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# 26th Annual Community Food Drive

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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 newly formed *Food Pantry of North Branford*.

The 26th Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. 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. *Please remember to check expiration dates of food items prior to donating them.* 

You can assist by placing items by your mailbox on the morning of October  $24^{\text{th}}$ 

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. If you would like to participate please contact North Branford Intermediate School (203) 484-1500 for more information.

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

### Trimworks Painting Reaches 30 Year Milestone



Trimworks Painting in Northford, CT, recently reached a milestone of 30 years in business. Started back in 1985 by Owner Mark Cisto, Trimworks specializes in interior and exterior painting, powerwashing, and deck cleaning and seal coating.

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And in an age of rapidly declining standards, Mark continues to personally handle every job, which has been his practice since starting the company.

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**OPEN HOUSE** November 14, 2015 - Noon - 3:00PM



Stylist Giexsell & Owner/Stylist Maryanne As a Salon owner, serving this community for 20 years, improving my business is an everlasting practice. Being able to reflect upon the journey while meeting amazing people daily and being in contact with year long clients whom I consider friends and family, is a blessing.

To thank my staff and faithful clientele, I am holding an Open House and inviting those who have been a part of this journey and anyone interested in joining us, November 14th, from Noon to 3:00PM. Please come and enjoy and afternoon of snacks & refreshments with a chance to win our Door Prize.

# Hair Stylist Position and/or

"Wow, 30 years!," reflects Mark Cisto. "With this unstable economy, I have sadly seen many businesses come and go. So I feel fortunate to have reached this important milestone. I am delighted to continue to use my craft which brings me great enjoyment and has allowed me to meet so many wonderful clients over all these years. I continue to strive to not only meet my customers' needs but desire to exceed their expectations."

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# Jazz Brunch Hosted by the Branford Compassion Club

The Branford Compassion Club hosts Cool Cats Jazz Brunch, a benefit emceed by News Channel 8 anchorman Darren Kramer, featuring the esteemed Jeff Fuller and the Premier Jazz Ensemble of the Neighborhood Music School.

The buffet brunch is Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club, 2 Club Parkway. There is a donation of \$45 a person. Reserve by Nov. 1 by email at bccspecialevents32@gmail.com or call 203-444-0653. For more information, visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org.

There will be wine basket raffles, silent auction theme baskets and the chance to enjoy one of the Shoreline's best brunches, not normally available to the public, at the club, with its stunning views of the Thimble Islands to a soundtrack of sophisticated jazz. Proceeds benefit BCC's mission to rescue, care for and adopt out homeless felines and for operating expenses at its Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford.

The Yale School of Music-trained Fuller, an award-winning bassist and composer, has been a fixture around the New Haven jazz scene for decades. He has toured worldwide with such luminaries as Dizzy Gillespie, Mose Allison, "Papa" Jo Jones, Gerry Mulligan and Clark Terry. A faculty member at the Neighborhood Music School, and ACES Educational Center for the Arts, he gets to pick from the cream of the crop for the Premier Jazz Ensemble, composed of NMS students and faculty.

Branford Compassion Club is an all-volunteer-run non-profit organization founded in 1997. Its shelter, which opened in 2011, celebrated its milestone 1,000<sup>th</sup> cat adoption on Oct. 3.



#### OTE Remember to vote on November 3, 2015

The North Branford Democratic Team for Town Council

Dan Armin

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**Marie Diamond** 

**Joe Faughnan** 

**Frances Lescovich** 

**Chris Manna** 

**George Miller** 

During the last two years, the incumbent Democratic town council members did initiate and lead the bi-partisan effort on economic development and long-range planning for the town and also did support:

- The three-year road improvement program
- The installation of new roofs on North Branford High School and on Totoket Valley Elementary School
- A self-insurance plan for all town and education employees
- Employee contracts that are comparable to area towns
- A budget that was fair and equitable to all town departments and did not advocate for a budget that would raise taxes

#### Each Democratic Town Council candidate promises the following:

- To provide transparency in all decisions by communicating openly in a manner that promotes active participation by all members of the Town Council, all town boards and commissions, and the community
- To continue to generate a vision and long-range plan to meet both current and future needs of the entire town while protecting our rural and agricultural character

- To foster economic development in order to reduce the tax burden on individual homeowners
- To ensure that all town employees have the tools to perform their jobs to continue to provide essential services to the community
- To govern in a manner with respect and dignity towards all

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### Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible. All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks. This paper reserves the right to edit all letters. All letters should be addressed to : **The Editor** P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472

#### LETTERS

### "Daniel Armin a Great Candidate.."

#### **Dear Editor:**

When it comes down to deciding who should be on our town council I would like to express my opinion on why I think Daniel Armin would be a great candidate for Town Council.

Dan is a very dedicated member of our small community, an outstanding citizen and role model as well as great friend and a loving father. He has involved himself with numerous fund raisers, as well as excelled in being a member for the Economic Development Commission.

My town really needs a meaningful voice of reason. A voice that no matter what debate was going on, he could see all ends of the spectrum.

I have conducted my own research on Dan and have visited websites associated with him, and have seen firsthand of his experience, background, and skills. I have crossed references and spoke with friends and neighbors who see that no matter what political views they have can give great character references on Dan.

