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The North Branford Rotary Club was proud to recently present the North Branford Food Pantry with a check for \$15,467.50. These funds were raised as a joint effort between donations to the Food Pantry, Donations to the North Branford Rotary Club and matching funds from Liberty Bank. Pictured from left to right are Hope Looney - North Branford Rotary, Heather Hackley - North Branford Rotary, Fran Murphy - Executive Director of the Food Pantry of North Branford, Rita Ney - President of the Food Pantry of North Branford and Frank Forgione - Past President of the Food Pantry of North Branford.

*Thank you North Branford for making
the Totoket Times your #1 source to
find out about community events.*

An Invitation to North Branford's Business Breakfast

The North Branford Economic Development Commission (EDC) invites all Town business owners or representatives to the **THIRD ANNUAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST** to be held on **Tuesday, January 22nd from 7:30 am -9:00 am** in the Council Chambers at North Branford Town Hall.

The EDC is also inviting owners or representatives from Guilford and Branford who are members of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. The three towns work closely together to encourage community development programs. Sheri Cote, the President of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, is joining the North Branford EDC in planning this annual event.

The program will begin with a "State of the Town" presentation and discussion with **Michael Paulhus, Town Manager**. We are very fortunate to have as our guest speaker **Wendell Davis, the New England Regional Administrator of the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**. Both Mr. Davis and Anne Hunt, the SBA District Director, will share information about how the SBA provides access to working capital, entrepreneur development programs, available government contracts and work SBA does for advocacy for small businesses.

There will be time for Q&A with the speakers, Town Department Heads and Representatives from REX and the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

Please RSVP to Gina Cox Executive Secretary of the Town of North Branford at **203-484-6000** or reply to:

executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com We will need the name of the business, contact number or e-mail address.

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The North Branford Economic Development Commission



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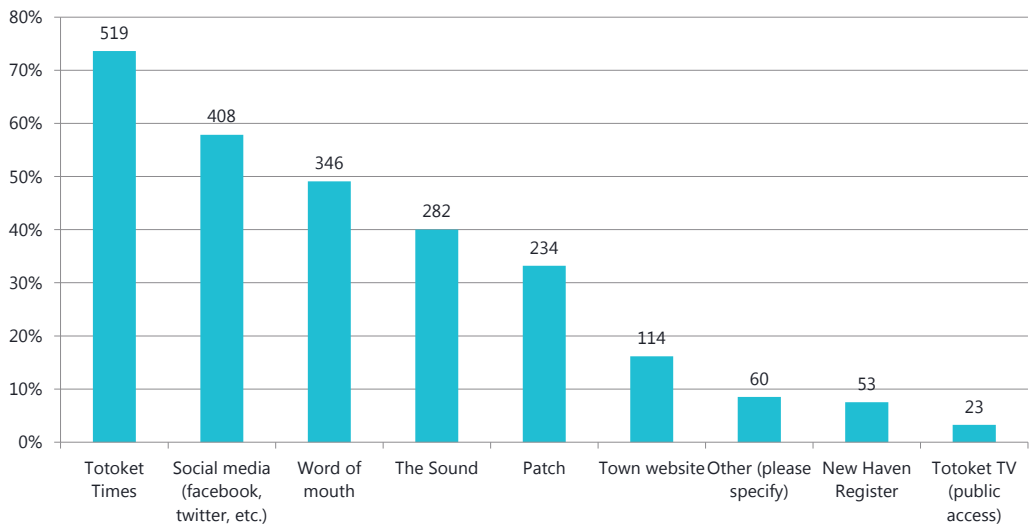
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- Totoket Times is the most popular source for community events
- Respondents also specified school announcements and direct emails

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In a recent survey, (see page 4) North Branford voted the Totoket Times as its #1 Source for finding out about community events. Thank you to our advertisers for bringing the news to your mailboxes with every issue and thank you to our loyal readers and editorial contributors. This paper is YOUR town paper and it's success is based on your support. You should be very proud of yourselves. With the Holidays behind us, perhaps you forgot to send in your voluntary payment. There is still time to do that by sending it to:
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Dear Editor:

The propagandists of the extreme Right have become demonically effective at using ordinary language to obfuscate the truth. Anyone who disagrees with the president is “liar”, a “terrible person”, a “traitor”. When the Press exposes his contradictions or outright lies, they are the “enemy of the people”. If you are among the majority of Americans who favor reasonable controls on the opportunity of hate-filled men to wantonly murder school children, you are against people’s “Constitutional freedoms”. If you think it’s not OK for public businesses to discriminate against customers based upon their sexual orientation, you’re depriving them of their “religious freedom”.

