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NBEF Introduces the Alan Davis Shining Stars

The NorthBranford Education Foundation is proud to present the 2018 class of Alan Davis Shining Stars. The award was named after the legendary Principal at NBIS who passed away this past year. "Alan was an inspiration to us all and I can't think of a better way to honor his memory than to name this award after him," said Foundation president Frank Mentone.

The award is given to people who have had a positive impact on the North Branford community. The honorees this year are as follows:



John Calamita has been a part of the North Branford community throughout his entire life. For the past 44 years, he has been especially involved in the lives of many of our families through the gift of music, serving as the organist/music director at the Parish of St. Augustine.

During the past few years, with the combining of St. Monica and St. Augustine to form the Parish of St. Ambrose, John has also had the opportunity to serve our community in the Northford section of town.

John has led and volunteered with numerous programs and projects that have benefited our youth and community. His association with St. Augustine Knights of Columbus Council 9921, along with his employment by the Town of North Branford at Public Works, has allowed him to assist others by repairing or building ramps and entrances for

physically challenged residents to access their homes, along with being part of the team that constructed the Northford Pavillion and High School concession stand buildings.

Giving to others through "time, talent and treasure" has been a big part of his life. It is in service to others through music and active community participation that has made John a "Shining Star" in our town.

John resides in Northford with his wife Sandra and has three beautiful children, John Peter, Evangalese and Michael.



Lou Paternoster has been a resident of North Branford for thirty three years. He and his wife Betty Jo have three children Brittany, 33, Nick, 27 and Hailey 24, who all went through the North Branford school system. He also has three puggles - Derby, Miley and Tyson.

Lou has been active in the community for many years. He is currently a part timer at the North Branford Recreation Center and a greeter at Walmart.

He has been involved in North Branford Youth Basketball for more than twenty five years where he has been a four year president, four year vice president, 15 year

board member, boys and girls travel coach for fifteen years rec coach for fifteen years and currently has been refereeing for fourteen years.

He was a board member of the North Branford Little League for fifteen years where he has been a Little League and Babe Ruth coach and has been umpiring for 10 and he currently serves as the umpire-in-chief for both softball and baseball.

Lou has also served on the Board of Directors for youth soccer, He was a eight year board member, where he served as president for four years, travel coach for ten, NBIS girls soccer coach for 6 years and the NBHS JV coach for one year.

He also served on the Board of Education where he was the Chairperson for two years, and he has been a twelve year parking attendant for the Potato Festival.



Cliff Potter was born and raised in North Guilford. In 1965 Cliff graduated Guilford High School and went onto Connecticut School of Electronics. In 1967 he enlisted in the US Army and served in Vietnam from 1968-69. After serving three years of active military duty Cliff continued his military service in the Army National Guard and Air National Guard for a total of 33 years. Cliff married his wife, Dolly, who is from Northford in 1970. They raised their children, Pamela, Daniel and Robin in town. Cliff worked for SNET for nearly 40 years and is now enjoying retirement. His love for the military and veterans continues today. Cliff serves as a member of the City of New Haven Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. This Committee organizes and implements the Memorial Day and Veterans Day events in New Haven. Cliff is also the chairman of the 103rd ACS Alumni group, Air National Guard retirees that meet four times a year.

Cliff began speaking in North Branford Intermediate School (NBIS) when his wife, Dolly, a paraprofessional in Carol Papa's history class asked him to come speak. He still visits around Veteran's Day when he brings in uniforms, MREs, helmets, gas mask safety equipment for the students to try. In recent years Cliff has been invited to speak to the students by Kathy Granfield, science teacher at NBIS. He talks to the students about his military service in Vietnam as well as his stateside service. He explains the benefits of military life and how it applies to work ethics and work skills in civilian life. Alan Davis was a big supporter of Cliff's visits and always welcomed him. Alan would often sit in on his presentations.

