You either use it or lose it".

"When I feel fit, it means I feel healthy and positive, both emotionally and physically. I am able to take on challenges without worry and support others to feel the same. In other words, strive to create a healthy environment."

"My idea of being fit means I am energized. I feel good in my clothes and in my skin. I feel light."

"A big part of being fit, to me, means to gladly meet up with friends for a walk or a hike or a random class and being physically able to do so. It means healthy eating and meditation and other forms of self-care such as yoga."

"At the age of 67, eating well, drinking a lot of water, being able to walk 4 miles at a clip without being winded, staying within my weight range, keeping up with the grandkids (although my hopscotch days are over) and keeping an active sex life."

One person, age 74, defines being fit as "being in shape" while another shares wisdom about listening to what the body is saying.

"Being Fit means being able to listen to the stories the body tells you about its care and well being. How a body reacts to its internal and external stimulus is a delicate balance of its physical, emotional and spiritual state(s). Knowing how to live in harmony with your needs, limits, and limitations is the key to true fitness."

And lastly, a dynamic almost 96 year old who stays sharp by keeping up on current events, balanced with a good dose of old time feel good movies and staying in touch with relatives, further illustrates the point.

"It means you have to move around. Move your legs and feet even while sitting. Walk even with a walker. Very important to help you live longer."

I hope you were encouraged, motivated and/or validated by this wisdom through the ages. My takeaway is that fitness is an eternal work in progress. It evolves and changes but never ends. If obstacles come our way we can still continue to live our best lives despite those limitations. We're never too young to start or too old to continue. Your personal best level of "being fit" is attainable and sustainable at every age.

So are you ready to get fit for fall *and beyond*? Check out the link below for a free 50 minute workshop offered by 2 well-respected Nutritionists. It gives insight into why ditching the "diet" mindset is so important. I think you're going to love it! <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/nitronutrition>

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Well Brother, it's been a while and this might take a couple of letters to get you all the information. After talking about it for years, we finally bit the financial and anxiety bullet (you know how I am about traveling) and went on the trip to Alaska. After planning for six months and changing my mind three times more than that, we departed for Newark Airport.

The traffic was a bit hectic, but we made the 2 1/2 hour trip in 3 1/2 hours and found a nice Italian restaurant to start the vacation. The hotel was nice and at 2:00am the shuttle took us to the airport. I was reluctant to leave my baby unattended for two weeks in an unknown place but my 2012 Honda Pilot released me with good wishes.

Newark Airport is not very large and we navigated through security, checked in our luggage and made it to the gate for another hurry up and wait scenario. Everything was on time and just before boarding they announced a security issue would delay the takeoff by an hour. Just as I was starting to back down wondering who found the bomb (you know I always fear the worse) we found out they didn't think the plane was clean enough to depart so they called in Mr. Clean and the gang.

With a fear that we would miss the connector flight we reluctantly got on the plane with assurances we would make the connecting flight. As the plane taxied around the runway, I became suspicious when the pilot turned off his engine. Apparently, there was a broken down plane blocking the runway and we would be delayed another hour. More time cramped into a small spot and now we would definitely miss the connector in Toronto.

The stress level was shooting through the roof. They tried to calm my panic by reassuring us that we did have a new connector flight and we would make it to Vancouver in time to make the ship. All their reassurances only raised my level of anxiety. There was also a three hour layover prior to the connection.(you know I've always been a patient man).

In Toronto (the connector) the customs should have made me relax but they did not make me feel safer. Take off your shoes, put the cane on the conveyor, go to the right because of your pacemaker and get patted down. The cane is a solid piece of wood but they wanted to make sure there was nothing inside it. The patting down was a thing of beauty.

"Would you like to go in the corner and do this in private," they asked. Great choice. Have them feel me up in front of everyone or take me in the back room. I chose to take the public pat down. He touched parts of me that I can't even reach anymore. He checked my hands for gun residue. If I didn't have a gun after all the checks and double checks, what was the difference if I had fired one before I got on the plane.

Obviously, everything checked out and I was on my way. I sensed something wrong getting on the plane but I was trying to relax. Then it hit me. When they switched our connecting flight they gave me a window seat. My mind strayed to the years when you use to call me tiny. Even as I took up half of SueAnn's seat the window seat was torture. Being claustrophobic turned me into a sweaty, shaky, basket case. I got cramps where I didn't know I had anything to cramp. I couldn't move and it was not good.