The latest craze among people whose major mental activity is Denial, is “politically correct”. Originally, PC referred to people who rigidly clung to the most liberal viewpoint on any issue

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Public Health Epidemics: Teenage “Juuling” and Retail Sale of Marijuana



This next legislative session, I again will be serving on the Public Health Committee. This committee addresses a wide spectrum of health issues ranging from medical practices and procedures to drug and alcohol addiction. We will likely be hearing bills on legalizing the retail sale of marijuana on one hand, and curtailing teenage use of tobacco products on the other. I hope our discussion of the later will bolster the point that introducing another addictive drug into mainstream society will only increase teenage use and create long term addiction problems for these individuals.

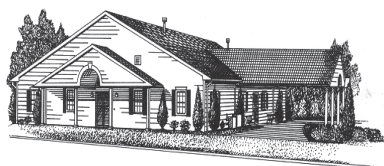
One popular brand of e-cigarettes, JUUL, contains the same amount of nicotine in one pod as a pack of cigarettes. These devices are shaped like a USB drive and are easily concealed, and students are even using them in school during class because, just like with the various forms of marijuana, the drug can be delivered without a flame and smoke. According to a state public health study, teenage users were initially exposed to vaping from a family member or friend. More than half of the youth also reported that they used their electronic devices for other substances, such as marijuana, THC or hash oil, or THC wax.

This fall, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classified youth e-cigarette use an epidemic and requested that the manufacturers take action in order to reduce youth access and use. Because of this trend, the Institute of Medicine and the American Medical Association have supported raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21, and we will likely see this proposal again this year.

Students who would otherwise be unwilling to inhale a traditional cigarette are more apt to try e-cigarettes, and locally, studies show that students no longer fear marijuana as an addictive drug. I believe that marijuana use among teens will rapidly become a bigger problem than e-cigarettes if the retail market comes to Connecticut. Both of these markets target our youth with flavored nicotine, such as fruit and mint, and THC laced gummy bears, sodas, and baked products. Given that the same devices can use nicotine and THC packets, it is difficult for school administrators to differentiate whether a student is vaping or getting high on marijuana. Some school have purchased and utilize test kits for \$10 each which determine whether the devices have THC concentrates in them.

Because the delivery system for THC and nicotine has changed, the health impacts are still either unknown or negative. Studies have shown that marijuana use under the age of 23 impacts brain development and causes

a permanent reduction in I.Q. of up to eight points. As your state representative, I will continue to take in the information, but I have a growing concern of the national trend to allow for the retail sale of marijuana. As a parent, I regularly talk to my children about these drugs and the impacts on their health. As the delivery model for these substances have changed with technology, our children are exposed to choices, and I hope they choose right.



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Let's Be “Frank”

Well brother, it's been a long few weeks and coal in my stocking would have been a blessing. I started the Christmas season with a hospital visit at 2am for what was determined to be a kidney stone. After doctors couldn't decide whether to admit me or let me go home with water and pain meds, I made the decision for them. I went home with water and pain meds. Took one pain med was incoherent for two days and I am still drinking water. The stone is still there as I am one of those people that once you come to visit you hate to leave.

That was followed by one of those annoying abscesses in a very uncomfortable spot which resulted in another trip to the hospital for a procedure. Can you take off your pants asked the young (I think she was twelve) PA. Boy if I had a penny for every time a female asked me that...

Those two inconveniences were joined by a nasty stomach bug to complete my Christmas trifecta. Next year I'll take the coal.

On the bright side, this is peanuts compared to what many are going through and I am thankful for these minor difficulties. This too shall pass (pun intended).

Christmas was a hoot. The kids are at the age where thy really brighten up th season. Their honesty and spirit erases any pain you might even think you had. I must admit I was getting a bit tired of hearing where santa was every three seconds. For a fat guy he gets around pretty good.

There isn't much going on around town as things have been slow with the holidays. I have to say there are some hidden treasures in this town that should not go unnoticed.



The kids went to see santa come down the chimney on Forest Road. The house is decorated to the max which takes owner John Leone close to a week to set up with his son Anthony. The Sunday before Christmas, Santa makes an early visit to his house (sort of a trial run) and actually comes down the chimney as the reindeer are parked on the roof in the back of the house. Mr Leone then provides hot chocolate, popcorn, goodies and gifts for the children. The bad news is he tells me it could be the last time as his son is going to college and he is “getting too old to do it alone. That would be a shame as children for 20 years have been enjoying this community event.

Also, new to the town is Leigh's famous lobster rolls now being served at Chat n Chew on Rte 22. They are the best in town and I would suggest ordering the dinner because the cole slaw is out of this world.

The Economic Development Commission is doing its best to improve our town's resources and come up with a ten year plan to improve our community. Now all they need is approval on some of their ideas from the Town Council.

Other than that there's is nothing to report. As I am closing out this letter, I have been passing the kidney stones (finally after two weeks). Now

instead of singing come out “come out wherever you are”, I have change my song to “here comes the stone.”

Well that's it for now. Give my best to the family, Happy New Year.

I'll see you soon.

