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NBEF Gives \$1,000 Grant to NBIS

The North Branford Education Foundation recently awarded a \$1,000 grant to North Branford Intermediate School Physical Education Teacher, Meghan Ruszczyk. The grant will give 140 sixth grade students the opportunity to visit the Adventure Park Discovery Museum in Bridgeport.

The park consists of outdoor aerial trails which give the climber the chance to find his or her own mix of strategy, balance and strength to advance from platform to platform. The exercises give the students a fun, hands on team building experience where they can develop leadership skills, problem solving skills and self confidence. The students can utilize teamwork, while spending the day outdoors in a natural environment and challenge them both physically and mentally.

The North Branford Education Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) non profit organization designed to raise funds for student activities that are above and beyond the normal budget. They also run several events throughout the year including, Breakfast and Concert with Santa, Harlem Superstar Basketball game and the Annual Shining Star Dinner, recognizing some remarkable people in our community.

Anyone wishing to donate, learn more, or join the group, is asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254 or email fmentonejr@comcast.net.

(Pictured above with Ms. Ruszczyk (center) Assistant Principal Keith O'Rourke (left) and Superintendent of Schools Scott Scoonmaker.

Final Tractor Pull of the Year



The tractors are back at the farm Oct 22 2016. 9am start time...

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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 27th Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd 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 22nd.**

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 22nd.

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: Alan Davis, 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 food pantries.

Thank you for your generous support!



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Cisto has many Friends

Dear Editor:

Lauren Munro's letter in the October 7th issue of *Totoket Times* was spot on! She pointed out the generosity of Sisto's Save-n-Discount over the years and the organizations he has supported. It was good to be reminded of the outreach to the community he has shown. However I was not aware of the service he has done by hiring many teens, giving them their first job and teaching the fundamentals of being a good employee. All of this causes me to feel proud of this local North Branford business on Foxon Road.

I have shopped in this locally owned and operated business and found them to be so friendly and helpful that it is always a pleasure to do business with them. It is my intention to show my appreciation for the service this local business has provided North Branford by continuing to shop there.

Thank you Lauren, for calling my attention to this opportunity to support our true and faithful town business.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Miller

Happy Halloween

Dear Editor:

For adults, Halloween has become one of the most anticipated nights of the year. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the great fall weather and spend time with friends before the holiday hustle and bustle begins. That's why we're joining Anheuser-Busch in asking everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time no matter where the night takes them.

If alcohol is part of your Halloween plans, we encourage adults to enjoy responsibly. Please use a designated driver, a taxi or public transportation if you feel you've had too much to drink.

From everyone at Dichello Distributors, Inc. have a safe, fun Halloween!

Sincerely,
Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
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Let's Be "Frank"

As I write this letter, nostalgia once again creeps in. My baby just turned 27, my baby girl has just reached 31 and you have now been gone (in body) for 7 years. It's funny. I called my son and asked him if he was spending his birthday at home and he said yes. Unfortunately, the home I was referring to is no longer the place he calls home. What an eye opener.

As for you, when I started writing you these letters, I thought there would only be a few of them. After all, how long can I speak to my dead brother. Well it's been seven years and I still feel like I have a lot to tell you. Let this be a lesson to all who have shared these letters with the two of us. Cling on to your siblings and your loved ones now. Talk to them as often as possible and never take their companionship for granted.

I was doing some thinking and reviewing my life. Thank God I am a Catholic so all I have to do for my transgressions is be sorry and all is forgiven. I too have used the "P" word. I have used locker room talk, I have uttered racist remarks although I am not a racist. I have said what I thought were funny things about the handicapped, the less fortunate and those who were never going to be the centerfold of any beauty magazines. I have also used my work e-mails for personal communications, I have taken advantage of some to make a better life for others and I have turned my head on a few unsavory things for the benefit of the masses.

With that said, I now feel I am qualified to run for president. There is just one difference, I am sorry for my sins, I have admitted my sins and I am ready to move on and face the future with efforts to better myself and those around me. I guess I'm being a little silly as this statement now makes me and many others with that thought process, over qualified for the office.

Halloween is coming. If I was still a kid, I would be in trouble. I must have gone trick or treating as a clown for five or six years. I always loved clowns because they made people laugh. Now, some jack asses have made clowns scary for the kids and adults, so that costume will probably remain in the closet for many trick or treaters this year. What the hell is going on in this world.

Erica is only about a month away from giving us our second grandson. No more surprises. We now know the sex and we even have the name (my lips are sealed). Johnnie now knows more about childbirth than I do and I

was in the room for the birth of all three of my kids. I am old school. I never got the chance to sit outside in the waiting room and hand out cigars when the doctor announced the birth and the sex of the child. That would have been enough for me.

It's a whole new world brother and I wish you were here to share it with me. We might have had our arguments, but we always understood each other.

