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A Tree Grows in North Branford

On September 23, North Branford's Public Works Department planted a white oak tree on the slope above Wall Field, in the recreation area adjacent to the Police Department. The planting was done by DPW employees John Calamita and Kenny Ash, with the assistance of the Public Works Director, Fran Merola.

The white oak was donated by the CT Tree Protective Association, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Connecticut's Arborist Law. The CTPA is an educational association that seeks to "advance the care of trees in Connecticut". The majority of CTPA's nearly 800 members are arborists. Through its membership, CTPA is seeking to coordinate a whole series of tree planting celebrations throughout the state, in each of Connecticut's 169 cities and towns. They are doing this in order to recognize the leadership that the state legislature showed when it passed the first in the country Arborist Law in 1919. Much has changed in those years, but the dedication to trees by those who care for them has not.

For years, CTPA's main office was in Northford, before it moved to its present location in Wallingford. CTPA's Past President and Northford

resident, Chris Donnelly, was quoted as saying, "This is just the beginning. We hope in 100 years that folks from North Branford will be back here, admiring this great oak tree and perhaps even wondering who planted it. 100 years might seem like a long time, but to a tree like an oak, it is not. It is fun to imagine what scenes and events this tree will witness over the next century and more."

Mr. Donnelly also thanked the North Branford crew for the work they do on behalf of the trees in North Branford and Northford. Taking care of trees is not always easy, as that often means being out in the worst weather and sometimes making hard decisions about whether the time has come for a particular tree or not. Through it all, the crew members in North Branford approach their jobs with professionalism and dedication, making the town a better place for all.

More details on the tree planting and on the history of the Arborist Law is on the CTPA website, at www.ctpa.org.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora Vaping: The New Health Crisis



In response to news reports of people becoming ill from using vape products, our Guilford delegation hosted a forum to educate people about vaping. and to discuss some additional reforms that Connecticut can implement to minimize the health risks and prevent teen use of this product. Be-

cause these products are advertised as a healthier alternative to cigarettes and includes various flavors, such as fruits and cotton candy, teenage use is on the rise. I don't believe banning the vape products is an effective solution, and last session, the legislature adopted some meaningful reforms. The law increased from 18 to 21, the smoking age for cigarettes, other tobacco products, and vape products. Connecticut increased certain penalties for sales involving individuals under the legal age and requires dealers who sell e-cigarettes through online sales to obtain the signature of a person aged 21 or older at the shipping address before delivery and to require the signer to show proof of age.

Over the past few years, Connecticut has diverted the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund money into the general fund. This practice must come to an end, and I believe money from the existing \$81 million surplus must go toward reinstating the fund and using it to combat teen usage, educate the public and institute more cessation programs. Parents, educators and community advocates need help in this fight.

Recently, the Center for Disease Control posted some guidelines and findings. Specifically, they noted that most of the patients who have lung diseases have used THC products with the vaping devices, and they recommend refraining from using THC. I believe that in our efforts to curb this health crisis, it is critical that the state educate the public on the dangers of vaping THC and synthetic marijuana and clear up the mixed messages that parents and children receive. On one hand, legislators push for the legalization and commercialization of marijuana, and on the other, there's alarm over the health risks of vaping. I believe these positions are in conflict, especially at a time when we're learning that people, teens included, are unknowingly buying and using vape products that contain THC oil.

Undoubtedly, this issue will carry into next session, and in the meantime, parents need to take nothing for granted and talk to your kids. While the commercial vape products provide an alternative to cigarettes for adults, the industry has carved out a market that attracts teenage use. Connecticut needs to do more to educate our children on the dangers a vaping and must better enforce the illegal distribution of the product. Until then, talk to your children and grandchildren.



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Let's Be "Frank"

I can't believe that October 20th marks ten years that you decided to take the next step and join mom and dad to clear the path for Mary and me. You were and still are one of my heroes and I miss you every day my brother. I'm still mad at Mary but I will carry on in this life until we meet again.

On a high note, SueAnn and I just got back from a week in Aruba. You know how much I "love" vacations, but we decided we needed to relax. It started with a 2am Monday morning shuttle ride from New Haven to JFK. The driver never said a word, not even a greeting. He drove 80 mph all the way there, with one arm on the passenger's seat. I thought I was in a movie and we were going to wind up as hostages or worse. He made the plane ride seem comfortable even with my large size in the small seat.

Upon arriving we got the shuttle to our hotel where the guide told us how the temperature in Aruba is always the same with an ocean breeze. However, this month is the hottest of the year so we would experience extreme heat and humidity. He also told us it seldom rains in Aruba with only about 18" per year.