The friendly skies were no longer friendly, I was no longer united with these people. I took an aisle seat for a reason but they never thought to check. I might as well have been in a straight jacket. I did unhook my jacket once to visit the restroom (why do they call it rest?). After bumping into everyone I passed, I finally made it there. I thought maybe I would be able to stretch but the only stretching I got was to unzip my pants.

Well, I was finally able to disembark(a word used far too often in the fourteen day excursion) and the walk to the ship on painful legs was excruciating. All I could think of was why did I do this? What was I thinking? Am I too old and fat for a trip of this nature?

As a goal oriented person I was determined to make the trek to the finish line. Besides, there was no way I was getting back on a plane so quickly after getting here. One of the cruise staff asked me if I wanted to sit and brought me over a chair. I don't know where they got the chair but I think it might have held one of my grandsons but even that was not a definite.

I finally made it to the destination where Sue (travel agent and cousin) met us at the gate and took us to safety where Joe (cousin and Sue's husband) had secured us a spot at the bar.

Never one to drink because of the diabetes, high blood pressure and pacemaker, I threw down three glasses of wine in about three minutes and it was time for the fun to begin. A Princess cruise to Alaska. Let's go baby.

Well that's it for now. More to come in future letters as I haven't even gotten to the good parts yet.

Take care, give my best to the family and I'll see you soon.

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A Special Person is Missed by Many



Terri L. Esposito of Northford, died peacefully at her home after a long courageous battle with cancer, on August 14, 2022, with her loving family by her side. She was the wife of James. V. Esposito.

Terri was born in New Haven on April 2, 1956, to the late George and Marion Lawrence. She worked at OF Mossberg and later at DiNatale Construction prior to owning and operating T & J's Launderette, where she enjoyed talking and helping her customers who became friends throughout the years. She loved being at the Launderette!

When Terri and her husband were recognized as Shining Stars by the North Branford Education Foundation she humbly stated, "Our business often serves as a sounding board for our community. We love being here for our neighbors as they have always been here for us".

Terri was a kind, gentle and loving person to everyone she met. She was strong-willed and always had a smile on her face, a smile that was infectious to those around her. She was blessed with a great loving and supportive family who stood by her throughout her illness. One of her greatest joys was hanging on the patio in the summer with her family, sharing a meal and just being together. She was the loving mother of James V. Esposito, Jr. (Sadie Hartell); and sister of George (Jeannie) Lawrence.

The community has lost a great positive influence and she is missed by many.

Former NB Little Leaguer Flying High

US Navy Lieutenant Brendan "B-Mac" McCarthy performed the flyover for the Major League Baseball Little League Classic between the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 21. He was assigned to the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten (VT-10) at Naval Air Station Pensacola as an instructor pilot in the T-6A Texan II.

Prior to making his debut in the Major Leagues, B-Mac was coached by legendary North Branford Little League coaches Vincent Rapuano (Vinny Rap), Tom Kelly (TK), and Billy Mitchell. B-Mac was a generational two way player (2B/RHP) for Bobby's Apizza in the late 1990's, before shocking fans and inexplicably retiring due to an inherent inability to hit breaking balls. He is believed to be the first North Branford Little League alum to have appeared in a Major League Baseball flyover.



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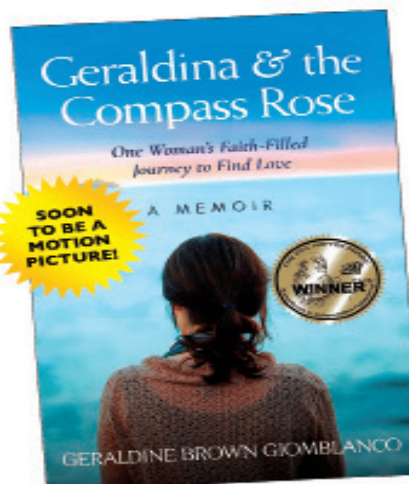
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Director of The Entrepreneurial Center
for Small Business Development

How often have you asked yourself, as you engaged in some activity you love, "I wonder if I could make money at this?" This webinar provides the guidance, encouragement and support you need to discover your passion and to transform that passion into a money-making activity.