Take care and I'll see you soon.

State Representative Vincent Candelora Where Are We Headed?



Democrats have often accused Republicans of being too negative when it comes to discussing Connecticut's economic health. I believe the negativity is relative. If you are a realtor, home builder, or other small business owner, you'd probably think public officials aren't being vocal enough about our economic situation. Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity as a voting member on the State's Bond Commission to be that voice.


The Commission met to approve roughly \$680 million of projects, ranging from athletic fields to building repairs and approve additional bonding. I voted against every agenda item, including ones that affect my district as hundreds of people sat in the room waiting for a photo opportunity with the Governor to celebrate the approval of their project. As I walked out of the room, these very recipients of the money shook my hand and thanked me for standing up for what is right. I appreciated their understanding, but it doesn't solve our problem.

As I said in that meeting, I voted against the projects, not because I disagreed with their merits, but because we can no longer afford them. When you buy a car or a house, unless you have the cash, you typically take out a loan or mortgage and begin paying for that car or house. Logical, right? In Connecticut, we "purchase" that car or home and while we created the obligation to pay, we don't take out that loan until sometime down the road. As a result, under Governor Malloy, Connecticut has increased its approved, unfunded projects from \$2.5 billion to over \$7.5 billion. This number is not on the books and on top of what we already pay for debt! I voted against these projects to shed light on this discussion.

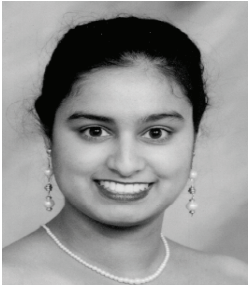
It's no wonder that Connecticut's outlook continues its negative rating by Moody's Investor Services. They state, "Connecticut's outlook is negative, which reflects a lagging economy and weakening demographics that have led to budgetary strain. . . . [W]e believe that economic trends will place negative pressure on the state's finances in the next few years, while the very high fixed costs reduce flexibility." Fitch and S & P had similar conclusions, holding Connecticut back, however, are a "burden of debt and unfunded pension liabilities" that, in relation to resources, among the highest in the country.

At the same time, the state piles on unfunded projects, actions speak louder than words, and Governor Malloy got caught in a lie as he asked his department heads to make cuts, but certified to the Comptroller that the budget was in balance. House and Senate Republicans noticed the discrepancy, and, at our request, the Legislature's independent Office of Fiscal Analysis found that our budget is in the red to the tune of \$78 million.

I believe Connecticut can pull out of this fiscal crisis, and I will continue to take the difficult votes and speak up to shed light on this issues. Political spin needs to stop. My greatest concerns after this election is that the Governor will try and raise taxes again. After all, the rating agencies noted one condition that favors the state, "its wealthy economic base" and an "unlimited" legal ability to levy taxes. That's what got Connecticut into the trouble in the first place.



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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

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Economic Development Commission Updates

North Branford Business Retention and Expansion Survey

The North Branford Economic Development Commission recently mailed or e-mailed a "Business Retention and Expansion Survey" to all the businesses in North Branford and Northford. The EDC wants to thank all the businesses who took the time to respond to the Survey. We appreciate your input and the results are being read and categorized by the Town and EDC. Results will be available soon. In case you overlooked the Survey or don't remember receiving it and are interested in participating please call or email the Town Planner at 203-484-6010 or townplanner@townof-northbranfordct.com.

Property Assessment Deferral Program

The Town of North Branford recognizes the importance of economic growth in our community. In an effort to assist businesses expanding in town the Town Council has adopted an Assessment Deferral Program.

The Program enables a property's assessment to be unchanged during the period of construction or rehabilitation and until the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or two years after the application approval, whichever comes sooner. The deferral program enables the increased assessment to be deferred for up to five years.

Improvement from the project must result in an increase in the assessed property of at least 35% in value along with other requirements detailed in the application. This program began October 1, 2016.

Details of the program are found at the Economic Development Commission web site or the Assessor's website. Go to: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com and look under Government.

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

North Branford is now a member of the Shoreline Chamber Of Commerce joining Branford and Guilford. This is a very active Chamber and there are many networking opportunities with 650 members as well as monthly meetings and informational activities. There is presently a special membership rate for North Branford businesses who join now. The website is shorelinechamber-ct.com or call Kathy at 203-488-5500 between 9am and 2 pm M-F for information.

Holiday Season Approaching

When you begin your holiday shopping, remember to support our local businesses. These are the people who donate to our fundraisers, support our sports teams, contribute to our tax base and give us excellent service all year round. From restaurant gift cards to seasonal greens and trees, support our Town. Shop Locally!

See representatives for our Economic Development programs on the Let's Be "Frank" Show. Comcast channel 18, or visit www.totoketv.com for a full video of the show.