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Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

PO. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



*Town Developing a Ten Year Plan
With Your Help!*

Dear Editor:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) survey that was conducted during the month of November and early December. 895 people participated which is an excellent turnout! Your responses provided insight into what residents and business owners would like to see in Town over the next 10 years. For example when asked “What policies or programs should the Town invest in over the next decade?” the most popular responses were ranked as follows:

- #1: Support and improve the educational system, including adult education and technical training programs,
- #2: Develop a Town Campus at the Police Station/Recreation complex on Forest Road;
- #3: Support and increase youth services and recreational programs;
- #4: Increase passive recreation opportunities (hiking walking, biking);
- #5: Beautify the Town through investments in signage, plantings, lighting, and streetscape;

The full results of the survey can be found at www.NBPOCD2019.com along with a demographics report that looks at population, housing, and economic development data for the Town.

We hope that you can join us for the first workshop on **Tuesday January 29th at 7 pm in the cafeteria at NBIS** as the Town continues to update its Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Have your voice heard as we plan the future of the Town.

Sincerely,
POCD Steering Committee

**Independents and Green Voters
should consider joining**

To the Editor:

North Branford has seen an increase in voter turnout in recent elections, and yet the number of individuals willing to serve parties or to serve as candidates for office has not followed suit.

With a local candidate on the Green Party line and five other third parties appearing on the ballot, many hundreds of North Branford residents went to the polls and voted for third party candidates this November. Despite the growing numbers at the polls, though, the number of Green Party meeting attendees has not significantly increased (North Branford is a part of the Shoreline Green Party chapter).

I believe we need to hear more voices in our government, not fewer. therefore, I encourage all local residents to get involved with parties and to run for office. With municipal elections in 2019 and presidential in 2020, now is a good time to get involved for those who would like to see our democracy have more choices and represent the interests of people, not big money donors.

The Shoreline Greens will hold their first meeting of 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Ivoryton Public Library on Sunday, January 20th, and will use that meeting to start considering the 2019 elections and to elect internal party officers. We will also be discussing municipal election planning and candidates for North Branford and other shoreline towns.

Everyone is invited; I hope that independent and Green voters will attend this meeting to learn more... and that readers who align more with other third parties will reach out to find out how you can become active, too.

Sincerely,
Allysa Buck, North Branford
Shoreline Green Party

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just to impress the listener while snubbing or marginalizing all other viewpoints. It still goes on among some snobby elites and lefty extremists. However the Republican Newspeak definition of PC is applied to anyone who dares to say the Emperor has no clothes. When people talk about how the President’s words and actions radiate the racism that was at the core of his campaign and seek justice for people who are most vulnerable to his civil rights rollback, they’re sarcastically called PC. Really? Try being a person of color, an immigrant, a religious minority, or someone in the LGBTQ community. Since Trump first started campaigning, there’s been a 20% increase in hate groups! That’s not being PC, it’s an ugly fact. Little children were ripped from their parents’ arms and put in cages because their families dared to legally seek asylum. That’s not PC, it’s a horrible embarrassment and an attack on American values.

Our tax dollars directly contribute to the death by starvation of thousands of innocent children in Yemen. Millions of girls and women are sexually abused and then humiliated and further traumatized if they speak up. Every honest scientist now tells

“Thank you to Everyone”

Dear Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Representative Vincent Candelora on his successful re-election bid. I truly enjoyed the 2018 campaign, especially the several debates that he and I had during this election season.

According to the most recent State House Results, the numbers were as follows:

Vincent Candelora	6,796
Vincent J. Mase Sr.	3,960
Colin Souney	144

While I lost my bid for election I am proud of the number of votes I received this time around, almost three times the amount from 2016.

I also want to thank all of the volunteers that helped me during my campaign for the 86th District. It was their desire and dedication to my campaign that allowed me to get the number of votes that I did this year. We can all agree it was an exciting election season and in my opinion it was a successful campaign considering the numbers.

More importantly, I want to thank the voters of the 86th District, who voted for me and voted for a change. I applaud your efforts in supporting me and I am very grateful for your votes and support.

I would like to think that success is not measured by the won and loss column but also by how much more we gained from 2016 - 2018. That success is measured by gaining nearly three times more votes in a short two year period. For that support I am truly proud to have received.

Thank you to everyone,
Sincerely, Vince Mase

“....It’s Only a Matter of Time...”

Dear Editor:

In his November 23rd, 2018 editorial State Representative Vincent Candelora rightly points out the unintended consequence of tolls and the inevitable increase in traffic volume on town roads 80, 17, and 22 as motorists attempt to avoid these tolls. I commend him for his insight.