We checked out the area and had a nice dinner and woke up early Tuesday to mark our spot on the beach. We then went to breakfast and lounged in our beach chairs. The beginning of our relaxation. It was soon interrupted by thunder, lightning and heavy rain for three hours. The trip from beach to hotel was a bit daunting as I tried to dodge the lightning with my aluminum cane. Yes we were soaked but not with ocean water. It's par for the course. I'm on vacation, we get a heat wave and Aruba gets 33% of its annual rain total in one day.

As the rest of the week flew by it did get better. Spent most time in the pool and ocean and I found that my back doesn't hurt in the water. The trip back was ok, even with SueAnn getting stopped for trying to smuggle two ham sandwiches into the states because she didn't want to buy snacks on the plane. I particularly enjoyed the pat down, as I cannot enter security with the pacemaker. I always liked

intimacy on vacation.

I did notice at pool side (when I began my bikini check), there was nothing that spectacular. As a matter of fact as I looked around it dawned on me that there were a bunch of old people at this place. As I wondered what the hell I was doing with all the old people, I saw my reflection in the pool as I was exiting with the help of my cane. Oh crap, when did I join a crowd like that? I guess I will be seeing you soon.

PS. In the next issue for the first time under my ownership, the Totoket Times will endorse candidates for election.

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All session will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

***Tuesday, October 29, 2019: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

****Monday, November 4, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

*Please note that Tuesday, October 29th is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Electors must appear in person with proper identification.

Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked or received by the election office by this date. On-line registrations will not be available after 11:59 pm, October 29th.

****This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after October 29, 2019.**

Electors may also register with the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-484-6015.

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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.

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The Editor

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately, the same question has been posed to me by several of my clients “What is the difference between and Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?” On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

In many ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. All trusts act like a “legal container” that holds property for the benefit of the “beneficiary” of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administrates the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

Imagine that a trust acts like a cardboard box that holds your assets. Revocable Trusts are an “open box trust.” You can put assets into the box and you can take assets out of the box. The box is an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. On the other hand, Irrevocable Trusts function like a “closed box trust.” You can put assets into the trust, you just cannot get them out. Your trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are very good at minimizing the probate process (although not necessarily the probate fees charged by the state of Connecticut). They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes, and are beneficial in many other ways. What a Revocable Trust will not do is protect assets against the high cost of nursing home/skilled nursing care.

If my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in a nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a “closed box trust,” irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care.

If you would like to learn more about Trusts, Guertin and Guertin, LLC will be hosting a workshop “Coffee, Donuts and Trusts” on Saturday morning, October 19th at 10am. Seating is limited. If you would like to reserve a spot, please call my office at 203-234-7400.

Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

“I am voting for Dan Armin”

Dear Editor:

I am voting for Dan Armin for Town Council and I’d like to tell you why. Dan is a tireless volunteer in this town, having served on the Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee, Economic Development Commission, and Town Council. Beyond town government, he has been a parking supervisor volunteer for the Potato and Corn fest since 2008, always giving back to the town he loves. Dan is a board member for the Community Dining Room, serving meals to residents of North Branford, Branford and East Haven. And he is a board member of Totoket TV and has a show dedicated to our town and state governments, helping residents stay informed.

Raising a daughter in this town, Dan realized that the only way to improve things was to get involved. He also wants to be a great role model to his daughter. Together, they raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

I first met Dan when I was campaigning, years ago. I knocked on his door and was engaged in a lengthy conversation, one I knew would have us working together in the future. Dan’s daughter was in my Girl Scout troop, and we’ve been friends ever since. Don’t get me wrong, we don’t always agree with everything each other says or does, but Dan has great respect for the process, a great respect for others, and truly believes in collaboration and compromise. His thoughtful care and honest support for this town are true measures of the dedication he will put toward a transparent government on our behalf.

Respect, collaboration, love for our town and people, community volunteer, experience; those are the qualities I want in a candidate for Town Council. Please join me in voting for Dan Armin this November.

Sincerely, Ashley Clow Joiner

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Trick or Treaty?

Did Biden or Trump violate any law in dealing with the Ukraine? The current media turmoil over this certainly seems like someone’s trying to fool us about something, but it’s really about a treaty. This is not political satire, it simply subjects headline news to baseline legal analysis.

The 1998 US-Ukraine “Treaty of Mutual Legal Assistance” requires each country to refrain from interfering in the other’s criminal investigations and to assist the other when asked. Article 1(3) requires assistance regardless of whether the alleged conduct would constitute a crime under the laws of the other state. Article 1(4) prevents private parties from obtaining, excluding or suppressing evidence or impeding investigations.