One of Cliff's favorite memories as a boy was working on his neighbor's farm. In recent years Cliff served on the Town's Agricultural Commission as the first chairman. The commission was formed to promote farming in North Branford. He served for five years on that commission. He along with others has helped bring antique tractor pulling to our town which has been a huge success. One of the pulls takes place during our annual Potato and Corn Festival (POCO). Cliff and his crew of hard working volunteers started hayrides during the Potato Festival and it has been a big hit. The smiles on the kid's faces who have never seen a tractor and hay wagon is worth everything to Cliff. He now does them at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting and the line is endless. "Bringing a little joy to families for the holidays if what it is all about." If you don't see Cliff at a tractor pull or hayride you may have seen him at a Town Council or Board of Education Meeting. He loves our little town, speaks his mind; always polite and gracious.

The Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are \$45 per person. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or honor one of our "stars" with an ad in our program book can call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254. Tickets can also be purchased at the Central Office or North Branford Intermediate School.



Kathy Granfield attended West Haven public schools and did her undergraduate work at UConn, majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. Through a UConn science exchange program, she spent her senior year studying animal and environmental science in Rouen (Normandy), France. Two graduate degrees followed, one in environmental science and a second in science education. In 1994, Kathy took her first classroom job, teaching biology and environmental science at the Hyde Leadership School, one of New Haven's magnet high schools. After 8 years teaching in New Haven, Kathy joined the North

Branford school system, and has been teaching 8th grade general science at NBIS ever since. During her time in North Branford, Kathy has served on multiple committees, including character education, school security, and curriculum development. Currently she is serving on a committee that is working to develop a new strategy to inspire student driven community service projects for the 8th grade.

Outside of school, a desire to help injured veterans recover from both physical and psychological injuries led her to create Veteran Angler Charters, a federally recognized non-profit which takes injured servicemen and women out on free charter fishing trips. A licensed USCG captain since 2007, she created a fishing program that uses a different approach from traditional recreational therapy, working with small groups only, with health care providers on board to provide assistance as necessary. With two colleagues at NBIS (Debbie Stone and Robert Hibson) helping with the start-up, VAC began with just one captain and one boat (Kathy) and has since spread to four states and five boats, providing free therapeutic trips to hundreds of veterans all over New England. The program has received multiple local, regional, and one national award for its work with injured veterans. Kathy frequently shares her community service adventures and challenges with her students, hoping to inspire them to use their own unique gifts and talents to find a way to reach out to those in need.

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February 2	January 26
February 16	February 9
March 2	February 23
March 16	March 9
March 30	March 23
April 13	April 6
April 27	April 20

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KENNEDY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

HARTFORD, CT - State Senator Ted Kennedy, Jr. (D-Branford) announced today that he will hold open office hours for all residents of the 12th Senate District on Wednesday, January 24 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford.

“Serving the needs of my constituents is my number one priority. That’s why I have continued to hold regular office hours throughout the communities that I represent. I have appreciated the opportunity that each one gave me to have meaningful conversations with my constituents,” Senator Kennedy said. “Past meetings have given me important insight into how I can better represent my constituents, and led to several legislative proposals. I hope people will be able to attend my office hours so I can speak with them about the work I’ve done on their behalf and hear their suggestions.

“My office hours are open to all citizens of the 12th Senate District, which includes the towns of Branford, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, Durham and Killingworth,” Senator Kennedy said. “Even if you cannot attend, you can always contact me or my legislative aide about how I can address the issues that you and your family care about. I will continue to keep an open door as we work together to make our region of the state an even better place to live and to work.”



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For more information, contact me at Vincent.Candelora@housegop.ct.gov or call 800-842-1423.
 Please check www.RepCandelora.com for any cancellations prior to the scheduled meeting.