Unfortunately, at present there are already traffic concerns and I would like to specifically address the intersection of Woods Hill Rd. and Middletown Ave (Rt 17) in the Northford section. Woods Hill Rd, in effect, has become an extended ramp for I-91 and in no way has it been designed for the volume of traffic it receives. In addition, I feel the configuration of the intersection is a major contributor to what seems a dramatic increase in the number of accidents. The intersection is not configured at a right angle, allowing vehicles travelling northbound on Rt 17 to make a left turn onto Woods Hill Rd at a high rate of speed, most often dangerously close to southbound vehicles and cutting the corner so close as to cross over the stop bar on Woods Hill Rd. into oncoming traffic.

Adding to this dangerous mix is the increased number and size of trucks ignoring the ‘No Thru Trucks’ signage, and for those 18 wheeled rigs that do obey the sign, the spectacle of one backing up onto Rt 17 into oncoming traffic.

I am by no means a traffic engineer but there is ample evidence of an issue. Numerous accidents, blaring horns from close calls, broken glass, oil, sand, car parts and (as of this writing at least) the most recent late-night Christmas Eve accident that now has the Stop sign at Woods Hill Rd standing half as tall. So many accidents it seems in the past few months that neither state or local public works even bother to fully clean the mess anymore.

I would urge town officials and the local traffic authority to consider this intersection hazardous and work with the state to improve its safety. Suggestions include signage on Rt 17 alerting motorists to use caution at the intersection, warning trucks prior to turning onto Woods Hill Rd, speed calming methods on this stretch of Rt 17, and even a re-design of the intersection itself. As Mr. Candelora stated, the quality of life of neighbors in this area is being negatively impacted, and more important, I am concerned that it is only a matter of time before there is a tragic injury or fatality.

Respectively, Eric Albert

us that the environmental crisis is not only real but worse than they thought, and Trump and his party of sycophants continue to not only deny global warming but do everything they can to make it worse. Republican legislators spend their careers fighting against health care for all but the wealthiest among us.

One could go on for pages regarding our current problems. They often seem overwhelming, and no one can be blamed for not wanting to feel scared. But killing the messenger will never work! Calling someone PC when they’re being petty or ridiculous is one thing, but when they bring up real hurt, real pain, real wrong-doing, then it’s fundamentally dishonest. At best it’s fiddling while Rome burns.

Sincerely, Peter Rothenberg

Totoket Valley Elementary School

GRADE 4 GIVING DAY



Adopt-a-Family.



By: Ella, Marina, Natalia and Makayla

Every year at Totoket Valley Elementary School, there is an Adopt-a-Family event in December. This event is offered by Family Centered Services of New Haven. The center gives the names of different families around our state who need support. Every grade in our school gets a family and each classroom has a person from that family. The children from each classroom give a gift to a person from the family. Our school does it because it's the season of giving and other families don't have a lot like us. So our school

wants to support them and give them presents for the holidays. In November, we had an assembly to learn more about Service to Others. Then we had our class Giving Day on December 10, 2018.

Shekena

By: Emma and Christian

Our class was lucky to adopt an 11 year old girl named Shekena. She has 2 parents, a sister, and two brothers. She enjoys spending time with her family and doing fun things.

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She enjoys playing beauty salon and hair dresser with her sister. She also likes to practice hair and makeup on mom. This was Shekena's wish list this year:

- Arts and Crafts
- Nail Salon Set
- My Fairy Garden Unicorn Paradise
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Winter Tops

Using the list, plus some new ideas, our class bought over 25 gifts and gift cards to put under Shekena's tree this year. In addition to the list above, we also got her bath bombs, a bracelet maker, a journal, hair chalk, hair accessories, and nail polish. We hope she enjoys all of her gifts.

Senior Visit

By: Eli, Lily, Lena, Vedi, Sam, Jacob, William, Gabby, Autumn and Siena

On December 10, 2018, seven seniors from the North Branford Senior Center visited our school. The seniors only came for the 4th graders wrapping day. All students loved this wonderful experience to do activities with the seniors. These are the activities we did together as both seniors and students:

Wrapping Our class wrapped presents for our adopted child with our senior citizen, named Jeannie. Jeannie has two fourth grade granddaughters named Mia and Mallory here at TVES. Marina D. interviewed Jeannie and discovered that she has a fear of being closed in, she used to have a pet, and really enjoys being with children. Jeannie helped each student wrap one present for Shekena. She helped us fold, tape and wrap our presents neatly. She also taught some new tricks that she used to wrap presents so that it would be useful to us children. We thought it was an amazing experience to meet and wrap with our incredible senior, Jeannie.



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Baking On December 7th, seven students were sent home with a mission that was to bake cookies over the weekend so on Monday, December 10th the seniors could enjoy freshly baked cookies and coffee in the library while they were interviewed. There were snickerdoodles, holiday-shaped sugar cookies, M&M blondies and chocolate chip cookies. All of the cookies that were not eaten were wrapped in goody bags for the seniors to take home or share with others who were not able to make it to our school. We wanted to help the seniors have a great time and make them feel loved.