Biden brags on camera about forcing the Ukraine to fire its chief prosecutor by threatening to withhold billions in US aid. Why that prosecutor was investigating who or what and Biden’s intent in meddling in Ukraine’s criminal affairs are curious matters but they don’t alter the fact that Biden manhandled Ukraine with a quid pro quo threat that impeded and interfered with whatever that prosecutor was doing. Many try to explain this by claiming that the Ukraine wasn’t pursuing anything connected to Biden or his son, but regardless of whether the Ukraine was investigating Hunter Biden’s inexplicably well-paid position on the board of a Ukrainian natural gas company that was being investigated by the Ukraine’s prosecutor, Joe’s demand decidedly violated the Treaty.

Trump’s telephone conversation with the Ukraine’s president was a banal request for assistance in a DOJ investigation pursuant to the Treaty: “... a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it...” Unlike Biden’s direct threat, Trump’s words suggest no quid pro quo, blackmail or other devious intent. This was a conversation between heads of state about Biden’s violation of the Treaty between the two countries. As the supreme law of both of those countries, the Treaty requires both to investigate any violation of it.

Now the mind-blowing legal revelation: Any action intended to stop Trump from investigating a violation of the Treaty constitutes an attempt to impede investigation pursuant to that Treaty. Since the Treaty is federal law, this would be a violation of federal law. Hence, action taken by members of our House of Representatives to prevent Trump from investigating Biden’s violation of that Treaty violates federal law and obstructs justice.

Opposition to this legal reasoning will be based on conjecture about accusations made by anonymous sources, based on hearsay. The depth of this duplicity is bottomless. Protests will likely also ignore the supreme law of the land (the terms of the Treaty) argue about the status of a former-former member of the Intelligence Community as a “whistleblower” and ignore the likely fact that this CIA operative is a compromised asset of the swamp. © D. Kirt Westfall, 09/30/2019 with special permission to the Totoket Times for republication.

Vote for Lou Paternoster

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my support for the candidacy of Lou Paternoster for a position on the town council. Lou is deeply committed to important issues facing our town, whether it is ensuring that our children receive a quality education in our schools, or economic development for the town, Lou is the type of person who will work with anyone to make sure our town is headed in the right direction. I have witnessed firsthand his commitment to youth sports, and I am confident that he will demonstrate that commitment to his role on the town council. Lou is the type of person who will work with anyone across party lines to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all the citizens of North Branford. I strongly urge residents of North Branford to vote for Lou Paternoster on election day.

Sincerely, Robert Mullins

“2019 is a Critical Year”

Dear Editor:

I Daniel Armin, am seeking to run for North Branford Town council. I have a history of hard work and volunteering for this town, having served on Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee, Economic Development Committee and currently a board member of the Community Dining Room, and Totoket TV. I am the host of “I Wanna Know” on Totoket TV.

In addition, I have served as a supervisor for the Potato and Corn Festival for several years, handling shuttle and scheduling, parking, signage, ingress and egress and any other needs that may arise.

We need to address our stagnant tax base, address our long neglected infrastructure and do it in a way that will both provide services to our community and preserve the identity we take so much pride in.

2019 is a critical year and election cycle for North Branford. In conjunction with my democratic and republican friends and mentors, I strive to bring healthy, responsible and receptive leadership and vision to this town that I proudly call home. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely, Daniel Armin

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OCT 25	12:45PM SMITH LIBRARY	Movie showing. The Hustle is a 2019 crime-comedy starring Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson! Light refreshments will be served
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OCT 31	1:00PM ATWATER LIBRARY	Pat's Picks Movie Club, presented by Patricia Cochrane, will be showing Arsenic & Old Lace, a 1944 American dark comedy. Snacks and drinks provided
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Thank you for your service

Dear Editor,

This year, the Republican Town Council ticket will be missing a couple of long-time favorite names: Al Rose and Anthony Candelora. Al Rose has served on the Town Council since 1989, with a few years off here and there, for a total of 22 years. Anthony Candelora has served on the Town Council for 10 years and served as Mayor for three terms. As many know, making that kind of commitment and putting that kind of effort into your community is no easy task. But we, as citizens of North Branford, are all the better for their service. During their time in service, the Council, and our town, have many times benefited from both the passionate exchanges and humble, steady leadership of these two councilors. Often times, their role swapping between those two distinctions, Al and Anthony have never been any more or less than great public servants, always putting the town and their community first, and never putting personal agendas ahead of the towns needs.