State Representative Vincent Candelora Repatriation: Connecticut's Massive Revenue Gain



If you haven't figured it out, the part-time position of state representative is now year-round. The budget process feels like a never-ending roller coaster ride, and this week just added another curve to that ride. You may have read about Connecticut receiving a \$900 million bump in revenue at year end.

As we struggle to prevent tax increases and right-size government, we may have some reprieve with this new revenue source. Before this revenue gets incorporated into the budget, however, we need to understand its source.

In 2008, the federal government passed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. Internal Revenue Code 457a requires all hedge fund managers to report offshore deferred fees as income no later than December 31, 2017. Historically, hedge fund companies were able to divert the receipt of these management fees that were charged by having the payments be made to offshore accounts; the Cayman Islands come to mind. These offshore funds grew tax free for up to ten years through 2017. Because the management companies typically elected to be a "cash-basis taxpayers", the companies did not recognize the taxable income until the cash actually was transferred to the United States. The law essentially required these funds to be transferred back to the United States and be recognized as taxable income by 2017. Naturally, these companies and individuals waited until the last minute to transfer these funds, and as a result, Connecticut recognized a windfall on December 31, 2017. Our new challenge is to understand what portion constitutes one-time revenue, and what portion reflects additional tax revenue on an ongoing basis. On January 15, quarterly estimated incomes taxes are due and will serve as an indicator.

The Governor and some legislators have asked that we ignore this revenue and continue to make cuts or increase taxes to account for our current year deficit of \$220 million. I believe we need to take a wait and see approach. In one week, we will have a better picture of Connecticut's revenue. If in fact, this off-shore loophole is permanently closed, Connecticut will realize more

revenue annually. In addition, by statute, I don't believe the Governor has the authority to continually declare a deficit and permit himself to make cuts and hold funding back when revenues are sufficient to cover the budget expenditures. Regardless, we need to tread carefully. As the stock market improves and these loopholes are closed, Connecticut may be positioned for better fiscal times ahead, but that money must be used wisely, because our unfunded liabilities continue to outpace any growth.

Ice Age?

It seems that 97% of the world has been programmed to believe - without questioning - the preeminent role of humankind in warming the planet to a dangerous degree, so much so that the governing bodies of the world implement measures that forbid the burning of fossil fuels that are necessary for third world countries to feed, clothe and warm their people. I suggest that this is either pure hubris or a calculated distraction from the reality that this same 97% already knows and accepts without reason.

The real "consensus" of science is that about 18,000 years ago vast glaciers covered our planet. They grew so swiftly that mastodons, saber toothed tigers and countless species were literally frozen solid in their midst, some in the act of digesting the fauna that was likewise rendered extinct in those regions. In North America these immense glaciers extended beyond New York and Wisconsin and were more than 2000 feet thick. Then, within the course of less than 2000 years, these glaciers disappeared, melting back to the nether regions of Alaska and Greenland, causing great flooding and further extinction of many of the life forms that had managed to survive the freeze.

There were no humans to blame for this sudden and intense warming. There is no evidence of any meteor impact to plain either the sudden freezing or subsequent thaw

So, do we have some reason to expect that the forces at work 15,000 years ago are no longer relevant to our existence? Or, perhaps we should begin to come to grips with these far greater forces and anticipate our need to adapt to the grand-scale climactic impact of such truly Earth-changing events. At a minimum, a real understanding of these grand forces might allow humankind to move inland in anticipation of floods or to more temperate zones in anticipation of global cooling. Or is there another agenda?

D. Kirt Westfall, 01/04/2018

Attorney Westfall graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in history and sociology of science. He and his wife and law partner, Theresa Behrens, settled in North Branford in 1994 and have run their law practice from here since 2010. They appreciate the small town oasis that is North Branford and offer their thoughts and insights into our contemporary social issues.

Military Whist a Big Success!