Card and Snowflake Making Our class also made holiday cards and paper snowflakes. The cards we made went to the seniors and Shekena as holidays gifts. The snowflakes were given to the senior center so they could decorate their rooms or the lobby.

How to Make a Snowflake

1. Fold a square piece of paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.
2. Now, fold the triangle in half so the pointy corners meet.
3. Fold your triangle in thirds. You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.
4. Cut across the bottom of your paper so it is straight.
5. Cut your folded paper so it looks like the triangle above.
6. Then unfold it gently. Don't worry if your snowflake isn't exact: No two snowflakes are ever alike.



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SHED Writer's Conference

On December 17th, NBHS Hosted the Annual Shoreline Heads of English Departments (SHED) Writer's Conference for students. NBHS English Teacher Ms. Chelsea Dodds organized the event again with nine of the twelve conference member schools in attendance. Over 100 students attended and from the Shoreline Conference and participated in workshops provided by published writers and composers.

The presenters pictured below from left to right are: Shelley Stoehr, Shelby Lanaro, Emily Costa, D. Margaret Hoffman, Lisa Gaudio, Eric Ong, and Roger Lotring. photo provided by Chelsea Dodds

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Dante Tomassini will be playing hockey for Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Angelica Reilly was recognized at English Night at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Jessica Zumbo was named to the Dean's List at Keene State College.

Paul Zumbo was named to the Dean's List at Franklin Pierce University.

Abigali Baldwin was named to the Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University.

Tara Lauro was named to the Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University.

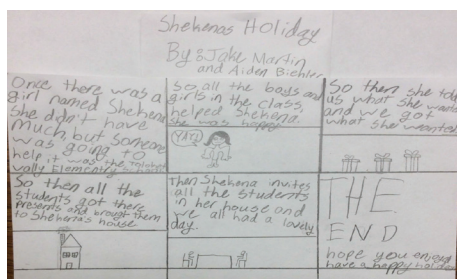
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Getting Gifts to Shekena

Once our class wrapped all gifts with the seniors, we put them carefully into a large bag to go to the Family Centered Services. Autumn's mom and brother, Patrick, came to carry the heavy bags out to her van and bring them to New Haven for us. We wanted to help the families in need by giving them some gifts and the message that they are appreciated and loved!

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NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL ROLE MODEL SCREENING FEBRUARY 1st, 2019

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 2019-2020 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.

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 2019 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School
335 Foxon Road, North Brnaford, CT
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. - 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, 2020.
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, 2018. 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,

registration will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at the same times noted above.

NORTH BRANFORD BARBERSHOP

HAIR CUTS
MEN \$12.00
SENIOR & KIDS UNDER 10 \$10.00

TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30
THUR. 8:30 - 5:30. FRI. 8:30-5:30
SAT. 8:30-3:30 CLOSED SUN. & MON.

~ WALK-INS ONLY ~

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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.

Women's Club, Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are based on future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

Completed applications must be received by February 10, 2019.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women's Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, contact Mary Connolly at 203-484-0722.

Scholarship Association Looking for Help!

The North Branford Scholarship Association is having it's organizational meeting for 2019 on January 9th 2019 at 7PM in the library conference room at the North Branford High School.

Anyone interested in helping us raise money for high school seniors graduating in 2019 is invited to attend.

Any questions please call Lars Selander at (203) 483 -1311



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

**Openings currently
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1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80)