Mark Your Calendar
Election day is November 8th.
Get Out and VOTE!

Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the State Election to be held Tuesday,

November 8, 2016:

All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

Saturday, October 22, 2016: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 2016: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Tuesday, November 1, 2016: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Monday, November 7, 2016: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

*Please note that Tuesday, November 1st 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 registrars by November 1, 2016.***

**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 November 1, 2016.

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am – 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.

WIT & WISDOM

Trumps continuing support in the presidency race can best be explained by the following. The House of Representatives have an approval or confidence rating of from 12 to 14 percent, the Senate 20 percent. These figures have existed for many years. Having lived through 17 Presidencies, 14 of which I took a keen interest, never has a single candidate, fulfilled all their campaign promises. Worse yet, not once was anyone, other than a candidate chosen by the party, either Republican or Democrat allowed on the ballot. Years ago honorable, knowledgeable and dedicated individuals beholden to no one, but their constituents tried to break the stranglehold of the powers that be. only to suffer the spending required an effort in futility. Always a consideration, but since the flood gates were opened to corporations now a major consideration of those reaping the harvest of billions of dollars no one dares give it consideration.. What with the news medias engaged as well in restricting their support to their own special candidate, even the few lesser parties can barely be recognized.

We boast of our Democracy with barely 60 percent of the electorate voting. The lowest of any other civilized nation. The obvious reason is we are limited to their picked candidate. Why vote for a candidate, who won't keep his or her promise, anyway. The frustration becomes endless as more and more just give up. Why vote for someone you don't want. Finally, a person appears, not beholden to any party. but on seeing the Republicans in such disarray and the Democrats so determined to boast of having the first women president decides there lies the best chance for recognitions and proclaims himself a Republican. Having seen the contempt with which all politicians have been held, justifiably so for their pathetic and virtually total disregard of the common man's needs, since time in memoriam., or atleast during each individuals memory. have devoted only to their own welfare, especially as regards their own financial rewards as proven by they all becoming millionaires in the position intended to enrich no one, but to devote their energies to the benefit of their constituents I should make clear I don't paint them all with the same brush which I will make clear later on .

The unfortunate part is the man chosen, Trump, is probably the poorest possible person to lead our nation in these times. So desperate are the millions hither to considered unworthy of recognition for their failure to vote anyway. But this man was chosen, and for all his contemptable actions isn't a Washington politician and continues to attract followers despite the greatest assault in our history on the integrity of any human being. Mystified, stunned to dismay the world looks on in wondering how he continues to poll within winning the highest office on the face of the earth. Oh, only if we had, even an average human being we could finally break the strangle hold the politicians have held, at our expense, from time immemorial .. Just think the contempt most of our nation holds for its legislators that despite all his frailties and seemingly inexcusable sexcapades seems to gather more support at each accusation.

Despite it's seriousness I have to laugh at the pollsters in their efforts to make a judgement having only the registered voters to poll, not those millions coming out of the woodwork, after generations in obscurity, to make a statement.

Would you believe the contempt, with which our legislators are held that the citizens may be willing to elect the likes of Donald Trump and hope for the best. After all it may be the last time in most of our lives this opportunity will be available. This is not a campaign commercial for Trump, but a reason for it's being, I'm sure most of you are shaking your heads wondering how he could write the above and not be in favor Trump.

Since the Democrats are playing with disaster with supporting a person rated barely at 30 percent of one they trust. One so laden with a political career of supporting dictators, like the military dictatorship in Honduras that destroyed the first duly elected President in over 50 years and reducing it to the killing capital of the world where parents in such despair handed their children, some mere babies, to strangers on train tops headed to the U.S. border so fearful were they of being able to raise them in such horrendous conditions in which she said, probably in a rare moment of remorse. Turn probably responsible for them". One in a number of event in her life. Too many to relate here. The Democrats can still use any of a number of excuses for forcing her having to withdraw and running Sanders. They have only their own fault if they lose. All this could have been avoided, if Ruth Bader Ginsberg in her first year on the Supreme court hadn't joined the four other justices declaring Term Limits unconstitutional. In a decision that still perplexes most of us when the Term Limit of the Presidency is not unconstitutional. The only conceivable legislation limiting the scoundrels in office to a duty performed with and for love of country and not personal gain is Term Limits for which those there would be asked to cut their own lifetime livelihood .. Keep tuned for more.

