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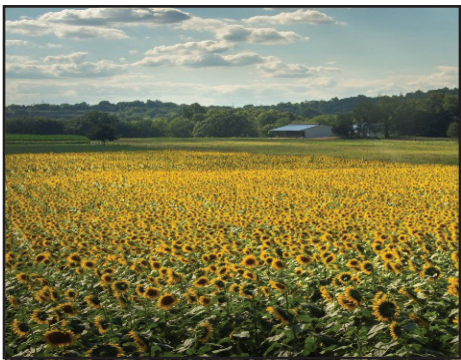
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## Living in North Branford



*North Branford is an ideal place to work and to live. A family friendly community, peppered with farm stands, garden centers and nature trails.*

North Branford, which includes the villages of Northford and North Branford, is a small, charming town in New Haven County. Centrally located between I-95 and I-91, some 20 minutes from the CT Shoreline. A considerable amount of the town's acreage is taken up by the amazing **Totoket Mountain** and its beautiful views. Lake Gaillard, a reservoir located on Totoket Mountain, is a pristine body of water owned by the Regional Water Authority. It sponsors seasonal walks around the lake. Additionally, the north side of **Saltonstall Mountain** offers hiking access and is also located in North Branford.



There are many reasons why North Branford is a great place for families. The town has an enviable combination of high performing schools and a low crime rate. In keeping with the tradition of public education as a high priority, the North Branford Intermediate School completed a renovation, adding 35,000 square feet to the existing

building. A new High School is currently under construction, scheduled to be completed in Dec. 2023. This can be taken as an indication that the local North Branford economy is robust. Jobs and other amenities are attracting an influx of new residents. Although North Branford could be considered a relatively small town, it doesn't fall short on sustainability and interest; from Pollinator Pathways to a solar farm that supplies renewable power to municipal buildings.

The town's history is a source of pride. The Reynolds- Beers House, a small museum, was built in 1786 and is the home of the **Totoket Historical Society**. Located next to the Atwater Library in the town center it is a great resource for history buffs and newcomers. The Reynolds-Beers House also includes the Miller Barn, a farm museum. The museums have memorabilia from the mills on the Farm River to unique inventions manufactured here such as horseshoe nails, farm implements and coconut dippers. Also next to the **Atwater Library** on Route 80, there is now a trail to the Harrison Farm Preserve owned by the **North Branford Land Conservation Trust**. It is at



the end of North Street, a quaint, well-preserved street in the center of town.

**NORTHFORD CENTER**, located along Middletown Avenue (Route 17), was listed on the Historic Places National Register in 2021. Although most of the homes were built prior to the Civil War, the earliest was built in 1703 and keeps company with beautiful architectural examples from Colonial times to the present day. The Little Red Schoolhouse, presently located on the Edward Smith Library property, is the oldest one room schoolhouse in New Haven County.



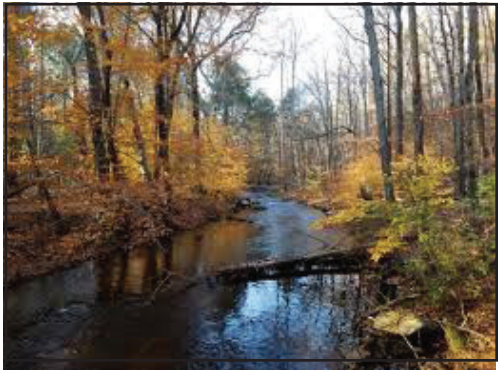
After enjoying some of the town's history, check out the many farm stands and garden centers. **Rose Orchards** has fruits and veggies; their creamery is top notch. In the fall, kids will delight in the petting zoo adjacent to a water wheel. Pumpkins, a

corn maze and hayrides can be enjoyed as well. For the adults there is a vineyard and winery next door featuring wines from both local and imported grapes. And for beer lovers, one can check out **Stewards of the Land** on Route 22, a local brewery featuring various pale ales, fruit beers and stouts. Don't miss the long established Rosabianca Vineyards on Route 17 in Northford.

**Millpond Gathering**, formerly a mill and located on the Farm River, has recently been renovated and expanded. It offers farm to table dining, event facilities and a beautiful view. Sport fields, parks, and open space are prominent features of the town.

**North Farms** is a small park with a play scape, soccer field, and hiking trails over the Mung-er Brook. It is stocked with trout. In back of Wall Field ball parks there are hiking trails along the Farm River, managed by North Branford Parks and Recreation, as well as a dog park. Two outstanding sports pavilions are housed in town. The **Northford Ice Pavilion** hosts a number of high school ice hockey teams while North Branford is the home of **New England's largest sports complex**. It has outdoor fields and a 75,000 sq. ft. indoor sports dome.