Topics include understanding the nature of being passionate about what you know and what you do; brainstorming; mind mapping; goal charting, and developing your passion into a business. Q&A to follow presentation.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 • 6:30 PM

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Diamond Club to hold Hall of Fame Dinner

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club will hold its annual Hall of Fame Induction dinner to honor those who have contributed to baseball in the area.

It will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Monticello's Restaurant, 577 S. Broad Street, Meriden,

CT. Hors d'oeuvres will be at 5:30 p.m. Dinner follows promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Those being inducted include **DONNA CALDEIRA** of New Haven, long-time volunteer for the Dom Aitro LL program; **BOB CUOZZO** of West Haven, long-time coach and volunteer for West Haven Little League; **"The Coach" GEORGE DEMAIO** of West Haven, local broadcaster of high school sports; **TONY GOLINO** (posthumously) of New Haven, former high school and local athlete; **STEVE REILLY** of Derby, volunteer high school assistant coach and longtime volunteer broadcaster and assistant broadcaster of Connecticut High School and American Legion baseball games; and **DAVE RYAN** (posthumously) of Milford, former American Legion baseball coach in Orange for almost two decades.

DAVE PITTMAN of New Haven will be inducted as the recipient of the Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award.

HARRY O'NEILL, long-time coach and volunteer for the Hamden Fathers Baseball/Softball Association, will be inducted as the recipient of the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

Anyone needing tickets can contact Rose Mentone at rmentone@comcast.net on or before October 6, 2022. Tickets are \$60 per person and include a family style served dinner. Children's meals are available at a price of \$25.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, go to our website at <http://www.southernctdiamondclub.org/hall-of-Fame.html> and press Add to Cart to order tickets either through PayPal or by credit card.

T-Birds fall short in Opener

With all the scoring taking place in the second quarter, North Branford High School Football team lost their home opener to Valley Regional/Old Lyme by a score of 13-7.

Senior quarterback Mason Provencher was 3 for 3 and freshman AJ Sigel was 4-6, while running one in for a touchdown. Both quarterbacks threw for 37 yards. Sophomore Tommy Hansen was the workhorse carrying the ball 19 times for 135 yards.

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Marine Navigation Course in Branford

An in-person class offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, starts Wed., Oct. 12 for eight weeks. **Register and pay by Oct. 5.** Location: West Marine, 33 Business Park Drive, Branford. When: Wednesdays, Oct. 12 thru Dec. 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$181. The non-member price includes a one-year membership in New Haven Sail and Power Squadron. Class size is limited. For questions and to register, contact: Past Commander Peter DePascale 203-671-2420 (leave message) or email bathworksinc@gmail.com.

This course covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation for the recreational boater with GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

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**North Branford Rotary Club
to Hold Shredding Event
Saturday October 1st 9-12
North Branford Town Hall
\$10 per box**

Do you need to clean out old documents on an annual basis? No matter what volume of paper or material you need destroyed, please come to the North Branford Town Hall and shred your archived files. All money from this event goes back into the town in the form of high school scholarships, Clothes for Kids, North Branford Senior Picnic, Christmas Tree Lighting event, the local Food Bank and many other ways.

If you have any questions, please email donna@christensenlandscape.com or call (203) 996-0575.

PHOTO Attached : North Branford Rotarians are looking forward to seeing you again this year!

Women’s Club Welcome Back Meeting

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC will hold its “Welcome Back” meeting on Tuesday, September 20th, 7pm at StanleyT. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT. Guests are welcome to attend! The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut Federation of Women’s Clubs. Check us out on Facebook: Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

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Animal Awareness Day

Sunday, October 2, 2022
12:00 Noon – 4 P.M.

On The Branford Town Green
rain or shine



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Farm River Wildlife Rescue - meet their Opossum Ambassador
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Dual AAD & 25th Anniversary Gala Platinum Sponsors
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For more info: www.branfordcompassionclub.org



Recycling News

The leaf drop off will open for the season on October 15th.

Hazwaste Central will be closing for the year in October.

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters,
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven
Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 29th.

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

Gather your household chemicals so they can be disposed of properly to protect our drinking water. Anything poured down into the storm drains goes into your ground water. Chemicals put into the trash can leach into the ground water where the trash is stored or gets into the air if the trash is burned.