Alton Eliason

Letters to the Editor Reminder

Letters to the Editor must be signed, with a phone number, typed and as brief as possible. Also, there should be no personal attacks and you should separate your "facts" from your "opinions". The Totoket Times reserves the right to edit and or refuse any letter it deems inappropriate. Also, we are not responsible for incorrect items in a Letter to the Editor.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Incorporated

It’s About the Land

What is it about open space which generates a passion among a few in this town to save it? For one thing it isn’t covered with parking lots, pavement, buildings, lawns, and other features of ‘developed’ property. We think of open space as forest land, open fields, or farmland. Much of the undeveloped land in town is forested open space in a variety of forms. It is land which isn’t protected by law or conservation easements, meaning that it could be developed in the future. It has trees large and small, shrubs, seedlings and perennial vegetation such as wild flowers in the understory. Parts of it may be wetland (swamp), and a stream may run through it. It’s a place where birds, deer, wild turkey, other mammals, maybe bear, and where cold blooded creatures such as snakes, turtles, and salamanders in vernal pools make their home. There are places where high, near vertical craggy ledges of fern-covered rock formations rise up from the ground; and other places which are steeply sloping with deep ravines and where water tumbles over boulders after a storm. There is also a promontory with a view of the Farm River valley. And if it is summer and an outbreak of gypsy moth is stripping trees bare, a walk through the woods can be an unpleasant experience. Invasive plants and shrubs, some bearing sharp thorns planted for landscaping and escaped into the forest, may also add to the unpleasant experience. So if open space doesn’t have the features of beautifully landscaped property, what’s the attraction?

Not all of our members are “tree huggers” yet they see the preservation and protection of open space as an important component of public policy. Saving open space is good for an urbanizing society which needs clean air, clean water, buffers between residential and commercial/industrial areas, flood protection, places for passive recreation where it’s possible to enjoy the natural world on a hiking trail, or fishing in a tree-shaded stream. These features of open space, we’ve come to realize, contribute to good physical and mental well-being. A walk in the woods either alone or socially with a group can be time well spent.

Your land trust advocates on behalf of open space. We’d like to save as much of the remaining undeveloped acreage in town as is prudent especially at locations where subdivision of the land would create new problems for the town. We think that hiking and fishing are great, healthy pastimes and that a program of land acquisition should be undertaken with this in mind. But moving forward on projects like these is daunting. It will require the talents and perseverance of many.

The land trust can’t do it alone. We don’t have the resources. We need public and private partners, experienced grant writers, people with good digital information and mapping skills, and good communicators for fund raising and finding partners. To find out more about what we are proposing to do, come to NBLCT’s next meeting Wednesday November 2, at 7:00 pm, at the Atwater Library Community Room.

Otto Schaefer, Secretary
North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Incorporated



Welcome Charlotte Michelle Wood

Theresa and Ryan Wood of Adelaide, Australia are proud parents of beautiful baby girl, Charlotte Michelle born on September 29, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. 22 inches long. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Gina & Ron Cox, niece of Michelle Cox all of North Branford. Granddaughter of Helen and Russell Wood, niece of Hayley and Lachy Wood all of Australia. Theresa was a 2008 graduate of NBHS.

Sara Angeloni Marries Jason Estrom



Sara Angeloni and Jason Estrom were married on Sept. 3rd at Water’s Edge Resort in Westbrook. As a special surprise to Sara & Jason, they were married by Michael Angeloni, Sara’s younger brother. Sara is the daughter of Frank & Rose Angeloni and granddaughter of Millie Angeloni. Jason is the son of Rich & Jill Estrom and grandson of Joseph DeSorbo, Sr.

Sara and Jason are both graduates of North Branford High School. Jason graduated from Porter & Chester in HVAC and is currently a HVAC technician at Commercial Air Systems. Sara graduated from Bentley University with a BS in Accounting, received her MBA from the University of New Haven, and is currently the CFO for Calabro Cheese Corporation.

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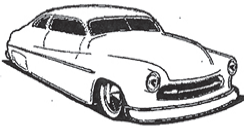


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Mind Matters Fitness Center, LLC Expands to Shoreline



Mind Matters Hypnosis Center, the Farmington Valley's go-to Center for the past 14 years, expands to reach clients on the Connecticut Shoreline at their newest location in Guilford, CT. The new location opened part-time in January and due to high demand is serving clients full-time.

The highly trained team at Mind Matters is dedicated to providing safe, effective and empowering, trance-formations. They accomplish this by helping their clients tap into the *other* 90% of their mind's power, accessing the subconscious through hypnosis and other subconscious tools and techniques.

Lisa Zaccheo, MA, BCH, BCI, founded Mind Matters Hypnosis Center, LLC in central Connecticut 14 years ago.

"I was such a skeptic when I first heard about hypnosis," admits Zaccheo. "Having been raised in a very conservative traditional medicine household, my father a doctor and my mother an accountant, hypnosis was strange as far as I was concerned. I was a tough nut, yet a curious one, and the more I learned about it, the more it answered all my questions. Then when I experienced hypnosis for myself, I was blown away and could not understand why everyone wasn't using this amazing tool."