Anyone looking for a spot that is just off the beaten path (but not too far), the town is family friendly, with a great community spirit, and rich history. With a high-quality school system, outdoor space, and a small-town neighborhood feel, North Branford is a great place to live, work, and play.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Information for residents please visit [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)

- Information for businesses and visitors please visit [www.destinationnorthbranford.com](http://www.destinationnorthbranford.com)
- Daily events and town information visit [www.localisgood.net/northbranford](http://www.localisgood.net/northbranford).

*This page was submitted courtesy of Bonnie Symanski*

**North Branford Land Conservation Trust**

Deadline		Publication Date	
January	28	February	4
February	11	February	18
February	25	March	4
March	11	March	18
March	25	April	2
April	9	April	16
April	23	April	30
May	7	May	14

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## Thank You for your support To The Editor:

There are not enough words to adequately express our gratitude to this Town. The Food Pantry of North Branford has been the recipient of a huge amount of food donations and monetary gifts since the pandemic started in March of 2020. Schools, daycares, private companies, individuals, first responders, civic organizations, churches, stores, Public Works, and Scouts are some of the entities have supported us. Without this outpouring of help, we could not fulfill our mission which is simply to provide food for anyone who needs it.

Because of the overwhelming support we receive from our community, we are able to provide our guests with not only non-perishable food staples but also fresh, healthy foods that may otherwise be unaffordable. Bread is donated weekly. Meat can be purchased from local retailers, and

dairy items are delivered weekly. Ceccarelli Harrison Hill Farm, Big Y, Bob Boudreau at the NBHS greenhouse provide us with fresh produce along with many individual gardeners. We are able to purchase seasonal and holiday items other than typical shelf stable foods.

The FPNB is run 100% by volunteers. These volunteers have been there faithfully, often outside in inclement weather, throughout this pandemic to make sure every person who needs help receives it. We depend 100% on donations and grants to operate. We do not receive any government or municipal funding and are not a town agency. 100% of all donations are used for the Pantry. The need is greater during these unsettled times. Last year we brought 80,000 pounds of food into our building to distribute; 50,000 of those pounds were donated by the public and the other 30,000 were from Connecticut Foodshare, available to us at little to no cost. We gave out 42,534 meals in 2021.

The Board of Directors has worked very diligently to ensure continuity of service to our community no matter the circumstances. The challenges remain but we have shown that we are all resilient and strong. No matter the unpredictability of the world right now, we will be there to help our friends and neighbors.

Thank you and Happy New Year,  
Fran Murphy,  
Executive Director,  
FPNB

On behalf of the  
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**Good Vibes Nutrition**  
is hosting  
**North Branford Lady T-Birds**





**Date: Saturday, January 22nd**  
**Time: 9am-3pm**  
**Where: Good Vibes Nutrition,**  
**1715 Foxon Road,**  
**North Branford**  
(There will be raffles/raffle baskets available to win. Raffles are CASH ONLY thank you!)







\*Proceeds from this event supports North Branford GBB

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Do you think Connecticut is headed in the right direction?



It’s a question that I posed in my legislative survey, which I mentioned in my last column here. I’d like to collect more responses before I tell you the results of that big picture query, and if you haven’t taken the survey, I hope you will. The survey covers a variety of subjects and also invites you to share your thoughts on topics my questions didn’t cover. You can find it

at [www.repcandelora.com](http://www.repcandelora.com).

I will, however, share a few examples of what respondents had to say so far. When it comes to the most important issue facing our state, affordability seems to be at the top of everyone’s mind:

- “Stop taxing income. Only tax spending.”
- “Mass reduction in the state income tax.”
- “Reducing the state’s gas tax.”

In regard to the controversial Transportation and Climate Initiative Partnership concept that’s aimed at reducing pollution, one respondent wrote, “just another tax on Connecticut citizens, build nuclear power plants, the cleanest and safest source of energy.” Other survey respondents wrote, “climate change will cost more in the short to long term for coastal towns” and “not very happy about this, however we need to reduce our carbon emissions.”

Public safety is a topic of concern, with several respondents calling for more accountability in our state’s court system—in particular, the juvenile justice system.

Residents wrote about many other topics, from towns saving money by “pooling resources” to utility rates and a decline in “service quality and consistency.”

I hope that providing some of the comments I’ve received so far will encourage you to chime in on issues that are important to you. Since I last wrote, I added the 2022 Major Issue Report to my web site. The document is prepared by the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Research, and it’s designed to give you a bit of background about just some of the subjects up for debate when state lawmakers return to Hartford for the legislative session that begins Feb. 9.