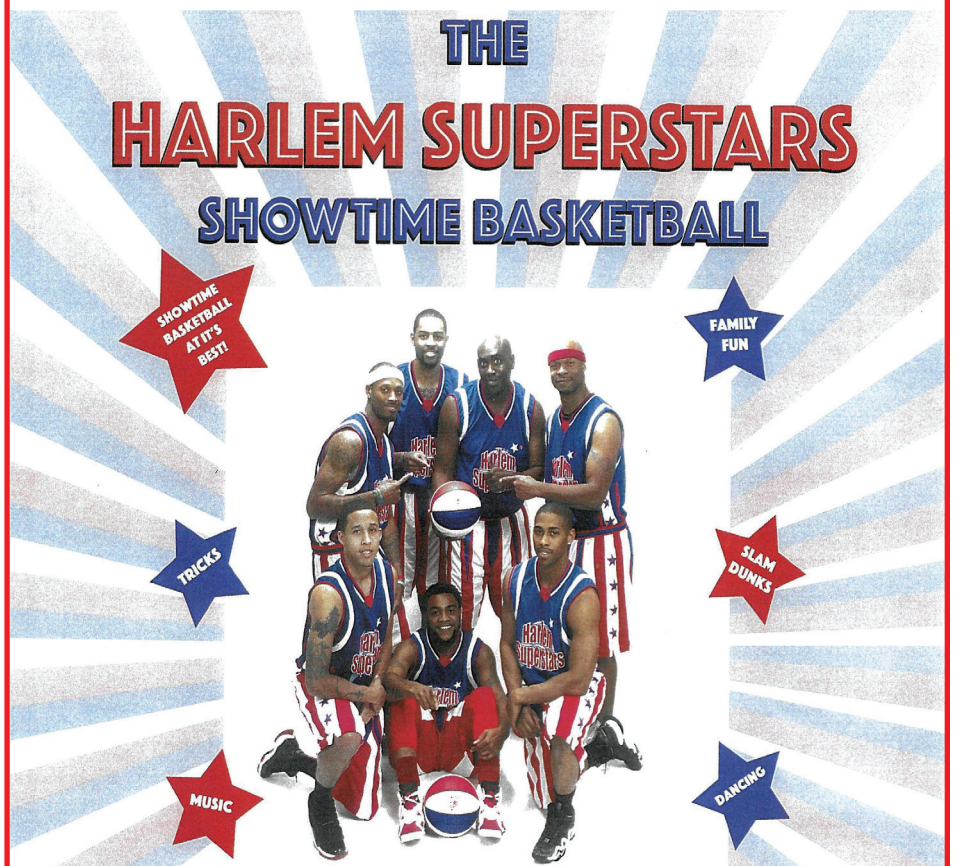
North Branford, CT

203-481-3909

www.weecarenb.com



Last Chance for Advanced Tickets



North Branford Education Foundation is bringing back the Harlem Superstars fund raising basketball game against the North Branford All Stars.

Friday, January 11, 2019 - NBHS Gym 7:00

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

For advance Tickets visit Jerome Harrison, TVES, NBIS or Central Office or Call Frank at 203-410-4254

REGISTER NOW...PAY LATER!



Online Registration Now Open for
North Branford Youth Lacrosse

nbylax.org

Join America's Fastest Growing Sport!

Open to Boys & Girls in Kindergarten to 8th Grades

***Register before January 1, 2019 – Avoid \$50 Late Fee**

Registration closes January 31, 2019

**(Early Bird & Multi-Player discounts and Late Fess do not apply to K – 2nd grade Programs)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOYS OR GIRLS PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT:

Jason Taylor, Boy's Coordinator: boyscoordinator@nbylax.org

Joe Amatore, Girl's Coordinator: girlscoordinator@nbylax.org

Neil LeBeau, President: president@nbylax.org

FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: info@nbylax.org



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FREE TOWING TO OUR SHOP

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2049 Foxon Rd. North Branford

BEST GAMES IN TOWN			
Girls Basketball			
Friday	1 - 4 - 19	@Valley Regional	7:00
Tuesday	1 - 8 - 19	@Portland	7:00
Friday	1 - 11 - 19	@Cromwell	7:00
Tuesday	1 - 15 -19	Old Lyme	7:00
Wednesday	1 - 16 - 19	Amistad	7:00
Friday	1 - 18 -19	Haddam Killingworth	7:00
Boys Basketball			
Friday	1 - 4 - 19	Valley Regional	7:00
Monday	1 - 7- 19	Portland	7:00
Thursday	1 - 10 -19	Cromwell	7:00
Monday	1 -14 - 19	@Old Lyme	7:00
Thursday	1 - 17 -19	@ H - K	7:00
Boys Hockey			
Saturday	1 - 5- 19	East Catholic	6:15
Wednesday	1 - 9 -19	@Guilford	4:45
Saturday	1 -12 - 19	Hand	5:30
Saturday	1 - 16 - 19	@Cheshire	6:00

Connecticut Sportsplex

“All You Can Play All-Day”

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 21

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Unlimited

Cyber Sport, Laser Tag, Playscape & Soft Drinks!!

Only \$20.00 per person!!

BOOK YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY

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For more information

Call 203-484-4383 or visit www.ctsportsplex.com

North Branford Soccer Club

SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

TINY FEET JR

BOYS/GIRLS DOB 1/1/15-12/31/16

TINY FEET SR

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/13-12/31/14

8 SATURDAYS

EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

JUNIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/11-12/31/12

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

INCLUDES PRACTICE & GAME

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DEVELOPEMENTAL TRAVEL

SENIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/09-12/31/10

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

TEAM PRACTICE / GAME DAY: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TRAVEL TEAMS

U11-U19 TRAVEL TEAMS - BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/08 - 12/31/00

PLAYING TEAMS FROM OTHER CT TOWNS WITHIN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Saturday Morning Clinic & In-House Program Conducted by Professional Coaches from Victory Soccer School

REGISTER @ <http://northbranford.cjsalive.org/home.php>

“Never Go Through Life Without Goals”

Like us on Facebook: North Branford Soccer Club | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



ACTIVITIES

ABC's for 2's and 3's - #36101

Who: Ages 2 - 3
When: January 8 - January 29
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will be introduced to letters and numbers, days of the week, seasons, and holidays through hands-on activities. They will participate in art, sensory play, songs, science and movement. Designed to foster independence for the child not yet enrolled in a preschool or child care center. Also, for the child who needs an extra day of structured activities.