The Northford Women's Club, GFWC, would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who helped to make our recent Military Whist fundraiser such a huge success: Arnold's Jewelers in North Haven, Bobby's Apizza, Creative Hair Studio, Doody's Totoket Inn, Flower Wonderland in Guilford, Hair Dimensions in North Haven, JCakes, Nataz Restaurant, Pacileo's Restaurant, Rocco's Off Wooster in Guilford, Supreme Seafood and Tony Z's Pizza. Their generosity is much appreciated and we hope that you

would consider supporting their businesses. Special thanks also goes out to John and Kathy Brangi, Michelle Summecki and Annmarie Masella.

For information about membership to the Northford Women's Club, GFWC, please contact Michele at 203-717-2203 or visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

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Letters to the editor..

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The Editor
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The 7th Annual Nursery on Notch Hill Pancake breakfast with Santa was a success. Notch Hill families spent the morning enjoying breakfast together and visiting with Santa.

North Branford Preschool Fair

Calling all parents of preschool age children! If you are a North Branford/Northford resident and are enrolling your child in preschool this year, come and see what your options in town are.

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There will be tables set up by Nursery on Notch Hill, Northford Preschool Academy, North Branford Family Resource Center Preschool, North Branford Preschool at Jerome Harrison Elementary School, Project Pride, St. Therese Nursery School, Families in Training and more!

Meet the staff, check out their curriculum and get information on tuition, etc. *This is preschool information only, not day care*

Please call 203-484-4243 for more information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in the fall of 2018 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

335 Foxon Road – North Branford, CT

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Registration from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2019.
2. The birth record or other evidence of the child's age has been examined by the principal or designee.
3. Your child must have a current physical exam date; one that was completed after August 28, 2017. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school **prior** to the first day of Kindergarten unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.
4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee such as: deed to home or dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian's and student's residence.

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child's development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information.

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, day and evening registration will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the same times noted above.

The North Branford Board of Education policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, or against homeless children and youth.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Nolan Greene, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2017 semester.

Stephanie Hogan was named to the All -Academic Team for Field Hockey at Eastern Connecticut State College.

Peyton Joiner was named to the Dean's List at Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA.

Jacob Austin Dobos was named to the President's List at Husson University in Bangor, ME.

Mara Pollick was named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

Noelle Esposito was named to the Dean's List at Colby - Sawyer College in New London, NH

Preschool Role Model Screening

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Jerome Harrison School, North Branford, CT. The program incorporates children without disabilities to model appropriate social, language and play skills within preschool activities. This program meets four days a week (Monday through Thursday) with two sessions (morning 9:00-11:30, afternoon 12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year-old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2018-2019 school year.

To be enrolled as a role model peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Role model peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Kohler at 203-484-1235, to schedule a screening appointment. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February or as soon as enough candidates have applied. Parents will be notified by phone in February if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost. However, transportation must be provided by the parent.



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NB Ed Foundation Scores Again

The North Branford Education Foundation recently held their annual Harlem Superstars fundraising basketball game. The object is to raise funds for grants for teachers to do special unbudgeted projects with their students. Special thanks to the North Branford All Star teachers (right); Deidre DiMaggio, Liz Nicholls, Principal Beth Parker, Dwight Boatman, Ricky Paolini, Lea DiStefano, Amanda Basil, Dave Carpenter, Brett Gagliardi and Russ Scovin. Also to NBHS Athletic Director Trevor Brown, NBIS Principal Keith O'Rourke, Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker and Anna DeMatteo. Anyone wishing to join the North Branford Education Foundation or to find out more information, call Frank Mentone at 2303-410-4254



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ACTIVITIES

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Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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Fee: \$70 res/\$75 nr
Instructor: Rich Dicine
Description: Bring balance and harmony to your life while you strengthen your body. Students practice relaxation, balance and body flexibility while learning to understand the body/mind relationship.

Ballet & Tap Combo - #36099

Who: Ages 3-5
Session: February 3 - March 24
Time: Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: STW Community Center
Fee: \$35res/ \$40 nr
Instructor: Brittini D'urso
Description: Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus!