To find the complete list and the registration form go to Hazwaste at rwater.com or call 203-401-2712.

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

You can find a home for your used furniture!!

You can post on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#). Or, post on the New Haven, East Haven or Milford Freecycle.org site.

Or, you can look up furniture 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 pick up large items.

Or, post it on Facebook Marketplace.

Please don’t leave items on the curb for weeks.

Bulk pickup isn’t until November.

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com. They also have an app.

Plastic Film 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](#)

The Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members.

We are on the lookout for someone who is concerned about recycling and is willing to spend a little time each month helping out at our recycling events.

We especially need someone who can help our schools with recycling.

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

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, October 28th at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The theme for the Whist is Halloween. Wearing of costumes is encouraged (but optional)!! We are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Anyone either wearing a costume or donating to the

Food Pantry will receive a ticket towards our raffle. There will be plenty of beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area. Entry is \$12.00/pp. You can either contact Elissa @ (203) 793-7180 to reserve your space or use our Venmo @ NorthfordWomens-Club





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Sunday, October 9, 2022. 3:00

***Author Joanna Leone "Slices of Life:
Italian American Stories!"***

Tuesday, October 11, 2022. 7:00

Author Rich Biondi - Italian boxers in the greater New Haven Area

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 7:00

***Author Leo Marino "Amongst the Smoke Stacks in New Haven"
Growing up in Wooster Square, Gangs in Connecticut***

Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:00

***Fried Dough Pizza night. Enjoy fried dough pizza for just \$6.00 per
pizza along with desserts and a free movie on our Italian Heritage.***

Friday, October 14, 2022 6:00 - 8:00PM

Cooking Demonstrations(Visit our website for demos and times)

Saturday, October 15, 2022. 9:00AM - 3:00PM



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with a Brunch and Fashion Show featuring the fall and holiday styles of Carol's
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& Daughters of Italy #2805. www.northhavenlodge2805.club***



Grace Marx Colonial Dinner Fundraiser

The **Totoket Historical Society** will host its annual “Grace Marx Colonial Dinner” on Oct. 9 in two ways this year. You may eat in the historic Reynolds-Beers House at the 1:00 p.m. seating **OR** your dinner can be delivered to your car in the Reynolds-Beers House parking lot from 4:00 through 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person and is the main fundraiser for the Society. Please consider helping us keep the Totoket Historical Society functioning as a member of the North Branford/Northford community.

The menu includes a roasted Cornish game hen glazed with cider sauce, parsley potatoes, apple-squash bake, succotash and slices of pear and cranberry breads. For dessert there is pumpkin cake with whipped cream or dusted with powdered sugar. This menu is representative of a meal from North Branford’s colonial days.

For reservations and information, call Donna at 203 641-7878. After making your reservation, checks can be sent to the Totoket Historical Society at P.O. Box 491, Northford, CT 06472.

NBLCT Ribbon Cutting of New Bridge



Join the Land Trust on Saturday, September 24 at 9:30am for a ribbon cutting of our new bridge and trail at Harrison Farm Preserve.

The bridge and trail built by NBLCT volunteers connects the Harrison Farm Preserve to a half-mile tract of RWA land. As part of our partnership with RWA, a

portion of the yellow trail is now located on RWA “Class 3” (non-watershed) land, allowing a much longer hike into a portion of the RWA forest with larger, older trees.

An optional hike on the new yellow trail extension will follow the ribbon cutting.

NOTE - A half mile walk, from the trail kiosk, is required to reach the bridge.

Directions to Harrison Farm Preserve:

Near the end of North Street in North Branford, bear right, at the fork, go up the hill and follow the signs toward Harrison Farm Preserve. You may want to park on North Street.

Above photo: Mike Querfeld and Rick Dwyer pose by their handy-work.



Albert R. Celotto, 90, of Northford passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 3rd, 2022 at Mid-State Medical Center, Meriden with his family by his side. He was the husband of 65 years to Arlene I. DeMayo Celotto. Albert was born in New Haven on September 28, 1931 and was the son of the late Umberto and Concetta Scalese Celotto. He had worked as a Construction Superintendent for Blakeslee, Arpaia & Chapman for many years until his retirement. Albert was a longtime parishioner of St. Monica’s Church and enjoyed being with his family who he loved unconditionally. Father of David Celotto (Michele Gravino) and Paul Celotto (Kim). Grandfather of Skyler and Cisco Celotto. Brother of Annie Ruocco and the late Charles, Salvatore, Harry, Ralph and Frank Celotto, Lena Drago, Vivian Sinese, Angie Nunzianto and Rosie Bolzar. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

Hope Christian Church to Participate in National Back to Church Sunday,

NORTH HAVEN CT – “Back to Church Sunday,” part of a national movement of churches across America, will be held at Hope Christian Church in North Haven CT, September 18 at 10AM.