Hypnosis activates a biological shift within the mind that allows the conscious, subconscious and unconscious minds to communicate with each other, which is why it's called "whole brain thinking." The technique has been used for centuries by healing professionals to help people make positive lasting life changes. Although most widely known to help people rid themselves of excess weight, phobias or smoking – its uses are far reaching. To learn more about what conditions hypnosis is effective at treating, please visit www.mindmattershypnosis.com. If you're like Lisa was and want proof, you can request full hypnosis research summaries that validate its efficacy from: info@mindmattershypnosis.com

Volunteers Needed for Trunk - or - Treat

Volunteer trunk decorators are needed to decorate vehicles and distribute candy at North Branford Parks and Recreation's Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 3:30 to 5:30 at the STW Community Center.

Prizes awarded for best decoration and more. Vehicles should be in place by 3:00 and remain until all the ghosts and goblins are cleared from the area.

For more information, Call the Rec Center at 203-484-6017.

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We are a social group with interest in writing poems and short stories as a hobby, sharing our original work and enjoying what others have written. If you enjoy creative writing or desire to learn basic skills, come join us. There is no charge.

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There will be fun exercises in description and verbal expression, envisioning metaphor and symbolism.

Sessions will also feature interactive play acting, improvisation and script writing.

You are asked to bring pen, paper and any written work as well your own beverage/snacks.

Weekly Saturday sessions begin November 5th from 9:30 - 11:30 at the Edward Smith Library Community Room in Northford.

For more information and to RSVP, call 203-484-5155 or e-mail telliss@sbcglobal.net

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Author Stuart Gibbs Visits TVES

On Friday, October 7, 2016, the best-selling author, Stuart Gibbs, visited Totoket Valley Elementary School. Mr. Gibbs is famous for writing *the Fun Jungle Series*, the *Moon Base Alpha Series*, and most recently, the *Spy School Series*. Students had the opportunity to pre-purchase his books, including his newest book, *Spy Ski School*. Mr. Gibbs talked about his work and the writing process during a school-wide assembly, and then signed books for students in the library.

Students enjoyed talking to him and learning more about his sources of inspiration. For instance, he told students that he likes to write mysteries because “a mystery is a story where the smartest person wins.” He thinks that everyone should value being *smart*. Thank you for that important message, Mr. Gibbs!

This event was co-hosted by TVES and R.J. Julia Booksellers. Many thanks to our School Librarian, Carrie Seiden, for coordinating this amazing Author Visit!

Written by Dr. Lindsay and students from Ms. Thompson's classroom.

Greg Marak Working in DC



2012 NBHS Graduate Greg Marak with Donald Rumsfeld in Washington DC. Greg recently graduated from college and is now working with a lobbying firm in the DC area.....

photo courtesy of NBHS Social Studies Teacher, Anne D'Agostino



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Principal Welch - Back in the Classroom

Current Jerome Harrison principal Carter Welch, who studied at UConn as an undergraduate, graduate student, and doctoral student, returned to UConn this summer to participate in the innovative PreK-3 Leadership Program. The highly competitive program will run throughout the 2016-2017 school year and will prepare the 15 participants to lead efforts to close the preparation gaps that exist as students enter public schooling and to strengthen students' academic and social-emotional skills through consistent programming and instruction. The program has been developed through federal funding in conjunction with the University of Connecticut, Harvard University, and the CT State Department of Education.

Principal Welch stated that he is, “excited to be part of this cutting edge program and to learn from expert researchers and practitioners from across the country.” He also stated that “this program was of particular interest and relevance because it addresses harnessing community support and consistency around pre-kindergarten standards and consistency, something that is missing in the current education system.” Welch went on to say that he is “appreciative of the district support of his participation in this program”, and that he “is looking forward to the impact that his professional learning will have at Jerome Harrison Elementary School and within North Branford”.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Sarah Calamita is now a member of the class of 2020 at Loyola University in Maryland.

Brittany Bonito was named to the Summer Dean's List at Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT

Carissa DelGaudio has joined the class of 2020 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.

Sabrina LeMere, Nicole Phillips, Christian Diaz and Maggie Dulak have joined the Class of 2020 at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic, CT.

Tyler Williams has joined the Class of 2020 at Colby College in Waterville, ME

Football Team Drops to 1 -3

The Warriors of Valley regional/ Old Lyme proved too much for the T-Birds as North Branford lost a tough one, 45-0. The T-Birds hung in there for a 3-0 deficit at the first quarter mark, but the Warriors scored 28 in the second quarter to put the game out of reach.

Senior Nico Sommo ran 12 times for 54 yards and junior quarterback Jeff Jablonski ran for 36. Sophomore Lou Raffone scampered for 34 yards on just 3 carries and sophomore Mick Mancini added 23.

Jablonski threw 22 times but completed just 9 and threw 3 interceptions for a mere 92 yards. He completed two passes to junior Sydney Franklin for 76 of the 92 yards. He found freshman Charles Walcott 4 times but only for 11 yards.