Strength Training - #32144

Who: Adult 18+
Session: Feb 27 - Apr 24 (no class Apr 17)
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75 res/\$80 nr
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: This class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

Register online with the program # at www.nbrecreation.com

KIDS YOGA

Ages 5-12 - January 27 - March 17 - #36301
Saturdays - 10:45-11:45am - STW Community Center
Instructor: Brianne Barrett, Owner of Bhogah Yoga
\$75 residents/\$80 non-residents

Kids are introduced to the practices of yoga through creative play, movement, games, music and postures. This fun filled class teaching children the foundation of yoga on and off the mat. This practice is structured in a way to balance their physical, mental and sensory needs. Benefits of children's yoga include: helps teach self-regulation, aids in focus, supports self-esteem, assists with stress, builds confidence, builds strength and flexibility and typically draws a wider variety of kids. Parents are welcome but not needed.

YOGA

Recharge Yoga - Ages 16+ - #36302
January 22 - March 19 (no class Feb 19)
9:30-10:30am - Mondays - STW Community Center
Instructor: Brianne Barrett, Owner of Bhogah Yoga
\$75 residents/\$80 non-residents

A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will use yoga poses, breathing techniques and meditation to help students build strong flexible body while creating a platform of for balanced energy for the day. Students will feel refreshed in their mind and more open and peaceful in their bodies with this yoga class. All classes are taught specific to the needs of those who attend. Appropriate for all ages and levels.

Yoga to Release the Week - Ages 16+ - #36303
January 25 - March 15
6:30-7:30 pm - Thursdays - STW Community Center
Instructor: Brianne Barrett, Owner of Bhogah Yoga
\$75 residents/\$80 non-residents

Appropriate for all ages and levels. A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. Join Bhogah Yoga founder, Brianne Barrett in this transformational yoga class. All classes will be specifically designed to the students' needs who are attending.

Winter Wonderland

FATHER daughter DANCE

Friday, February 9th, 6 - 8 p.m.

\$20 per couple (Girls grades K - 7)
\$10 each additional child

Share a fun-filled evening with your little girl

- Music by Anthony Esposito
- Refreshments
- Hot Cocoa Bar
- Hot Finger Foods
- Photographs
- Free giveaway and a dance off!

 *The Gifting Tree* 

A HUGE thank you to all the 'Angels' in our community who supported The Gifting Tree program this year. Your generosity brightened this holiday season for 100 Seniors here in town!

Thank you to our partners, Atwater Library, Edward Smith Library, The Food Pantry of North Branford and the many volunteers that delivered gifts!

If you know a Senior that could benefit from this program please contact us!

Call Kathy or Kerry at (203) 484-6017

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3

Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com

Soup option now available for lunch!
Lunch orders must be placed by 10:00 am

As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Stop by the community center and pick up a copy of our monthly Senior newsletter for upcoming trips and activities!

Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Movie Trip - Monday, January 22, time to be announced, FREE
THE POST - Steven Spielberg's exhilarating drama is a ticktock thriller about the freedom of the press, the White House's war on that constitutional right and the woman who defended freedom.

Library Trip - Atwater on Wednesday, January 24, 1:00, FREE
Visit our local library. Pick up some books, get caught up on current events and chat with our lovely librarians!

Dollar Tree - Friday, January 26, 10:30, FREE
An after lunch trip to pick up this and that!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; nchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

NB Plastic Film Recycling Program – One-Year Update

The first year of the NB Plastic Film Recycling Program far exceeded all expectations. A big thank you to all the NB residents who made the program an overwhelming success. Through the end of the year, 3,200 pounds of plastic film was collected from the eight drop off locations around town.

For the most part residents are placing acceptable items in the bins, however, we are still getting items that cause us to take time to sort through and then throw out. The following bags are not acceptable: candy, salad, grape, frozen food, pet food, bird feed, and snack bags (chips/popcorn). Everything needs to be clean, dry, and free from food and food residue.