As we head into the next election cycle, the Republican ticket will have some new names and fresh faces. Walter Goad, owner of Classic Welding, and Ron Pelliccia, former Co #4 volunteer member and youth sports coach, will be taking the places of Al and Anthony on our ticket. Al and Anthony both have pledged their support for our new hopefuls. On behalf of the Republican Council members and the NBRTC, we want to wish Al and Anthony good luck in their future endeavors. We extend a heart-felt thank you to both of them for their service and dedication to our community. We also want to pledge our support for Walter and Ron as they prepare to fill some big shoes. We know that politics in a small community has many challenges - it's always a matter of weighing costs and benefits! We believe that Walter and Ron have what it takes to continue the work Al and Anthony started.

Sincerely, Mayor Doody, Deputy Mayor Angeloni, Councilor Viglione, Councilor Zampano, Michael Downes, NBRTC Chair and Ed Boughton, Vice Chair

Thank you for your contributions

Dear Editor;

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Special thanks to Ciancola Tree Care, LLC for providing the wood for centerpieces, DJ Anthony Esposito, Victoria Smith, Bill Miller's Castle, and all of the volunteers who helped make this a very successful event.

Sincerely, Fran Murphy

"It's an exciting year..."

Dear Editor,

It's an exciting year for the North Branford Democrats who have a full and experienced slate for Town Council and Board of Education! If you haven't had the opportunity to meet them yet – at your door, at local community events or at our new online headquarters (NorthBranfordDemocrats.org) – then here's an update of what the candidates are hearing:

At a recent Evergreen Woods "Meet the Candidates" event, nearly 60 voters from around town made their priorities clear. They want more attention to the town's infrastructure needs, to eliminate any gaps in access to early education and to improve waste management and recycling so that it efficiently focuses on minimizing waste and increasing opportunities for composting.

Our Democratic slate – a strong cohesive team – made clear that these are priorities and that they plan to build on the effort they led to hire a dedicated economic development coordinator who is helping to put North Branford on the map. This initiative, to grow our economic base, has already accomplished so much: building active partnerships with businesses, establishing networking pathways, expanding manufacturing job opportunities, branding our town through community projects like The Sunflower Project – and just an overall more focused strategy to leverage North Branford's strengths and agri-economy.



FOOD PANTRY OF NORTH BRANFORD
PRESENTS MEDIUM LISA O'CONNOR
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
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COFFEE & DESSERT -RAFFLE PRIZES

Current Town Councilors Marie Diamond and Joseph Faughnan are joined on the ballot this year by Dan Armin, Joe Martin, Lou Paternoster and Brenda Shuler. Board of Education members Jana Balsamo and Vincent Mase are joined on the ballot by Tara Downes. Voting is an essential right – and North Branford Democrats encourage all voters to get to know their candidates for town offices and to let them know what local issues are most important to you.

Sincerely,
Chris Kranick

An Opportunity for Change in North Branford

Dear Editor;

The upcoming election is an important one for North Branford/Northford residents. We get to choose who will make up our Town Council for the next two years.

This is important, because the Town Council's decisions affect every aspect of life in our town, from taxes to infrastructure and services, schools, recreation, and the climate for small businesses and farms.

I'm Brenda Shuler. I'm running for Town Council because I believe our current town government has been unresponsive to the needs of residents and taxpayers. This is mainly due to the lack of vision by party that currently holds the majority. It's time for a change. Time to bring fresh vision and open-minded communication to the town council.

I've been a Northford resident for 42 years, and my grown children all went through the North Branford school system. I was active in the TVES PTO, and coached baseball when my children were in school.

I'm currently a member of the North Branford Library Board, work closely with the Democratic Town Committee, and have experience running political campaigns and dealing with state agencies that regulate campaigns.

I'm a nurse-cosmetologist and certified First Aid CPR instructor. I run two small businesses, Nursing Concepts, which provides health and safety training and Sistas Academy that provides affordable hands on training for those seeking careers in the beauty industry. I currently sit on several boards – CT Coalition of Beauty Industry Schools, CT Chapter of JumpStart, and the Middlesex Business & Education Partnership Advisory Council. From 2010-2016 I was the CT chair for LifeSmarts, a national teen financial literacy program.

My #1 Issue is Quality Education for our children. A quality school system is important even if you don't have children in school. A good school system encourages young parents to move here, and that increases our property values. We need to ensure that the children of North Branford have access to quality educational resources and facilities. We must strive to make available all of the necessary training required to enable our children to succeed in today's global marketplace, - financial literacy, technical knowledge, and skills, as well as academic excellence, are needed to enhance our local and national economies

There are nine Town Council members. They serve without pay, but act as the decision-making body of Town government. I'm running for Town Council because I care deeply about our town, and want to make it a better place to live. If elected, I promise to work energetically to represent all North Branford/Northford residents. I'm an effective negotiator, can work across party lines, and am focused on getting the job done.