Could you use a new place to hang out and make new friends? Somewhere your family can be accepted, explore your faith and be involved? Then come visit us this weekend. We are a church that’s all about building relationships, raising strong families, and staying connected to the community, and to God.

For Back to Church Sunday, Hope Christian Church will have a special service that features: An opportunity to grow closer to God, A special program for children and Potluck lunch

“We believe that the local church can be a great catalyst for personal and spiritual, family and physical healing. We’re a vibrant local church with people just like you who desire to live authentically and grow spiritually. Our passion is to be a lighthouse of Grace and Hope to our community, our vision is simple, “Realpeople, Realhope, Reallife” (Pastor Jim Detweiler)

This year’s theme is “Hope happens here”. We will be having a water baptism service.

Come check us out—we’d love to meet you. Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave. North Haven, CT. 06473

For more information: www.hopeag.com or call 203-234-7328.

United Methodist Church, October Festival

Branford, CT: The “Church on the Rock” in Branford will hold its first **October Festival** on **Saturday, October 15, 2022**, from 9:00am to 2:00 pm at 811 East Main Street (Route 1).

“This is a new twist on the Holiday Fair we’ve usually held later in the fall,” explains UMCB Pastor Kent Jackson. “We are moving outside this year and look forward to meeting our neighbors from near and far! It’s not exactly a ‘front yard,’ but the church parking lot will serve as the location for meeting friends, sharing delicious food, and finding treasures. “

A highlight of the outdoor event will be hand-crafted items from local crafters, plus tag sale vendors and UMCB’s Granny’s Cellar—always stocked with great second-hand finds! There will plenty of kids’ activities, with popcorn, cotton candy, candy apples, and more.

There’s even something for the furry family members! Stop by the Pet Table to pick up homemade doggie treats, bedding, toys, and more. Visitors can cast a ballot to crown the best entry from a pumpkin patch filled with hand-made scarecrows. Liven up your décor with something from our house plant sale - some in decorative planters, others ready to plan in your favorite pot. All plants have been hand-propagated by UMCB church member Ruby L.

Feeling hungry? Check out the UMCB Bake Sale, featuring the church’s signature Apple Crisp dessert. “It will be memorable by size and content!” promises Festival Chairperson Diane Nerkowski. Or swing by Big Bob’s Grill for a hamburger or hotdog.

For more information, please contact the church at (203) 673-9485 or umcbranford1966@gmail.com.

Witnesses Return to Knocking on Doors

Jehovah’s Witnesses have resumed their trademark door-to-door ministry on September. The two-and-a-half-year suspension of the work has ended just in time for the launch of a global campaign featuring an interactive program for Bible study.

The decision to resume their door-to-door ministry marks the complete restoration of all pre-pandemic in-person activities for the nearly 1.3 million Jehovah’s Witnesses in the 12,000 congregations in the United States. Houses of worship (called Kingdom Halls) were reopened on April 1, witnessing in public places resumed on May 31 and in-person conventions are again being planned for 2023.

“I am excited to be back out to show people we care and to offer comfort — it has been a tough time for everybody,” said Joseph Callipari, from Meriden, Connecticut, as he gets ready to be out knocking on doors again. Before the pandemic he enjoyed visiting his neighbors in the evening hours. “I remember how sharing something positive with people made their day.”

The return to an in-person ministry coincides with a global campaign to offer an interactive Bible study program, available in hundreds of languages and offered at no cost. The course comes in the form of a printed book, online publication or as an embedded feature within the organization’s free mobile application, JW Library. Released in late 2020, the interactive study platform combines text, video, illustrations, and digital worksheets to help learners of all ages.

For more information about Jehovah’s Witnesses, their history, beliefs, and activities, visit their official website, jw.org, with content available in more than 1,000 languages.