Once again, on the other side of the ball, the defense was led by senior Matt Sibley and sophomore Nick Mancini. Sibley had 7 tackles and 8 assists while Mancini added 5 tackles and 7 assists.

Join the “Friends of North Branford Libraries

Here in town we have two wonderful libraries that need your support! In the past, your generous contributions to the Friends have allowed us to fund many exciting programs and activities throughout the year, for adults and children alike. Help us to assist our libraries and lend your support today. Suggested dues are: Individual: \$10.00, Family: \$20.00, Patron: \$50.00 and

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North Branford Cross Country Hosts Mega Team Meet

North Branford High School recently held their own as they hosted a Cross Country Mega Meet. Participating schools were; Valley Regional, Old Saybrook, Cromwell, East Hampton, Haddam Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Coginchaug, Morgan, Hale Ray, Creed and Portland.



Girls team left to right; Sarah Sullivan, Jillian Damiani, Winnie Chan(captain), Morgan Ryan, Maria Bernabucci, Julia Cassista and Mackenzie Genn.

The Team also competed in two other meets. At the Shoreline Conference Large School Meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Coginchaug High School in Durham. The schools competing were Coginchaug, Cromwell, Haddam Killingworth, Morgan, and Valley Regional. The Girl's Team placed 3rd beating Valley and Morgan. The Boy's Team placed 4th beating Morgan.

For the boys the top finishers were Michael Madoule 19:13 (17th), Jared Jamieson 20:07 (29th), Parker Nadeau 21:16 (48th), Zachary Jamieson 22:19 (60th), Patrick Miconi 22:24 (62nd), Michael Rabuffo 23:40 (77th) and Joe Delucia

23:41 (78th). Finishing for the girls were Mackenzie Glenn 24:33 (17th), Jillian Damiani 25:23 (23rd), Winnie Chan 25:55 (25th), Julia Cassista 26:42 (34th), Sarah Sullivan 30:28 (48th), Morgan Ryan 31:25 (53rd) and Maria Bernabucci 33:01.

On Wednesday October 5th they traveled to Haddam Killingworth High School for the Cougar Invitational Meet. Six schools consisting of over 150 runners from the Shoreline Conference entered the meet. Both the boys and girls team from Haddam Killingworth took 1st place. The North Branford Boys and Girls team came in 5th place. Michael Madoule came in 1st for the boy's



Boys team (sitting front row); Parker Nadeau (captain), Joey DeLucia, Patrick Miconi, Aaron Beisaw and Boni Hunter. Back row; Nick Ash, Michael Rabuffo, Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco(captain), Zachary Jamieson, Alvin Chan, Jared Jamieson and Freddie Little. (Missing from photo is Jason Ash).

at 18:59 (13th overall). Mackenzie Glenn came in 1st for the girls at 24:37 (29th overall).

Finishing for the boys team were Parker Nadeau 19:34 (22nd), Austin Gibilisco 21:16 (48th), Michael Rabuffo 22:30 (61st), Zachary Jamieson 22:51 (67th), Pat Miconi 23:14 (69th), Joey Delucia 23:33 (72nd), Jason Ash 25:05 (84th), Hunter Boni 25:43 (89th), Freddie Little 26:26 (91st) and Nick Ash 30:01 (98th). Finishing for the girls were Jillian Damiani 25:11 (31st), Sarah Sullivan 26:13 (40th), Winnie Chan 26:33 (46th), Julia Cassista 27:09 (48th), Morgan Ryan 31:49 (62nd) and Maria Bernabucci 34:00 (66th).

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Field Hockey Team at 10-3-1

On October 10th, the ladies traveled to the Indian River Complex in Clinton to face the Morgan Huskies. Four different NB players scored in the shut out for Mackenzie Kaiser in goal. Freshman Ali Barrett score her first varsity goal at the 12:44 mark with senior teammate Syd Hogan setting her up. Cara Sagnella assisted on a goal for Emmy Norton at 5:09 in the first half. Cara netted an additional goal at 23:24 with Emmy Norton on the assist. Senior captain Stephanie Seymour added the 4th score on her first varsity goal.

The Westbrook Knights put some pressure on NB on Friday's contest in Westbrook. They peppered Mackenzie Kaiser until one deflected off a teammate and escaped the stellar performance by Kaiser allowing the lone goal of the game. Freshman Melanie Norton was awesome in the midfield while teammate Zelda Galdenzi held off Westbrook in the backfield.

Saturday morning, the Lady T-Birds traveled to Waterford at play at their awesome campus. Leading season scorer, Syd Hogan, added 2 goals to her already impressive 10 goals this season. Senior Meredith Johnson was solid on defense while sophomore Amy Raucci really stepped up her game as a right wing helping to set up scoring opportunities.

