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## Kingdom Builder Ministries Helping the Community



Kingdom Builder Ministries (KBM) in an effort to show continued support and appreciation for the North Branford Police recently held a **“Fill a Sock for an NB Cop” Christmas Drive.**

A Christmas Stocking with various items was filled for every officer and staff on the force, and delivered to them on Saturday December 19th.

KBM would like to thank the amazing community of North Branford for their generous support in making their **“Fill a Sock for an NB Cop” Christmas Drive** a tremendous success.

“To all the Business owners, family, friends and residents of NB, we truly appreciate you and could never do this without you,” commented President Sam DeFrancesco.

“To the North Branford Police Dept, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and we thank you for all that you do to keep our town safe,” added DeFrancesco.

Kingdom Builder Ministries Inc is a non – profit organization that was established to reach into the community and across the state to help people in need everywhere. “We are not a church,” explained DeFrancesco. “We simply

bring hope to Individuals and Families that have experienced a traumatic event or may have fallen on difficult times, or just a way to say thank you to people who make a difference.”

KBM makes available various levels of support, provision, and professional counsel, this can range from small to large and include everything from but not limited to; a bag of groceries, monetary support, or a full home renovation.

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## Who Is Responsible for Damage

### When Trees Fall Across Boundary Lines?

Our trees and woodlands are one defining feature of living in New England. As they grow ever larger and taller, trees provide shade for our homes and yards, habitat for various wildlife, and serve to purify the air we breathe and the water we drink. Some are harvested for their wood for lumber or to fuel our homes, or cleared away for our homes and gardens. Or they may be cut to provide “growing space” for other trees as they expand their branches, reaching for more sunlight to sustain their growth.

A young forest starts with thousands of tiny tree seedlings, but as they grow each tree needs ever more growing space. Through a natural thinning process, most of these trees die when quite small, and only a few grow into large trees. Foresters can work with this thinning process to direct the growth of the forest in ways that benefit wildlife and produce useful forest products. When a forest is managed in such a manner the trees grow faster, and often stay healthier longer.

#### Who Takes Care of the Trees?

Trees do not live forever, although some can live for hundreds of years. More commonly, in Connecticut, many of our larger trees can survive to between 100 and 150 years of age. Eventually even those trees that receive the best care from foresters (who work with many trees, in large groups or whole forests) or arborists (who work with individual trees, in yards or along streets) do die.

Most trees in our part of Connecticut are not managed by foresters or arborists, and such management is the choice of each landowner. While active management can bring many benefits, it also has costs. These costs are higher in urban and suburban areas where buildings, power lines, and other man-made objects can be obstacles to the work. Often in more rural areas there are more options for wood disposal, including sawmills which will often pay for the right to cut and remove trees. For these and other reasons most of our trees here in southern Connecticut are left to “nature”.

#### What Causes Trees to Die?

Trees are remarkably resilient, but ultimately even the strongest trees succumb. Over time wood decaying organisms called fungi can weaken roots, branches, and tree trunks. Insects which eat the leaves can weaken the natural ability of the tree to fight off wood decay. Other insects can bore into the part of the tree that moves water and food around the tree. Wind, snow, and/or ice can break branches, adding to the stress on the tree. Vines can strangle the tree while also depriving the leaves of vital sunlight. These various forces can combine in many different ways. The result could be a slow, gradual breakup of a standing tree, branch-by-branch, or a sudden catastrophic break of a huge limb or even an entire tree. Some windstorms are powerful enough to take down an entire grove of trees in a few seconds.

#### A Tree Has Died. Who has to clean up the mess? What about damage when the tree falls?

Generally speaking, our laws classify the damage caused by falling trees or portions of trees as “acts of god”. No blame is assigned in these cases. Any damage is not the fault of the tree’s owner. The fallen tree or part of tree becomes the property of the person whose land it has fallen on, and that person may cut, remove, and use or dispose of that portion that has crossed the boundary line. The costs are borne by the owner of the property where the tree or branches have fallen, or in some cases by the insurance company of the same property owner. The property owner where the tree was growing is not responsible for damages or costs.