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 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 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. 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 is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, 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). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St.Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higganum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are welcome! St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at <https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.org> Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

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.Sunday Worship at 9:15, coffee and fellowship follow. Masks are required in worship while North Branford is in the ‘red’ zone for COVID positivity. Worship is also accessible through Facebook Live. ALL are invited. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. www.zionepiscopal.org

Christmas Craft Fair – Tables Available

We are pleased to announce the St. Ambrose Christmas Craft Fair is back! The craft fair will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The fair will feature handcrafted items by local artisans, a baked goods table, raffles, face painting and more. Come and enjoy! Tables are still available. Call Lucille to rent a table at 203-484-9737 or the parish office for additional information 203-484-0403

Church Seeking Tag Sale Vendors

The United Methodist Church, Branford seeks *VENDORS/TAG SALE*ERS for its first October Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 811 East Main Street, Branford. Parking lot spaces are \$25; reserve two spots for just \$40. This is a terrific opportunity to show off your special wares or just dispose of some of your treasures. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. Space is limited, so reserve your space now. To reserve your space, contact Rosemary Luzzi at (203) 589-1620 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

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Ages 5-14 at STW Community Center

Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30pm

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

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Kristin Cafferty Kid Art

Local artist and educator Kristin Cafferty brings beautiful, fun, one-lesson projects to ages 7 to 11.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 5:00-6:15pm

Van Gogh Sunflower

Create a gorgeous sunflower collage while learning about artist Vincent Van Gogh

NEW

LET'S DANCE!

NEW

This half hour class is perfect for children ages 2-3. Using age appropriate music and movement, this class promotes early learning skills, listening skills, helps develop motor skills, and engages children in the love of dance at a young age.

Instructor: Brittni D'Urso, Revolution Academy of Dance

Ages 2-3 STW Classroom Tuesdays, Sept 20 - Oct 11 9:00 - 9:30am

Cost \$30 res/ \$35 non-res

Kids Pumpkin Paint Night!

NEW

WITH PAINTED BY THE SHORE

Paint Your Own Pumpkin Workshop

Thursday September, 22 5:00-7:30 PM STW Gym/Cafe

\$19.95 Ages 12 and under! register at paintedbytheshore.com

We recommend bringing pumpkins that are no larger than 8 inches tall/wide.

Pizza - \$5 cash at the door!

TENNIS AT NORTHFORD PARK

Join us for a 6 week introduction to Tennis program at Northford Park! Lessons will be offered with Guilford Racquet & Swim Club Pros once a week for 45 minutes and includes age appropriate skills and drills! Lessons include a Racquet!

Intro to Tennis (Ages 11-13) \$75

Wednesdays 4:30-5:15pm

September 21 - October 26

Intro to Tennis (Ages 5-10) \$75

Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm

September 21 - October 26

FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC

OCT 1-22 8:45 - 9:45AM - NORTH FARMS SOCCER FIELD GRADES 2-8 \$50RES / \$55NR

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

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A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in three evenings

6:00 - 9:00pm - STW Gym/Cafe - \$20/25

Those who successfully complete this course will receive a diploma which can be submitted to CT DEEP, along with the license fee (\$50), to obtain their CT license. This class can be taken by anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Must attend all 3 classes)

All students must bring their Conservation Identification number to the class. Student who have a fishing or hunting license will find the Conservation ID number on their license. Students who do not have a fishing or hunting license can create a free Conservation ID number at ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales

— SENIOR CENTER —

HOEDOWN

Come to our Hoedown! A great time with fabulous food, friends, live music & entertainment!

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

12:00pm - 2:00pm

STW Community Center

\$10 per person 55+

Live Music by Annmarie - 1:00pm

Lead Vocalist of Southern Voice

Pulled pork, salads and all the Fixins!

Pre-registration required by September 16



JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

Wednesdays 1:00—2:00pm STW Classroom FREE

Group facilitator: Bob Johnson

Join us here at the Community Center for a weekly bereavement program.

This program is designed to help those who have lost a loved one and finding it difficult to cope with their loss. There is no charge for this program. Please register, visit nbrecreation.com or call the office (203) 484-6017

MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

Sept 19, Departs STW 8:00am \$15res / \$20 nr

If you are meeting at the STW Community Center, we will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and no packages are being issued out. Please register by 9/12

NEW

CRAFTS WITH KATHY!