Town Democrats have a really impressive slate of candidates for Town Council this year, 6 of us in all. Lou Paternoster ("Coach Lou") recently presented his qualifications in the Totoket Times. Dan Armin and Joe Martin, both talented and civically-active, are running. Running for re-election are Marie Diamond (2013-present) and Joe Faughnan (2007-present), who have done a lot for our town. We also have 3 dynamic candidates running for the Board of Education Jana Balsamo, Tara Downes and Vincent Mase .

If you care about our town, please take the time to vote row A. Your vote can make a difference and bring new vision, fresh ideas and open communication to our town. Everyone deserves a seat at the table!

For more information on my views or to connect with me please visit www.brenda-fornorthbranford.com

Respectfully, Brenda Shuler

"We are all a part of North Branford Family"

Dear Editor:

My name is Joe Martin and I am a Democratic candidate for the North Branford Town Council. I have lived at 29 Deforest Drive for the past 53 years with my wife Cee Cee and our six children, Elizabeth, Joseph, Ellenmary, Patrick, Catherine and Amy.

I have a Degree from UCONN, Masters from Cornell, Masters from Central Connecticut and 6th Year Degree from Southern Connecticut.

I was employed as a Business Teacher at Branford High School for 31 years. I was also an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Haven and Albertus Magnus College.

Our family owned the Dairy Queen in North Branford for over 28 years
As parents of activity children, we have been very involved in Town: Coaching, Team Sponsor, Troup Leader, PTO President, many School's Activities.

As for Town: President of the Cedar Lake, President N. B. Business Owners, N. B. Scholarship, Town Planning & Zoning Committee, member of the New Haven Irish American Community Center, and a members of St. Ambrose Parish.

So why after 53 years in town am I now running for the Town Council? I have always had a strong feeling about this Town, not because of any special Town feature or event, but because of the nature of the people who live here. Our friends, our neighbors, our children's friends and parents. We are all part of the North Branford family. We are there to help celebrate happy times and we are always there to comfort each other in times of sadness. This is what makes the Town of North Branford what it is.

It would be an honor to have the opportunity to represent you, and help continue to make NorthBranford a great place to live and raise a family.

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I need your support and vote on Tuesday, November 5th.
Sincerely,
Joe Martin



30th Annual Community Food Drive Saturday, October 26th

The North Branford Public Schools will once again facilitate the annual Community Food Drive and this year we will be working to stock the shelves of the local food pantries!

The 30th Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** Please remember to place your donations of non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene items in a shopping bag by your mail box on **Saturday, October 26th.**

Major support for the drives comes from the students of North Branford Intermediate School and North Branford High School. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. You can assist by placing items out by your mailbox on the morning of October 26th.

We will also accept monetary contributions. Simply make a check payable to North Branford Food Drive/NBIS. Payments may be mailed to:

North Branford Intermediate School
Attention: Keith O'Rourke, Principal
654 Foxon Road - North Branford, CT 06471

Supermarket gift cards are also an ideal way to contribute to the food drive.

Teams vie for the most items collected - receiving one point for every item received. Teams with the most points receive gift certificates from local businesses. A large number of North Branford Public School employees as well as parents and community-minded individuals assist at the drive.

The drive is spearheaded by North Branford teachers, administrators and students. In addition, the Public Works Department has volunteered their services to help deliver the food to the local food pantries.

Thank you for your generous support!

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Lia Pratt was named to the Science National Honor Society at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.

Sydney Hogan is playing field hockey at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Amelia Raucci is playing field hockey at Assumption College in Worcester, MA

Maggie Dulak is running cross country at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Ferry Tales

Learn about historical Connecticut River Crossings in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire/Vermont beginning in 1641 with Bill Fournier. It will include the history of well-used ferry crossings in Connecticut in addition to the technology utilized by early ferries. Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Oct. 24, Pompeo's Restaurant, 485 West Main St., Branford, \$18 includes buffet dinner, cash bar. Reservations required: contact Mike Drozd at michaeldrozd@att.net or 203-389-4692. Hosted by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®. For presentation details: <https://www.nhsps.org/docs/bulletin.pdf>.



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
available.**

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North Branford, CT
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www.weecarenb.com



Budding Young Artists Kickoff Sunflower Event

These budding artists created an original painting of a sunflower at the Smith Library to enter into the First Annual Sunflower Art Show.