There are exceptions of course. For example, if a person cuts the tree down, or causes some injury to the tree that could be expected to damage the tree leading it to fall, then that person has some legal responsibility.

So, the tree and/or tree parts are part of the property where acts of nature put them. This is also true when trees or branches which are still alive grow

across a boundary line. While it is always best for both parties to work together on a reasonable plan, each can remove the parts of the tree that they own without permission from the other. Finally, if my tree has a few branches that cross into my neighbor’s space I can cut the whole tree on my own, or my neighbor can just cut the branches that cross the line.

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### Damaged Trees continued

ComWhat Does NBLCT Do About Standing Dead Trees Near Boundaries? Or treefalls across boundaries?

As an all-volunteer land trust, we do selective forestry management as we can, but for the most part, we rely on natural processes to deal with dead and dying trees.

Legally we have no responsibility to cut or care for these trees. This is fortunate, because we are a volunteer organization with limited resources. The underlying legal concepts derive from common law, based on centuries of English experience that included large tracts of wild forest. It was

reasoned then, and still true, that is it unrealistic to expect property owners to care for every tree along every boundary, nor to clean up after natural damages occur.

If a neighbor wishes to cut a tree that is on our land which they believe to be a hazard to them or their property they should ask us for permission to correct the hazard. One of our board members will meet the neighbor to look at the tree(s). If we agree to their request, a contract is signed designating the tree and requiring the neighbor to take responsibility and to use safe practices.

If you own land that borders property of NBLCT we would enjoy hearing from you. Come to one of our monthly board meetings, talk to one of our board members, or check out our web site ([nblandtrust.org](http://nblandtrust.org)) and Facebook page. Let us know if you have any concerns, and we will check them out.

The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation and enjoyment of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford.

*Compliments of  
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& Dave Sargent*

## Happy New Year!

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Price at the pump to increase?



The legislative session started Wednesday, minus the pomp and circumstance that makes opening day so special for individuals who are beginning their first terms.

Any sense of disappointment felt by freshmen legislators will be in their rearview mirrors soon enough, the void filled by work associated with a full set of complex issues that will come

across their desks and Zoom screens. As you've likely read, up for debate over the next few months are sports betting, marijuana legalization, budget development, and local control of zoning.

Of course, there's pandemic-related work too.

But there's another topic that will demand the spotlight: the price of gas, or more specifically Gov. Lamont's desire to link Connecticut to a "regional" policy drive to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It's the Transportation Climate Initiative, and our state could join Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Washington D.C. to install what environmentalists describe as a "cap and invest" system. Essentially, it's a pay-to-pollute push targeting fuel wholesalers and distributors.

The governor and his surrogates bristle at the notion that this is a gas tax aimed at Connecticut drivers, and say that it'll be up to wholesalers and distributors to choose whether to pass on to customers the costs of the "allowances" they purchase for pollution caused by fuel they sell.

If you believe that wholesalers will choose that path, to simply take a loss, as Gov. Lamont has disingenuously suggested—well, let me tell you about a bridge I'd like to sell you...

It's been estimated that our participation in TCI could increase your price at the pump by 17 cents in the first year alone, and perhaps 45 cents over 10 years. Maybe more.

New York, New Jersey, and Vermont aren't participating. Neither is New Hampshire, whose governor earlier this year branded TCI a "financial boondoggle."

This doesn't feel so "regional," does it?

Thankfully, the governor can't act on this one alone. He'll need the legislature to weigh in, and it remains to be seen how many of his majority Democrat colleagues will join him in an endeavor that's already raising eyebrows among residents fed up with our state's cost of living.

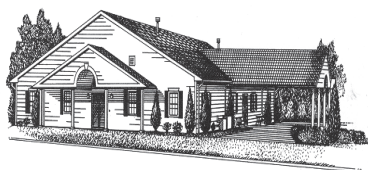
Count me among legislators who view this as a cash grab—a backup plan to tolls that comes with administrative costs and uncertainty over exactly how the revenue would be used.

Will it lead to much-needed road and bridge repair in our communities,

or do we simply get electric buses in cities, roundabouts, and subsidies for expensive battery-powered cars?