This report covers everything from consumer data privacy and community college consolidation to pediatric mental health and traffic safety. Use my survey, or the contact form on my web site, to have your say. Your participation in simple exercises like this are important, and now even more so considering the pandemic has made government less accessible than in the past.

It’s difficult to point Connecticut in any direction, let alone the right one, without hearing from the people our government is built to serve.

**State Rep. Vincent Candelora - House Republican Leader**  
**86th District - North Branford, Durham, Guilford, Wallingford**

So today was “free test day”...

Dear Editor:

What seemed like thousands of cars lined up today, to get a chance at a free Covid test. How did that go? Well most of you know. Pretty darn lousy. But one cannot blame the organizers. You had a limited supply, volunteer helpers, paid traffic cops, and an amazing level of demand. It should come to nobody as a surprise that these groups couldn’t operate as well as say, Walmart, or Walgreens or even Amazon. These retailers, who are genuinely gifted in the fine art of logistics and distribution, didn’t have any tests. Why? Presumably, somebody somewhere thought that volunteers, traffic cops, firefighters and municipal workers were the best way to get product to the consumer. Yeah... that’s a great idea. Don’t get me wrong, our officials did an amazing job considering the task. But consider this:

These tests could have been easily made available to retailers. You wouldn’t have to wait in line for two hours to find out they’re sold out. You wouldn’t have to pay cops to direct traffic. You could have gone there when you wanted, you wouldn’t have created traffic jams that saw kids stuck on

LET’S BE “FRANK”

Well brother, I’ll be honest with you, this Covid really kicked me in the ass. I got all the vaccines and yet still wound up with some painful, annoying symptoms. I just wonder how bad it would have been without the shots.

One night as I was unable to fall asleep while coughing my brains out, I was thinking of the twelve days of Christmas. In my case it was the twelve days after Christmas. Here is what my thoughts were at 2AM while coughing up a lung.

*On the first day after Christmas Covid gave to me, itchy eyes that were blurry.*

*On the second day after Christmas Covid gave to me a scratchy throat and itchy eyes that were blurry.*

*On the third day after Christmas Covid gave to me, a terrible cough, a scratchy throat and itchy eyes that were blurry.*

*On the fourth day after Christmas Covid gave to me; killer fatigue, a terrible cough, a scratchy throat and itchy eyes that were blurry.*

*On the fifth day after Christmas Covid gave to me, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough, a scratchy throat and eyes that were very blurry.*

*On the sixth day after Christmas Covid gave to me, awful Diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough, a scratchy throat and itchy blurry eyes.*

*On the seventh day after Christmas Covid gave to me a complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough, a scratchy throat and itchy blurry eyes.*

*On the eighth day after Christmas Covid gave to me metallic sense of taste, complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough and itchy blurry eyes.*

*On the ninth day after Christmas Covid gave to me, a heavy painful chest, metallic sense of taste, complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough and itchy blurry eyes.*

*On the tenth day after Christmas Covid gave to me, a ton of body aches, a heavy painful chest, metallic sense of taste, complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue a terrible cough and itchy blurry eyes.*

*On the eleventh day after Christmas Covid gave to me, the end of quarantining, a ton of body aches, a heavy painful chest, metallic sense of taste, complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough and itchy eyes that were blurry.*

*On the twelfth day after Christmas, Covid gave to me, permission to return to work, end to quarantining, a ton of body aches, a heavy painful chest, metallic sense of taste, complete loss of smell, awful diarrhea, blinding headaches, killer fatigue, a terrible cough and itchy eyes that were blurry.*

I’m hoping the worst is behind. I am in my fourth week and still experiencing stomach issues, some minor breathing situations, tiredness and the occasional cough. I am happy that in my case I surprised my doctors among many others by surviving this as well as I did. I just hope some of the residual symptoms will not cause me grief down the road.

I’m fighting the good fight and I’ll see you soon.

busses, while they’re teachers worked frantically to figure out how they could leave work from 10-12. That’s not considering the cost... The feds spent 73 BILLION for 500 million tests. That’s roughly \$150/ test. The test at Rite-aid is considerably less. And that’s after they make a profit for they’re effort. The Bottom line is this: We MUST stop assuming the government can do things better. They can’t. And they don’t. They can’t even make up their minds weather you should avoid people for 10 days or 5. Apparently the length of transmittable time revolves around weather airline pilots are able to fly us around or not. It’s frankly insane that we’ve allowed ourselves to be roped into this. It’s a serious virus, no doubt about it. But we’ve been able to observe long enough to see that a lot of our response is about money and power, and fear. That’s all I got.