This event will highlight individual photos, paintings, pottery and other art forms related to the sunflowers.

Opening on October 19th at both town libraries: Smith from 12pm-2pm and Atwater from 2pm - 4 pm.

What a great way to celebrate the Sunflower Project and all the beautiful flowers that filled our town of North Branford!

Photo and story courtesy of Debra C. Verrillo

Youngster Reads 1000 Books



**Congratulations
to Benjamin Sorrell
for reading 1000
Books Before Kin-
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*Submitted by Debra
Verrillo*

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Field Hockey Unbeaten Unscored on

At presstime, the North Branford field hockey team was 9-0 outscoring opponents 50-0.



Junior Kelli Jacobson takes ball away from Sacred heart player.



Melanie Norton gets it to the back of the net through everyone.



Aly Kendrick scored one goal and had an assist and Olivia Toto added a goal.
FIELD HOCKEY PHOTOS COURTESY OF BILL O'BRIEN

Recycling News

HazWaste Central is still open for 2019

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters,
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon – Final Saturdays: Oct 19th & Oct 26th

All users must fill out a registration form.

To save time, visit the Hazwaste Central page:

<https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central>

Complete an electronic form or download and fill out the user registration form prior to dropping off your household hazardous waste.

Click on a list for acceptable items.

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall:

October 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Ewaste & North Branford

Recycles Day Collection:

Saturday Nov 2nd- 9 until Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

Mattress and Box Spring collection & recycling by the Mattress Recycling Council

Drop off your old mattresses and box springs for **free**; items should not be wet or excessively soiled.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane tanks*, tires (size-based fee charged), uncontaminated waste oil, vehicle batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Propane tank fees. (1 lb. grill, 5 lb. 20 lb std. grill)

1 lb \$2.00, 10 lb. \$5.00, 30 lb. \$8.00, 40 lb. \$10.00

We can no longer accept fire extinguishers, helium or 100lb propane tanks. These items should go out with your scrap metal pickup when emptied.

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup:

Nov 4th thru Nov 8th

The fall scrap metal pickup is scheduled for the first full week in November. Scrap metal will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash

Please note: scrap metal should be put out at curbside up to a week prior to pickup dates.

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program

Starting in North Branford November 11th

Look for your Simple Recycling pink bags and program info in the mail prior to Nov 11th

Put unwanted clothing, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more in the Simple Recycling bags. Place bags next to your recycling bin on your regular trash pickup day.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags and leave new bags.

Halloween Themed Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, November 1st at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:15 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. The theme for this whist is “Halloween”. Wearing of costumes is encouraged! If you choose to wear a costume, please bring an extra dollar to donate to the Food Pantry of North Branford. We are also collecting can goods for the food pantry. Anyone either wearing a costume or bringing a canned food item will receive one free ticket towards our raffle. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area. For tickets or more information, contact Elissa at 203-793-7180. The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women’s Clubs. Check us out on Facebook: Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

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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



NEW YORK GIANTS AT NEW YORK JETS

Sunday, November 10th
Cost: \$150 resident / \$155 non-resident

Travel aboard a motor coach bus to Metlife Stadium to watch the New York Jets host the New York Giants. Seats are in the upper end zone. We will arrive to the stadium around 10:30 for time on your own to explore the stadium or tailgate in the parking lot!

ACTIVITIES

NEW CRAFTS WITH SYLVIA

Who: Kids (7 and up) & Adults of all ages
When: October 23
Time: Printed Tote Bags
Where: Wednesday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: STW Community Center
Instructor: \$25 Sylvia Brewster
Description: Learn Various Printing techniques such as Potato, Relief and Transfer as we create unique and useful shopping bags.



NEW MARY'S CULINARY CLASSES

Who: Ages 5-14
When: October 22
Time: Monster Meatloaf & Graveyard Dirt Cups
Where: Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: STW Community Center
Instructor: \$40 Mary Amter
Description: Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience where children can explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques. From monster meatloaf to hot cocoa cupcakes these exciting new classes will engage children in delicious creations.



TODDLER TIME ART

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: October 29 - November 19
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: Does your child like to glue, paint, and use glitter but you don't want the mess at home? In this class we explore different materials and the mess stays here! Creativity is encouraged and unique art projects are made based on seasons, holidays, books and characters.

ABC'S FOR 3'S

Who: Age 3
When: October 29 - November 19
Time: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: A fun hands-on introduction to letters and numbers through art, sensory exploration, songs, science, and movement. Designed to provide structure, build confidence and independence from caregiver. Perfect for children not yet enrolled in preschool or need an extra day of structured activities!