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Family & Adult Activities

Men’s Open Basketball

Who: Adult 18+
Session: Nov 1- Mar 14
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: JHS Gym
Fee: \$30 res/\$35 nr
Description: *Pre-register for this adult men’s drop in basketball.*

Learn to Skate

Who: All Ages
Session: Nov 5 – Jan 7
Time: Saturdays, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Location: Northford Ice Pavilion
Fee: \$165 res/ \$170 nr

Knitting Machine Techniques

Who: Adult
Session: Nov 12 & 13
Time: Sat & Sun, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$150

PiYo Live

Who: Adult
Session: Nov 6 - Dec 18
Time: Sunday, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$55 res/\$60 nr
Instructor Brittni D’Urso - Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance LLC

Description: *PiYo is a music driven, athletic workout! This format is inspired by Pilates and Yoga.*

Toddler Ice Skate Lessons

Who: Ages 3 - 6
Session: Nov 10 - Dec 8
Time: Thursdays, 12:30 -1:30 p.m.
Session: Nov 9 - Dec 7
Location: Northford Ice Pavilion
Fee: \$95

Youth Ski Club at Mt. Southington

Who: Grades 6 -12
Session: Jan 6 - Feb 3
Time: Fridays, 2:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Pick up & drop off at NBIS Lot/STW Lot
Fee: Lift Only \$239
Lift & Lessons \$279
Lift & Rental \$309
Lift, Lessons & Rental \$336

Description: *Enjoy the evening skiing at Mount Southington!! Packages available for either skiing or snowboarding. Supervision as well as roundtrip school bus transportation with a pick up and drop off at NBIS and STW Community Center. Please register by Nov. 13.*

Bus Trips

Historic Deerfield & Yankee Candle

Friday, Nov 11. Cost: \$89 res/\$93 nr
Start your visit with a bus tour of Old Main Street. From there, visit the 18th century houses and museums. Luncheon at Deerfield Inn’s Champney’s Restaurant is included. Next stop ~ Yankee Candle Village Shops. Registration Deadline Oct 31.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Monday, Dec 5. -Cost: \$105 res/\$110 nr
Come enjoy the Rockettes and the story of Christmas. Orchestra seats to 2 p.m. show. Fun for the whole family ~ see the show and still have time for shopping, the Rockefeller Center tree and so much more!

Westchester Dinner Theater-Christmas Inn

Wednesday, Dec 14. - cost: \$95 res/\$100 nr.It’s Christmas Eve at an old New England Inn. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and an afternoon of holiday music and laughter. The show features all your favorite Christmas music including an old-fashioned sing-along.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Activities throughout the week days
Hot Lunch available Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3
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Movie Matinee at Smith Library – Friday, October 28, 2016, 12:30 p.m.A perfect way to start the Halloween weekend! Join us at Smith Library for a classic thriller, Alfred Hitchcock’s *Rear Window*. Light refreshments will be provided, please sign up in advance for this FREE activity.

Halloween Ice Cream Social – Monday, October 31, 2016, 12:30 p.m. Please join us for an after lunch treat - a Halloween Ice Cream Social! Spend time with friends, enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae with your choice of yummy toppings and a fun Halloween surprise! Please sign up for this FREE activity in advance!

Veteran’s Lunch– Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 10:30 – 2:00 p.m. FREE lunch to all veterans; others \$3
The Office of Social Service will provide community education for veterans. Benefits reviewed will include property tax exemption, military relief fund, veterans honor flight, housebound benefits, health care, and much more! Enjoy entertainment from the North Branford High School Choral Program. Please stop by or call to register for this event.

**As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every Tuesday at 12:30. Come by or call the Senior Center to register.*

Spirit Medium Lisa Lanno Comes To Stony Creek Brewery

For Branford Compassion Club

Psychic spirit medium Lisa Lanno returns to Branford Thursday, Nov. 3, for “Messages from the Other Side,” a benefit for the Branford Compassion Club from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Stony Creek Brewery, 5 Indian Neck Ave.

Lanno’s last appearance here in 2013 for the feline rescue and adoption organization, was a sellout. It is the first BCC event to be held at the brew-ery, which is fast becoming one of the state’s popular tourist destinations. Tickets for the event, which includes a silent auction and “lite bites,” are \$30 (cash bar), available online at www.brownpapertickets.com or by emailing bccspecialevents32@gmail.com.

A portion of the evening’s proceeds go to BCC, which was founded in 1997 to control the feline population through spay/neuter programs, find homes for adoptable felines and care for those deemed unadoptable in area colonies, maintained by its volunteers 365 days a year. BCC’s Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, which opened in 2011, welcomes the public Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford. For more information, visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org

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 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 and 26.

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

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup:11/7 through 11/11

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 pickup.