Drop off locations are: Smith and Atwater Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store, TJ's Launderette, Food Pantry of NB, Town Hall, and Country Paint and Hardware.

If you recall, NB earns a composite bench from the Trex Company for collecting at least 500 pounds of plastic film in a six- month period. Congratulations to Smith Library for winning the bench for the second half of 2017. Once the bench arrives in a few weeks, there will be a presentation ceremony.



The purpose of North Branford's Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is to develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of our town.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

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1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
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John DiMaggio Plumbing - Residential/Commercial repairs/remodeling. Big or small. Water Heater Specials! Licensed & Insured. Call 203 - 627 - 6826 or 203-484-4822. References available.

Valerintine's Day Drivers Wanted

Petals2Go Florists is looking fo Valentine Day drivers. Own vehicle preferred. New driver sign on bonus with a boquet for that special someone in your life.

Apply in person at Central Plaza or call 203-484-7800. Day time counter help also needed.

Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup*
Bulky waste pickup is now monthly
Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2nd full week of each month:

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
12 th	12 th	9 th	14 th	11 th

*No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 10, 2017 9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

Can't wait until our town's March collection? Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling. Located at 295 South Leonard Street in Waterbury; hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge. You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website: take2recycle.com

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Sunday January 28th
 2-3 pm &
 Monday January 29th
 6-7 pm

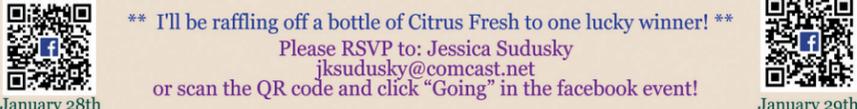
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 (small conference room)

free
ESSENTIAL OIL Workshop



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REMINDER NOTICE – RSVP REQUIRED
BUSINESS BREAKFAST 2018

North Branford Economic Development Commission invites business owners and representatives to a Business Breakfast at Town hall on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:30AM. Our guest speaker will be Christine D. Reardon MPA, Manager of Strategic Development for Workforce Alliance in New Haven. The Survey that many of you participated in last year mentioned the difficulty in finding well trained employees and opportunities to train present employees. Ms. Reardon will describe what is available through Workforce Alliance that would benefit North Branford businesses. There will be time for questions.

The Town Manager and Town Planner will be available after the talk to discuss Town issues. We also look forward to meeting the recently hired President of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, Sheri Cote, who will be attending.

All owners and representatives from businesses in North Branford and Northford are invited. We hope this will give you an opportunity to meet other business owners, hear an interesting speaker and have time to talk with Town Manager Mike Paulhus, Town Planner Carey Duques and members of the EDC.

Please RSVP to Townmanager@townofnorthbrandfordct.com Or Call 203-484-6000 by January 22.

DEATH NOTICE

Salvatore Geraci Sr. of Northford passed away December 22. He was born in New Haven, November 1, 1945 to Michael & Honey Geraci. He is survived by his wife Jessie Stone Geraci and two children Christine and Salvatore Jr.. He also leaves behind his sisters Leona Fernandez and Mona (Joseph) Ceravello and many nieces and nephews. He and his wife were both the middle child of their families of 7. He was predeceased by his brothers, Michael Jr.(Lillian), Edward (Nancy), John, his sister Jeannie Maltese and his sister in law Laura Stone Chesmar.

Sal worked in many professions before he became disabled at a construction site. He worked locally as a butcher at Forte's Market in North Branford for many years. In his healthier days he was a fixture at any local tag sale or fishing at Branford Point. He loved to hunt and fish; and spent many hours tying flies and inventing better crab trap weights. He always has a soft spot for young fishers, new to the sport. He would give his homemade flies to beginners so they could have a better chance of catching something. A private burial at sea will happen in the spring.



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