Strength Training - #32144

Who: Ages 18+
When: January 8 - March 5 (No class 2/19)
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: Designed to help you get strong and healthy, this class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Build long lean muscles to rev up your metabolism and add tone to your physique. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well

NEW Fitness Fuslon - #32113

Who: Ages 18+
When: January 9 - February 13
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This is the gateway to getting fit regardless of your fitness level and offers a variety of different fundamentals of fitness. The 60 minute exercise will focus on; cardio, strength, core function, and flexibility. The class will offer a fusion of Pilates, yoga, HIIT and more!. Workouts are effective and fun.

NEW Active Kids - #36113

Who: Ages 8 - 15
When: January 12 - February 16
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This program will keep kids active the entire time! You can expect lots of jumping, running, moving, strength, stretch, and core. This fun class is offered by an elementary teacher and fitness coach that will show kids the importance of moving their bodies, how to make healthy choices, and how to have fun while exercising!. With your child's input, we talk about their favorite ways to move their body and design a workout on the spot to keep them engaged.

Babyslitter's Certification - #36104

Who: Ages 12 - 15
When: January 21
Time: Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Ambulance Co. 4 - Northford
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Certified Instructors, Ambulance Co. 4
Description: Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)

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

 Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am 
Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

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

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents
Please call by 9am

ACTIVITIES

Target - Monday, Monday 7, 12:30pm, FREE
After lunch, join us for a ride to Target to browse the great deals.

Melillo's Greenhouse & General Store - Wednesday, January 9, 12:30pm
Shop local! Let's see what this hidden gem has to offer!

Indoor Potluck Picnic - Friday, January 11, 12:00pm, FREE
Don't let the weather keep you from having a picnic! Join us for an indoor potluck picnic—sign up at the front desk!

Senior Scams & Safety - Monday, January 14, 10:30am, FREE
Join expert, Tracey Parks, Coordinator of Community Education & Training from The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services, for an informative presentation on safety issues for seniors in and outside your home.

Movie & Munchies - Friday, January 18, 10:30am, FREE
Join us at the Senior Center for 'The Greatest Showman' inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Cards w/ the TVES 5th Graders - Wednesday, January 23, 10:30am, FREE
5th grade students from TVES will be coming once a month, through the end of the school year, to play cards!

Glenwood & Aldi in Hamden - Friday, January 25, 10:30am,
Enjoy lunch on your own with friends and then we will head over to Aldi in Hamden. Don't forget to bring a quarter for your cart deposit!

Walmart - Monday, January 28, 12:30pm, FREE
After lunch, join us for a ride to Walmart in Branford.

Dollar Tree - Wednesday, January 30, 12:30pm
Join us for a trip to the Dollar Tree to pick up all of your \$1.00 essentials!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make this year's 'The Gifting Tree' Program a success. To the community agencies (libraries, food pantry) that supported the program, to those who donated and to those who helped deliver the gifts—we couldn't have done it without you!

The Best Kept Secret in North Branford! DiLungo Fitness Room

New Year, New You!



Membership Options and Pricing

Resident Individual (Age 15+) - \$175	Resident Senior (Age 60+) - \$100
Resident Family - \$275	Non-Resident: \$10 additional fee
Family includes two adults in the same household & one child between the ages of 12 – 26. Under 15 needs to be accompanied by an adult.	
HOURS:	
Monday - Thursday	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	6:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

No Enrollment Fee

FREE 3 Day Trial Pass!

Bring your smart phone for FAMILY TRIVIA

Friday January 25th
6:00 - 8:30pm

STW Community Center
1332 Middletown Ave. Northford

Enter as a family or group
\$10 per team - Teams of 2-6 people
MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE
Game begins at 6:30 sharp

GRAND PRIZE

Win a \$500 Gift Certificate towards a photographic experience by



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; ncchurch@snet.net. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am 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.

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). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! 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, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s as well as 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; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

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.org.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. ‘Real People, Real Hope, Real Life’ www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and” A Place to Belong”, this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

Pilgrimage to the Passion Play

Father Robert Turner and St. Ambrose parish in North Branford invite you to join us on a very special faith experience!

Come with us as we experience a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau passion play and European Capitals Tour. Oberammergau is a tradition started in 1634 when villagers performed the Passion Play to ward off the Black Plague in the mountains of Bavaria. Every 10 years since then, the village reprises this 6 hour performance, it is a spectacle to behold and immensely popular.

The 2020 performance will include spoken dramatics and open style singing backed by a full scale orchestra and chorus. Come join us on this 10 day event September 23,2020 through October 2 2020 journey of faith which also includes European capital city stops including Munich, Innsbruck, Prague, Dresden and Berlin. Included is roundtrip airfare from New York, first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, hotel gratuities and program fees and entrance to the Passion play for \$4,548 per person, double occupancy, (single accommodations are available for an upcharge).