I'll let you know more as the legislative session proceeds.

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## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, I went to bed at 9:00 PM last night. I guess my days of partying into the afternoon on New Year's Eve are long gone. I would have stayed up a bit longer, but I watched Dick Clarke's Rocking New Year's Eve Party for an hour, and I realized I didn't recognize one of the entertainers. It was not a pleasant revelation. After watching this horror show, I wasn't sure if it was an example of the sad state I am in, or the sad state our society is in.

I woke up at 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:30 to pee. Each time I had to fight to get my sleep apnea mask off. At 6:30, I finally got up for good, looked in the mirror and I was still morbidly obese. My ankles, knee, back and hands were still quite pained by arthritis and tendonitis.

I took a shower, fought to put on my compression socks, and orthotic sneakers, popped my usual 14 morning pills and waddled to the kitchen for some tea and toast.

I bundled up in a hoodie, sweatpants, gloves and a hat just to run out and pick up a newspaper (a task I use to perform in gym shorts and a tee shirt).

When I got to the store I realized I had to put a mask on. We are still in the middle of a pandemic that has already taken many lives.

As I quickly perused the front page, Doctor Fauci was warning us that this thing is not over, "the worst is yet to come, before it gets better".

I looked for a photo of President Elect Joe Biden and current President Donald Trump, together shaking hands and promising to work as one to make this country great again. I was unable to find it.

I scanned through the obituaries and people were still dying. The good news was that my name was not yet in there.

I discussed the luncheon menu with my wife. What use to be a big luncheon at aunt Tess's house, with a crowd of people consuming pounds of spaghetti aglio e olio with pine nuts and anchovies and plenty of Italian bread would now be three of us having a salad.

As I sat down to watch the ND game, something dawned on me. Some things have changed, but most have stayed the same even with a new year.

Although hundreds of people through all walks of life had promised that once the ball dropped and the clock ticked to January one, the new year would mean a complete change, everything was the same as yesterday. There was no political harmony, pain had remained and the mask from the 2020 pandemic was still choking off my fresh air.

But for some reason, I wasn't disappointed. I was happy to spend another day on this earth with family (although much smaller than in the past), and friends and new challenges.

***Happy New Years to all. I miss you and the family, my brother, and I'll see you soon. But it looks like it won't be today.***

## Creativity & Textures - Topic of Camera Club

North Haven Camera Club will host 'Creativity with Textures and Composites in Photography' by Hazel Meredith on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. See how you can take a "ho hum" image and make it into your own 'work of art'.

Learn how to work with textures and compositing several images to create your own artistic vision. Hazel will show you how to create your own textures--both from photos and with brushes in Photoshop or Elements--then combine them with photos to create looks from subtle to dramatic. You will learn how to do simple composites like changing a sky, as well as more complex creations with several images. Guests are welcome to attend.

North Haven Camera Club currently meets online. Meetings are usually held on Tuesday. The first meeting of the month is a presentation and the Third Tuesday of the month are photo competitions. Visit our website at [www.northhavencameraclub.com](http://www.northhavencameraclub.com) for more information about our club.

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## Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

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This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

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**The Editor**

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As we head into 2021, please do your part to stay healthy, wear a mask, get vaccinated, and help Connecticut's economy reopen and grow!





## NBHS Student Council Donate Toys

Every year the North Branford High School Student Council sponsors a toy drive to benefit families of North Branford. The toys get donated to the food pantry to allow residents to shop for their loved ones during the holiday season. Faculty and students donate new, unwrapped toys. This year the support was overwhelming! We were able to donate over 100 toys to the North Branford Food Pantry! Families in need will be able to pick out toys to gift their families from the great variety of toys we received! Thank you to faculty and students for bringing in those toys and giving back to our community.

## NBHS Students Accepted into Southern Region Music Festival

In late November, several students from the NBHS Music Program submitted virtual auditions for acceptance into the Southern Region Music Festival. While there is no live festival this year, students accepted have this impressive accomplishment on their music resumes, and are now eligible to audition (virtually) for the CT All State Music Festival in February.