Sincerely,  
Edward J Boughton Jr.

Letters to the editor...

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NBHS Chess Club Champion

**Press Release:** NBHS Chess Club Advisor Mr. Bob Dreyer has announced the 2021-22 Chess Club Champion at NBHS, Senior Ashton Danz- Manner (pictured below with the trophy) Other members of the club are pictured (back left) including NBHS Junior Alex Shadman who designed a logo for the organization. NBHS Tech Ed Teacher Mr. Reynolds built the trophy and NBHS Paraprofessional Mrs. Bernstein completed the lettering on the trophy. Students meet periodically after school in the NBHS Library and compete against each other with Mr. Dreyer’s support and direction.  
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PRESS RELEASE  
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 2022 will be held as follows:  
This year due to Covid restrictions, we are having staggered registration times in order to limit the number of people in the building.  
We will be registering students at specific times based on the 1st letter of their last name.  
Please adhere to these times.

**Jerome Harrison Elementary School  
335 Foxon Road - North Branford, CT  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

A-E - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
F-J - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
K-O 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**  
P - T- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
U-Z - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

In order to facilitate registration, we ask that you begin the process online by following the directions on our **website <https://jerome.northbranfordschools.org/>** Click on the "Kindergarten Registration" button. Here you will see directions on starting the enrollment process and the downloadable forms that are required by the district. 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 years of age on or before January 1,2023.  
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 September 2nd, 2021. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. The 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 residence 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 information.

***In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, registration will be held on Wednesday, February 16,2022 and Thursday, February 17,2022 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.



## Recycling News

### New Members Wanted!

Become a recycling ambassador for our community. Have an impact by volunteering on the Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee.

Whether you can help out for one event or want to become a permanent member of our town committee, we want you! Please call the Town Manager if you are interested or join our next meeting.

Thanks to all of our residents, we have collected over 2 tons of plastic wrap during 2021!

It's a New Year and a good time to re-evaluate your waste footprint.

Use the motto: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Many places could use your gently used items.

We have a Facebook page in town: [North Branford & Northford Free Items.](#)

You can post items that you want to find a home for or ask for items that you need.

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

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

### Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: [www.recyclect.com](http://www.recyclect.com).

They also have an app.

The Christmas Tree Pickup should be finished. If your tree was not picked up and it was out on your normal trash day, please call our trash hauler for pickup.

**Most people should have seen a Lime Green 2022 Recycling/Trash Card in the last issue of your Totoket Times. Please keep this card handy all year. It has important dates and information that you will need concerning your trash pickups and what can be recycled.**

If the card is missing or you misplace yours during the year, there are hardcopies at both town libraries and at Town Hall.

Or you can download it 3 different ways.

- [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) – see 'Lastest News' - select '2022 Recycling/Trash Information'
- [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) – select 'Government' – select 'Boards & Commissions' – select 'Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee' – select 'Recycling/Trash Information'
- Go to the 'North Branford Community Pride' Facebook page - search for 'Bulk Trash'

### Upcoming events

March 5 – Electronics drop off

April 4 – Scrap Metal pick up

April 18 – Bulky Waste pick up

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

Thank You for Your Participation



### Brothers Earn Recognition at NCC

As part of a church service, Logan Green (left) and his brother Evan accepted certificates of appreciation from Council Chair Nancy Tipping (right) of Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart."

The certificates, signed by Aloha Mosier, Missions Committee, and Nancy Tipping, were in recognition of stacking firewood to share with those in need in the community, bringing hope and strength to local families. The firewood stand is located in front of the church next to the food box.

### Food & Firewood Box

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," has a food box and a firewood stand in front of the church to help people in need. Non-perishable food is in the food box and firewood is on racks in the stand. People can "take what they need, and leave what they can." Please do not leave items with expired dates in the box. Since it is cold and temperatures can be below freezing, no canned food, jars, or bottles that could freeze or expand should be put into the box. Items that contain liquid will need to wait until warmer weather. Donations of items such as rice, pasta, cereal, and diapers are welcome.

Thank you to members of the community who have helped with the food box, firewood stand, and cash donations. Thank you also to people who have responded to requested items listed on our signs by putting donations into the blue mission box near the social hall side door.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Church website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). Email: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

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**Thursdays, Feb. 3 - 24**  
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**\$50 res/\$55 nr**



## WEEKLY DINNER CLUB!

**Ages 7-11 • STW Kitchen • 5:00pm - 6:00pm**  
**January 31—February 28 \$65res /\$70non res**

Join food Explorers for a weekly dinner club! Each week you'll create your own delicious dinner with the help of a Registered Dietitian. You'll be making the following recipes: Cowboy Caviar (vegetarian), Crispy Quinoa Patties, Bruschetta Orzo Salad and Four Fold Quesadillas. Each recipe is nut free and children will make their own portions.

## BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

**Saturday February 12 • 9:00am-2:00pm • \$65 res/\$70 nr**

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

Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4 Ages 12-15 • STW Gym/Cafe

## Mary's Culinary Classes

**Ages 5-14 • STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class**

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

**JANUARY 25, 2022**

**Big Mac Sliders and Snowman Hot Cocoa Bombs**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

**Heart Shaped Calzones and Heart Whoopie Pies**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

**Broccoli and Cavatelli and Melted Snowman Cookies**

**MARCH 8, 2022**

**Clover Quiche and Mint Chocolate Layered Brownies**



## ADULT CIRCUIT WORKOUT

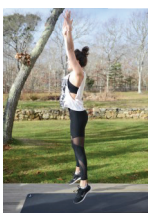
Start your day with a great workout at the beautiful fitness center at STW! Instructor, Jillian Temple, will create and guide you, for the perfect workout to target all your muscle groups!

Instructor: Jillian Temple

Ages 18+ - DiLungo Fitness Room

**Mondays 6:00-6:45am \$60/session**

**Session 2: Feb 14 - March 14**



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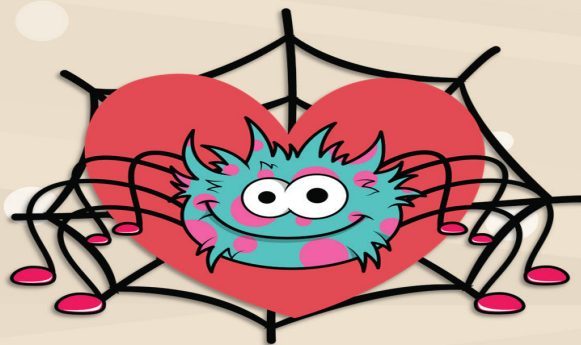
STW Classroom Instructor: Marina Rossi

**Ages 18+ • Thursdays, Feb. 3 - 24 • 5:45-6:30pm • \$50 res/\$55 nr**

## The Valentine DoodleBug

**FOR ALL NORTH BRANFORD BOYS AND GIRLS IN KINDERGARTEN THRU FIFTH GRADE.**

Roses are red, violets are blue.  
The **DoodleBug** has something special for you!  
He's doodled everywhere— from coast to coast,  
but our town is the one he loves the most!  
The **DoodleBug** will soon be coming your way  
with a craft for you this Valentine's Day!  
Keep it for yourself or give it to someone dear.  
Help the **DoodleBug** spread love and cheer!



To register your child to receive a Valentine's Day craft in the mail, please register by February 7th at [www.nbrecreation.com](http://www.nbrecreation.com)

## AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS WITH KARI!

Come join Parks & Recreation staff, Kari Zargo, for after school holiday crafting classes!

*Students of TVES will be walked over after school!*

*Please pack a peanut-free snack.*

### AFTER SCHOOL VALENTINE CRAFT



**Grades 3-5 \$10/res \$12/nr**  
**February 8—3:00-4:30pm**  
STW Classroom



## SENIOR CENTER



**Since you can't mail a hug, this is the next best thing!**  
**Send a sweet treat to your "Sweet" during the month of February.**

For \$5 you get 3 fresh baked chocolate chip cookies with a personalized note wrapped and delivered with love by our **Love Bus!**

Please register for a delivery date of either **Thursday, February 10 or Friday, February 11**  
**Registrations must be in by 2/7/22**

## LEARN TO PLAY BOCCIA WORKSHOP

**January 24th at 10:00 am \$5 per person**

Like Bocce, but played indoors! Join Coach Debbie at this learn to play workshop. Boccia can be played solo, in pairs, or teams of three. The aim of the game is to **throw red or blue leather balls** as close as they can to a white target ball. **Let's learn the rules so we can play together this winter!**

## MEDICARE MADE CLEAR

**Don't Go Through It Alone**

**Thursday January 27, 2022 at 1:00pm**

*This Seminar is FREE, bring your questions and a friend to this Educational Seminar.*

Jeffrey Comen, your local New Haven County Medicare Advocate/Broker, will educate you on all 4 pieces of Medicare - A, B, C & D. What is covered and not covered, when to sign up and what options are available to add to Original Medicare (i.e. Medicare Supplements, Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans). A free educational guide will be provided.

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