For more information, or a detailed brochure of this great trip, please call Mary or Jim Lovelace, Mount Carmel Travel, at 203-481-6082.

Community Workshop to Help Others

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for community workshops every Thursday from 4 – 6 pm to work on projects that help vulnerable children in our area. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. These workshops will be ongoing.

Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in Northford.. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help others and welcome all to join us.

I HAVE A DREAM

Martin Luther King Jr. delivered, August 28, 1963

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we’ve come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we’ve come to our nation’s capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we’ve come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom (Yes) and the security of justice

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro’s legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: in the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny, and they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, “When will you be satisfied?” We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating for whites only. We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters (Yes) and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of “interposition” and “nullification” , one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ,and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith (Yes) we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle *Continued on page 12*

Coastal Navigation Course

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron will be teaching a Coastal Navigation Course (historically known as Piloting), starting Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Subsequent Tuesdays will be from 6:45 to 8:45. The course is \$75 and will run eight consecutive weeks (weather permitting) on Tuesdays. Commander Peter DePascale, AP, will be teaching. The course will be held at the Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Ave., Branford. For more information and to sign up, contact SEO and P/D/C Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or Cdr. Peter DePascale, 203-671-2420 by December 31.

Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

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 seamanship, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsps.org.

Recycling News

Bulky Waste Pickup Schedule*

Bulky waste pickup is now **monthly** (instead of weekly).

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2nd full week** of each month on your regular weekly trash day:

Jan	Feb	Mar
14th	11th	11th

***No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules**

Christmas Tree Pick-Up for 2 weeks in January

January 7th – 18th on your scheduled trash day

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 9, 2019

9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 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.

Newly located at 122 Avenue of Industry 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

“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues. Help avoid potential flooding by clearing snow and ice in the winter months from around storm drains. Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

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North Branford Intermediate School Cafeteria
654 Foxon Road (Rt. 80) North Branford

Friday January 18, 2019

(Snow Date Friday February 1, 2019)

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NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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JAN 6

2:00PM

Author Marty Podskoch will discuss his book Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring CT, a travel book highlighting the different curiosities in each of the 169 towns of the Nutmeg State

SMITH LIBRARY

JAN 13

1:30PM

Ever curious about Honeywell and their facility on Route 22? Come learn about the history of the company, their North Branford operation and get answers to "what really goes on in there?"

SMITH LIBRARY

JAN 24

1:00PM

Join the International Film Club presented by Pat Cochrane for a viewing of the 2000 American film, Best in Show

ATWATER LIBRARY

JAN 15

10:30-1:30

KIDS! Homeschool recess at the Library. Join your friends for a fun time at our first homeschool meet-up. We will provide board games, snowman beanbag toss, hula hoops and more! No registration

ATWATER LIBRARY

JAN 15

4:15-5:15

KIDS! What makes Snow Globes so much fun? Learn about the floaty, swirly, glittery bits and design your own winter scene in a little jar. For ages 5 to 10. Call to register 203-315-6020

ATWATER LIBRARY

JAN 17

6:00PM

KIDS! Agility training stations with the Quinnipiac University Women's Track Team and Boomer! Join us for a fun evening of exercises and games: javelin, shot put, hurdles and more! For ages 4 & up. Call to register 203-484-0469

SMITH LIBRARY

JAN 23

6:30-7:30

KIDS! Join us to learn the basics of 3D design. We will be designing and printing basic cookie cutters. Kindergarten & up with an adult companion! Call to register 203-484-0469

SMITH LIBRARY

Senator-elect Cohen Announces series of Upcommng Conversations

HARTFORD, CT - **Senator-elect Christine Cohen** (D-Guilford) announced today that she will hold a series of open office hours for all residents of the 12th Senate District in Madison, Branford, Guilford, Durham, North Branford, and Killingworth.

"The 2019 legislative session begins January 9 and it's important that I hear from all citizens of the 12th Senate District so that I can best represent them during my time in the legislature," **Senator-elect Cohen** said. "I look forward to holding productive conversations with my constituents and hearing their suggestions for legislation. Together we can make our region of the state an even better place to live."

Senator-elect Cohen's upcoming office hours schedule is as follows:

Madison
January 3 at 6:00 p.m.
Room B, Madison Town Hall
8 Campus Dr., Madison
Branford
January 4 at 8:00 a.m.
Willoughby's Coffee and Tea
550 East Main St., Branford

Guilford
January 7 at 8:00 a.m.
The Marketplace | Guilford Food Center
77 Whitfield St., Guilford

Durham
January 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Durham Public Library | Upper Level Activity Room
7 Maple Ave., Durham

North Branford
January 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall | Town Council Chambers
909 Foxon Rd., North Branford

Killingworth
January 18 at 8:00 a.m.
Dunkin' Donuts
177 Clinton Rd., Killingworth

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together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day, this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"