NBHS is very proud to announce the following NBHS students were accepted into the Southern Region Music Festival:

**Orchestra:** Caroline Shadman. **Concert Band:** Alexander Shadman.

**Concert Choir:** Mila Iuteri, Ava Raymond, Maiah Raymond, Benjamin Reynolds, Christina Riggione. **Treble Choir:** Sheyenne Rivera, Alexis Sorrell & Emma Yaconots

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Stephanie Sager, Amanda Croce, Kaitlyn Morris and Cassandra Stegina were named to the Dean's List at Godwin University in East Hartford, CT.



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## IDS Eighth Graders Embrace Season of Giving

In previous years, it was tradition for eighth grade students at the Independent Day School to engage in a "Secret Santa" which allowed the opportunity for students to exchange gifts with one another. 2020, of course, has been anything but a normal year. Recognizing the hardships that many families have experienced this year, the eighth graders wanted to do something more impactful than simply give presents to one another.

Encouraged and guided by their class advisors, Carrie Boyce, Katy Griffith, and Rebecca LaTour, along with Technology Coordinator Kirsten Reynolds, the students came together with the idea of giving care packages to those in need. They chose to work with the Life Haven Shelter in New Haven, an organization which is especially significant to Ms. Reynolds.

Ms. Reynolds collected all of the donations at the end of last week and brought them to the shelter on Sunday. While she was sad the students could not be with her to experience the joy their packages gave (due to COVID restrictions), she, and the entire school community, were very proud of the time and effort the students put towards this initiative.



## The Northford Women's Club Is 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 granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a Bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2021.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women's Club website at [www.northfordwomensclub.org](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org). For further information, contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.

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PTO Adds to Jerome Harrison Playground

The students of Jerome Harrison Elementary School will have something new to look forward to when they arrive back to school after the holiday recess. Thanks to the generous donation of the JHS PTO, led by President Jillian Shove, the JHS playground has been updated with a new climbing structure for our children to play and explore. Donating over 14,000 dollars to the school, the PTO made the dream of updating the playground a reality. Working alongside Principal Beth Parker and Physical Education Teacher Brent Ramsey, they chose a piece of equipment that will strengthen students’ motor planning skills, physical development, and play skills. But most importantly, they chose something that will bring smiles and excitement to our young children’s lives during a time when we can all use some fun! Thank you to the parent community for their support and dedication to the current and future children of JHS!!  
Submitted by: Beth Parker, JHS Principal”

T J Launderette Receives Plastic Film Program Bench



On Wednesday, December 23, T J Launderette was presented the latest bench NB has earned from the Plastic Film Recycling Program, sponsored by Trex and supported by our NB Big Y. It’s NB’s eighth bench. NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee members Bill Savastano and Hank Petroskey made the presentation. Thanks to Terri Esposito and the entire team at T J Launderette for their dedication in collecting plastic film. In the four years of the program, T J Launderette has collected over 1,300 pounds of plastic film.

Unfortunately, COVID is still restricting access to many of our Town drop off locations, so we ask for your patience as we worked through these challenges. Most big box store retailers have once again begun accepting plastic film.  
Please only place acceptable items in the collection bins and in this COVID time, please do not place any PPE. If you are not sure what type of plastic film can go into the bins, please reach out to us.  
The purpose of North Branford’s Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is to develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of our town.  
T J Launderette owner Terri Esposito is the first to try out the bench.  
Photo & Story compliments of Hank Petroskey