SIZZLING SCIENCE

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: October 29 - November 19
Time: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: Come fizz, pop, and boom with Sizzling Science! Each week children will discover the fun and fascinating world of science through amazing hands-on experiments, some with an eruption component. Future scientists will be engaged and inspired!

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.nbrecreation.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

BUS TRIPS

Pequot Museum, Friday, November 1, Departs 8:30 a.m. \$20 res/\$25 non res - Tribally owned-and-operated since it opened in August of 1998, the Museum brings to life the story of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. The Museum is a 308,000-square-foot complex and serves as a major resource on the histories and cultures of Native Americans in the northeast and on the region's rich natural history. Lunch on your own at the museum's Pequot Café.

ACTIVITIES

Heart Healthy Solutions, Friday, October 18, 10:30am, FREE
Join George Norden, exercise physiologist and owner of Joint Effort Exercise in Branford, Guilford and Old Saybrook as he shares his knowledge on heart disease & prevention.

Aldi Hamden/Glenwood, Monday, October 21, 10:30am, FREE
Enjoy shopping for deals at Aldi, then head over to Glenwood for one of their famous hotdogs and onion rings!

Movie @ Smith Library, Friday, October 25, 12:45, FREE
Enjoy the comedy, 'The Hustle' with friends at Smith Library! Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson star as female scam artists, one low rent and the other high class, who team up to take down the men who have wronged them.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday October 27
3:30-6pm
Rain or Shine

Games
Contests
Food Trucks
Prizes!

STW Parking Lot
1332 Middletown Ave.



Cosponsored by the North Branford Rotary

Join your community on Friday, December 6th for our Annual Tree Lighting

Town owned Augur Property
290 Forest Road, Northford
6:30 - 8:30pm
Rain or shine

Ice Sculpting
Marshmallow
Roasting

Hay Rides
Musical
Entertainment

Hot Chocolate
& Cookies
Petting Zoo



And Santa!

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JJ's Food Truck
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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, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

St. Ambrose Holiday Craft Fair

St. Ambrose Parish Ladies Guild will host their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It will take place at St. Monica Church Hall, 1321 Middletown Ave. The fair will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be baked goods, breakfast and lunch, great food, interesting crafters, face painting, raffle and more. For more information or to rent a table, call Lucille at 203-484-9737.

Evergreen Woods Annual Holiday Fair

Evergreen Woods will hold their 25th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9am to 2pm. This fair is one of the most popular fairs on the shoreline, featuring works of aspiring artists and local craftsmen. It is a great place to do all your holiday shopping. All proceeds this year from the vendor registration fees, raffles, food court, cookie walk and white elephant sale will go to Colin's Crew and The Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet! Evergreen Woods is located at 88 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. If you are an interested vendor please contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 483.3231 or email jmartinelli@evergreen-woods.com

North Branford Congregational Church Annual Holly Fair

Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come early and shop our tables filled with Handmade Crafts, Better Treasures, Jewelry, Country Kitchen where you can pick up your favorite breads, homemade candy, and other delicious items, Cookie Walk which is always popular, and of course our Basket Raffles.

Please join us once again for our wonderful festive Holly Fair. Any question please contact the church office at 203.488.8456.

North Branford, your new kitchen is finished!

The commercial kitchen at Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Rd, North Branford has been completely renovated and is up to date with all health code requirements, i.e. grease trap, fire suppression hood, etc. The thing is, this is not Zion's new kitchen, but a new kitchen for the benefit of the entire town.

How would you like to see this kitchen used? How can this new kitchen make North Branford a stronger community? We'd love to hear from you. 203-488-7395

Two upcoming no-cost community offerings:

Community Dinner and Bingo night, Saturday, November 9th. Fun for all ages. Bring a wrapped 'Dollar Store' or re-gifted prize. 6:00 pm hot dog dinner, 7:00 pm bingo. Final prize of the night is a Thanksgiving dinner basket.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner- Thursday, November 28th at 1:00 pm. Join us for a traditional dinner and fellowship on Thanksgiving Day. RSVP if you can 203-488-7395.

These are not religious events.

The Totoket Historical Society

seeks quality donations for our Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 – 2 p.m. in the historic Reynolds-Beers House at 1740 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. The Totoket Historical Society is seeking quality donations such as small "attic treasures" and decorative items, costume jewelry, handmade articles, linens, baked goods, jams, pickles and condiments. Donations for the sale can be dropped off on Wednesdays from 10 - noon at the Reynolds-Beers House. For large items or to arrange pick up, please call Helen at 203 481-5268 or email to hsg2lib@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the buildings under the Society's care: the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red School House, the Miller Barn and the Little White Gas Station.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Zion Episcopal Church, in partnership with the Food Pantry of North Branford, will host a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th at 1:00 pm. in the parish hall at 326 Notch Hill Rd. North Branford.