Sept 22, 12:45pm FREE



What says FALL decoration more than a bowl made out of leaves!

Register by 9/19

SUMMERTIME SUPPER CLUB

Sept 28, Departs STW 3:30pm Dinner costs on own

Take the senior bus or meet at 4:30pm at 9 East located at 310 E Main St, Branford, for a night of good food with friends! We will be ordering off their menu and get individual checks. Menu at 9eastbranford.com Register by Sept 23rd

MEET & GREET THE CANDIDATES for Probate Judge for North Branford & Branford!

Come with your questions and concerns for the candidates! Registration is required. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Attorney Al Ippolito
Candidate for Probate Judge
9/14/22 - 10:00 - 1130am

Attorney Charles Tiernan
Candidate for Probate Judge
9/21/22 - 10:00 - 1130am

STORMVILLE AIRPORT ANTIQUE SHOW & FLEA MARKET

Oct 8, Departs STW 9:00am Returns 5:30pm \$82res / \$87 nr

Join us at the Airport in Stormville, New York for an antique show and flea market. Attracting over 600 vendors from more than eight states. Great shopping, great food, great family fun! Register by Sept 24th

NEW

THE BIG E!

Wednesday September 21, 2022 \$20res \$25nr

Departs STW at 9:00am Returns 4:00pm

Register by September 16th



The Eastern States Exposition, also known as The Big E, is the largest agricultural event on the East Coast! Please join us on Wednesday, September 21, as we travel to Springfield, MA to celebrate Connecticut Day! Enjoy a day at the fair, explore the New England State buildings, shop the vendors, experience the agricultural events, enjoy the entertainment and dine on some fun fair food!



Polka! Polka!

With The Polka Family Band!

This Band will keep everyone smiling and dancing the entire day!

Family Style: Lemon Chicken/ Pork Schnitzel

October 11, 2022 \$52res/\$57nr

Departs 10:00am Returns: 4:30pm

Register by Oct 3rd

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1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
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Lost and Found FREE
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\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words
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Tree Service - A Better Cut, Tree Service - Local, full service tree company - we provide tree removal and trimming, chipping, and grinding. Please call 203-945-1808 for a free estimate.

SERVICES OFFERED

Wanted Gold, Silver scrap jewelry. Fair Prices offered. Call 203-627-6826 or 203-376-1249

HELP WANTED

LABORER II- The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Laborer II in the Public Works Department to perform all types of manual labor related to road and grounds maintenance. Requires High School diploma or equivalency certificate, one (1) year of experience in construction and/or grounds maintenance or any equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates the ability to perform the duties. Minimum CT CDL, Class A license and be able to drive a standard transmission truck. Starting wage is \$24.62/hr. plus benefits.
Applications are available on the Town’s website www.townofnorth-branfordct.com. Applications can be submitted in-person or mailed to the Town of North Branford, Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 or you can email your application to executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com (no faxes). The position is open until filled. EEO/AA

AVAILABLE FREE

Free Electric Organ In Northford. Electone Model B-12 SR Mediterranean Spanish, Antique oak oil finish. First purchased in early to mid 1970’s and kept in family. All features working and it has great sound.13 note pedal board and 44 note keyboard. Dimesions 36” Ht 45” L and 23” W. Approxomately 145 pounds. Please call 860-301-1408 to schedule pick up.

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Inside Out, Please



First, thank you to everyone that has made the Plastic Film Recycling Program a great success in NB. To date, we have collected and recycled some 30,000 pounds of plastic film.
The North Branford Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is asking for your help in attempting to ensure only clean and dry plastic film, that is recyclable, is placed in the collection bins around Town.
The most effective way to do this, is to take an extra second or two and turn all bags inside out. That will help ensure no food residue or moisture is left in the bags.

When the volunteers sort the plastic film, the items may have been sitting in your house for several days, before they are dropped off at the collection locations, and then they may sit there for several days before they are picked up and sorted through. Imagine, things can become a bit sticky and smelly and many times results in more items getting thrown out that get contaminated.
So, a good rule of thumb, if it’s a bag, turn it inside out. The bulk of which are ziplock, cereal, and bread bags, and in North Branford, water softener bags.

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Did you know:

The top speed of the first american car race in 1895 for 7 mph.