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

More info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

Ewaste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection:

Saturday Nov 12th 9AM until Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks*, tires*, uncontaminated waste oil, vehicle batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

***Charge for helium tanks (\$5), size-based charge for propane tanks (\$1 up to 100 lbs) and tires (\$7 for tires up to 17” rim)**
Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

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

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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. R Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist summer hours begin on July 10th with a single 9 a.m. service. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

North Branford/Northford Holiday Programs Office of Social Service

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Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations and generosity.

Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated.

If you are interested in assisting someone, family or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small.

Programs, which may be of interest to you, are:

Thanksgiving Basket Share – You may choose to adopt a family and provide a food basket for Thanksgiving dinner or a gift certificate to a supermarket. You may do this alone, with another family or co-workers. The family name will not be disclosed to you, but the number of persons in the family will be disclosed. We will distribute them identifying you or your organization as the donor.

Donor Drop Off: Friday, November 18th, 2016 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Friday, November 18th, 2016 (11:30 AM– 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: **Friday, November 4th, 2016**

Christmas Basket Share – Same as Thanksgiving Basket Share, although the donor may choose to include gifts for children.

Donor Drop Off: Friday, December 16th, 2016 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Friday, December 16th, 2016 (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: **Friday, November 18th, 2016**

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

The Totoket Historical Society is seeking donations for its annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 - 2 p.m. We are looking to feature small “attic treasures”, costume jewelry, small decorative items, handmade articles, linens, baked goods, jams, pickles and condiments. Small donations for the sale can be dropped off anytime during the day at the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford. For large items or to arrange pick up, please call 203 488-0423 or email: totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.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.

Vendors being sought for **Holiday Fair at St. Frances Cabrini Church** Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9am-3pm. Rental for space which includes table & chairs is \$35 for single and \$50 for double. For application for rental space please call Sharon at 203-234-0215 after 3pm or at 203-239-5700 during daytime.

Masonicare at Ashlar Village on Cheshire Road in Wallingford will be holding a Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and is looking for vendors and crafters to participate. The fair, which will be open to the public and to all Masonicare employees, residents and their families, will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hartog Activities Center Auditorium at Ashlar Village.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required, and all fees collected will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Registration fees are non-refundable. Receipt of payment will be provided for your tax deductible donation. All vendors will have a choice of either a 6-foot long table or a round table for displaying their sale items.

For additional information, or to reserve your space, please contact Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402 or Marisa Dominello at 203-679-6059.

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild will be having their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica’s, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The fair features all handcrafted items by local artisans such as wood crafting, painted glass items, jewelry, quilted items, etc. There will be a baked table, raffles, and more. Breakfast and lunch are available. Come and enjoy great food, crafters, raffles, and much more. Tables are still available. Call Lucille for application at (203) 484-9737.

Evergreen Woods, The Shoreline Retirement Community, will hold their 22nd annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016 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 the Food Pantry of North Branford and Camp Rising Sun! 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@evergreenwoods.com

Masonicare at Ashlar Village on Cheshire Road in Wallingford will be holding a Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and is looking for vendors and crafters to participate. The fair, which will be open to the public and to all Masonicare employees, residents and their families, will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hartog Activities Center Auditorium at Ashlar Village.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required, and all fees collected will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Registration fees are non-refundable. Receipt of payment will be provided for your tax deductible donation. All vendors will have a choice of either a 6-foot long table or a round table for displaying their sale items.

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November 18

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Account Clerk II - The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Account Clerk II to assist in the Tax Department. Works with the general public, banks, receives tax payments & validates bills, helps with collection of delinquent taxes. Starting wage \$22.43/hr. plus benefits. Full description can be obtain at Town Manager's Office. Application and questionnaire are available at Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours or on-line at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com. Applications due to the Town Manager's Office by **Thursday, November 10, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.** (No faxes or emails). EEO/AA

NARFE Meeting - November 7th

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 7, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Federal Employees Program, who will discuss the 2017 health benefits plan. The meeting will include the nomination and election of Chapter officers for 2017. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. For more information: www.narfe.org.



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 Office of Social Service
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www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

Each year this Office of Social Service offers a toy program for children that live in Northford or North Branford. The Program allows parents to see the toys that have been donated and choose the toys that they feel their children would enjoy. The Program also allows grandparents living in the community to choose toys for their grandchildren. All toys are new and unwrapped. We ask that you show proof of residency, such as a photo ID with your address and two (2) utility bills in your name and that you be reasonable. Toys will be distributed at the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center located at
 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, Ct.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016	9:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Parents Only
Thursday, December 8th, 2016	9:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Parents & Grandparents

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer three drop-off sites. You may do so at the North Branford Town Hall, North Branford Police Department, and the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Toys may be dropped off in the Collection Boxes located at all sites between November 1st, and December 5th, 2016

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