All are welcome! If possible, let us know that you will be attending by calling 203-488-7395. We look forward to being with you!

Winter Wonderland Bazaar

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," will be having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 30. Time to be announced.

Original handmade ornaments, refreshments, and baked goods will be available for purchase at this fundraiser for the church.

The historic brownstone church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village.

The Church's Position on Divorce

Many Catholics have asked the following questions about the Church's position on divorce, annulments, and marriage:

“Can a divorced person receive Communion?”

“Can a divorced person marry in the Catholic Church?”

“Why might a non-Catholic consider or need an Annulment?”

“Does a divorced person need an annulment when the marriage was performed by a Justice of the Peace?”

Often these questions and others have been met with misleading, misguided and sometimes wrong responses.

Come receive some clear information!

Join us at **7:00pm Tuesday, October 29th at St. Monica Church Hall, 1320 Middletown Av. Northford** to have these and other questions answered.

New England Fair Coming Soon

The Women's Fellowship of the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT, will hold their annual "New England Fair" on Saturday November 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come browse through our "Hand Crafted" items and "Yarn Boutique". Take the "Cookie Walk", shop in "Grandma's Kitchen" and "Bakery." Check out the "Jewelry", "Accessories", and "Kitchen Wares". Look for treasures in "Grandma's Attic", the "Nearly New" and the "Christmas" rooms. Saturday breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be available. Ample parking available, handicapped accessible. For directions more information call the Church Office at (203) 239-5691.

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ESTATE SALE

Estate Sale - 2 Days! Saturday / Sunday, October 19 & 20.8am to 3pm 43 Idylwood Drive, Northford.Furniture, antiques, lamps, tools, lapidary equipment, dishes, garden, mens jackets. Everything must go!

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Free Showing -

Life in New Havens Little Italy

The Sons and Daughters of Italy in North Haven will be hosting a movie called *"The Village, Life in New Haven's Little Italy"* by Steve Hamm. It will be held at St. Francis Cabrini Church Pond Hill Road North Haven on Wednesday November 20th at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend tell your friends we'll have a fun night. Free will donations accepted.

For more information visit the website at northhavenlodge2805.club



Close to 100 Show up for Owl Prowl

The Regional Water Authority and the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) recently co-hosted an Owl Prowl at the Big Gulph trail in Northford. Close to a hundred owl prowlers of all ages hiked with water company watershed manager and master owl prowler, John Triana.

We were fortunate to have at least two screech owls respond to our calls and move closer in to investigate what strange owl came into their territory. Both males and females sing. The most common sounds of screech owls are an even-pitched trill, often called a "bounce song" or tremolo; and a shrill, descending whinny. The tremolo is used by pairs or families to keep in touch and is 3–6 seconds long. The whinny is 0.5–2 seconds long and is used to defend territories.

The supremely camouflaged owl eluded our flashlights. These birds are about 8 inches tall and hide out in nooks and tree crannies through the day, so train your ears and listen for them at night. The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. *Submitted by Hank Petrowski*



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Public Stargazing at Young's Pond Park in Branford. Fun STEM event for the family!

Fall is a great time to view the wonders of the universe. The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting an open stargazing event on Saturday October 19th at 7pm at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. Jupiter and Saturn can still be seen in the night sky. Saturn and its moons are a must see. Also, telescopes will be pointed at the Andromeda Galaxy and the Hercules star cluster. Please dress for cold weather and bring mosquito repellent. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNHH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

Women's Club Fundraiser at Giovanni's

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 21st and come enjoy a night out without cooking! The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC in conjunction with Giovanni's Pizzeria & Ristorante, 855 Forest Road, Northford are holding a fundraiser. For every purchase made, eat-in or take-out, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the Women's Club charity budget. Just mention the Northford-North Branford Women's Club when ordering. The charity budget is used to support local projects in our town and surrounding areas. For more information about the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, contact Stephanie Thaller at StephanieThaller@gmail.com, visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

Cool Cats Jazz Brunch

to Benefit Branford Compassion Club

The Branford Compassion Club is presenting an encore of its popular Cool Cats Jazz Brunch benefit emceed by WTNH News 8 anchor Darren Kramer and featuring the esteemed Jeff Fuller and the Neighborhood Music School Premier Jazz Ensemble.

The buffet brunch is Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club, 2 Club Parkway. There is a donation of \$50 a person. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4406272> or by email at bccspecialevents32@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org.

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