Recycling News

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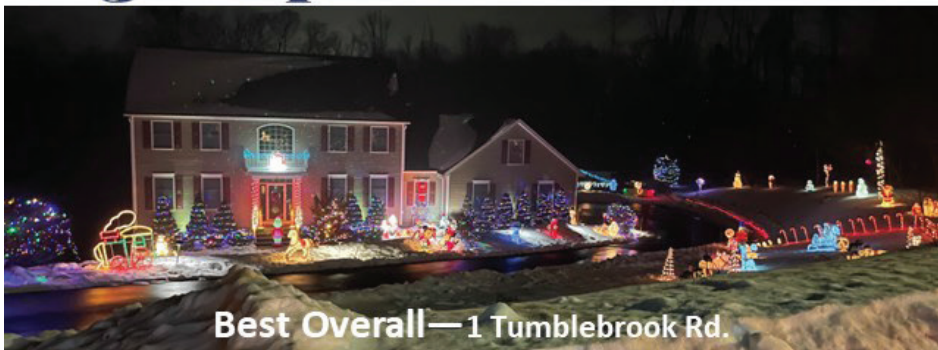
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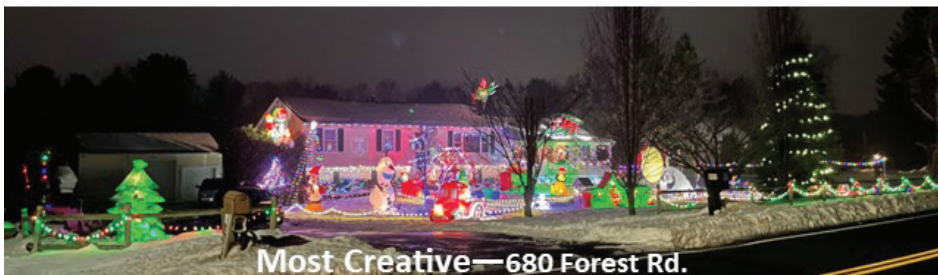
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**Instructor:** Elena Bigio, Kidscapades

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### Death Notices



**Kim A. Jenkins-Owens: "Loving wife, sister, aunt & friend"**

It is with deep sorrow in our hearts we announce, Kim Jenkins Owens passed away on Dec. 3, 2020 at Yale- New Haven Hospital after a brief illness.

Kim was born in Torrington, CT on May 25, 1955. She was predeceased by her parents George Jenkins and Thelma Spargo Jenkins of Terryville, a nephew, Eric Jenkins of Bristol and sister-in-law, Darla Holcomb Jenkins.

She is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Christopher B. Owens Jr. of North Branford, CT, sisters, Lauren & Dennis Pierce of Sun City Center, FL, Candace & Ed Davies of Milford, CT, brothers, Wayne & Andrea Jenkins of Bristol, CT, Craig Jenkins of Port Saint Lucie, FL, nieces, great nieces, great nephews, many cousins and many friends who she enjoyed immensely. She will be sorely missed.

Kim graduated from Terryville High School in 1973. She earned her B.A. Degree from Southern CT State University in Art Education in 1977 and later she earned her M.A. Degree in Art History, also from Southern CT. She was a dedicated Art teacher in Rocky Hill, CT for 32 years, mostly at the High School and she retired in 2011. She also worked summers at the Steak & Ale/Sword Restaurant in Milford. She enjoyed many activities including gardening, drawing, painting, going to nice restaurants, kayaking, skiing, hiking, visiting museums and of course, visiting art galleries.

The family asks that donations, in Kim's name go to North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Guilford Land Conservation Trust and Branford Land Trust.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

For more info or to send e-condolences visit: [www.chaseparkwaymemorial.com](http://www.chaseparkwaymemorial.com)



**Gloria "Dolly" Fowler Kojabash, age 94**, of Northford, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2020 at her Northford home. She was the beloved wife of the late Kyriakos "Kay" Kojabash. She was born on September 21, 1926 in New Haven, CT to the late Earl Grey and Ellen McAvoy Fowler.

Dolly is survived by her daughter Diane Allison Kojabash of Northford and her siblings, Dorothy Butcher of Branford, Ann (Neil) Gaunya of Wallingford, Eileen (Albert) Acker of Wallingford and Earl (Elizabeth) Fowler of Essex. She was predeceased by her three siblings, William (Grace) P. Fowler of Wallingford, Mildred Kaercher of West Haven and Muriel (Richard) Hansen of Wallingford.

She now joins her late son, for whom she held the greatest love, Mark Christopher Kojabash (21).

Dolly was held in high esteem by friends and family who benefited from her personal assistance in times of great sorrow and illness. She was very proud of her Irish and Yankee heritage and was the family historian and "keeper" of the family photographs and stories.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Road, North Branford. Interment to follow at All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Mark C. Kojabash Scholarship Fund at Xavier High School are greatly appreciated.



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