All of my research has brought me to the conclusion that Daniel Armin would be the best choice to represent the tax payers, our household interest, and North Branford's best interest.

Dan will be North Branford's voice. I have the utmost confidence with an intelligent leader like Dan; we will see major changes in this town, all for the better. We tend to see society become divided among left and right views, but Dan will stand in between and find out what works best for the town of North Branford's future.

Sincerely, Nicole Fabish

#### "In Support of the Republican Team" **Dear Editor:**

I am writing in support of the Republican Team for Town Council. These individuals have volunteered countless hours balancing our education and community needs with our budgetary restraints. We have had the most difficult economic times that this country has ever seen, and these individuals continue to make very difficult budget decisions at the same time, they are moving the ball down the field with long term planning for our community. Please consider supporting Rose Angeloni, Anthony Candelora, Michael Doody, Shawna Papa-Holzer, Al Rose and Joanne Wentworth for Town Council.

#### Truly yours, Louis C. Hardy

### "Many Wonderful Things These Council Members Have Done"

#### **Dear Members of the Community:**

Over the past year, I've seen some very emotional, personal exchanges at town council meetings, and while people should stand up for a cause, we should not be making personal attacks that seem to be the norm in politics. Despite the climate, I am glad that most of our council members are running again and volunteering their time for our community.

This past summer, people from around the state came to enjoy the beautiful field of sunflowers planted by the Augur Family. Many people may not realize that those fifteen acres of farmland went on the market for a housing development. Through two decades of planning with the Open Space Land Commission, the Republicans had identified that property, along with others in the Totoket Valley-including lands where the New Wall Field and Po-



tato Festival sit and purchased each and every one of those parcels through state grants in order to preserve the character of our town. So while we may have some bumps in the road, there are many wonderful things that these council members have done, and we should not take it for granted. I ask that you support the Republican Team on Election Day. Sincerely, Vincent J. Candelora

## No Artificial Turf on NB Baseball Fields

#### **Dear NB Residents,**

Don Westfall's letter to the editor, from the 10/9 publication of the Totoket Times, does not tell the whole story. He does not mention the fact that Sportplex's proposal is hinged upon installing artificial turf infields on at least 3 of our town baseball fields. The town would underwrite 50% of a \$300,000 upgrade to the NBHS baseball field, the baseball and softball fields at Totoket and the softball field at Memorial. The only infield that would remain grass and clay would be the high school field. The proposed agreement would be for 10 years.

I believe that Sal Candelora had the greatest of intentions when he brought this idea to the town. I'm not sure, however, if he realizes that synthetic turf ends up being more costly than natural turf. This is so because it is extremely expensive to install, there are hidden maintenance costs and, it always needs to be replaced. For articles related to natural grass vs. synthetic turf, go to www.texasmultichem.com and scroll to the TMC Sports Turf Blog. Look for "Natural Grass vs. Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Costs". Also go to www.forbes.com and search for "How Taxpayers get Fooled on Costs of an Artificial Turf Field" by Mike Ozanian, 9/28/14. Both are real eye openers.

Artificial turf is not healthy or safe for our children. A study conducted at Yale found 96 chemicals in synthetic turf and, many of them were carcinogenic. A nonprofit named Environment and Human Health Inc., made up of 10 physicians and public health professionals, studied the harmful effects of synthetic turf for over nine years. Their conclusion was that these fields are toxic. These carcinogenic chemicals have been linked to cancer in children and young adults. There are laws prohibiting tires in landfills because of the associated environmental concerns; yet we would consider putting the same thing into our children's playing fields?

Another issue with artificial turf is how it heats up to dangerous levels. Heat can be measured with an infrared thermometer. One turf manager made the following measurements of different surfaces. With an air temperature of 89 degrees Fahrenheit and a heat index of 91, grass measured at a temperature of 88 degrees Fahrenheit. Asphalt measured at 123 degrees while artificial turf measured at a whopping 152 degrees!

I believe it would be worth looking into natural alternatives to upgrade our town ball fields. Pristine playing fields can be created with natural turf. Have you looked at the new Wall Field? It is gorgeous!

Would the Sportsplex still be interested in partnering with the town if we pursued a natural upgrade? This could be a win/win for all parties involved. We could keep our natural turf. Sportsplex could rent our improved fields. The expense to the town would be much less. NB businesses could benefit from the added foot traffic. But, most importantly, our children would have beautiful, healthy, and safe fields to play on.

Sincerely, Laura Gottlieb Puglisi Moore

#### Give The Democratic Ticket a Chance **Dear Editor**,

I am writing to you because I am passionate about our community. First, I would like to clarify why the incumbent Democratic Members of the Town Council voted NO on the 2015-2016 budget. It was never their intention to raise taxes as was mentioned in a previous letter. All citizens can attest to the fact that their taxes are being raised yearly, but why blame it on the Democratic members of the Town Council who are in the minority? The reason they voted no was that without prior discussion, sweeping cuts were proposed for some departments by their counterparts on the Council. Whenever the Democratic members ask for a rationale, they are met with silence. Is this sound governmental practice? Without some kind of understanding as to why funds should be cut, they vote no, but not with the intention of raising taxes. I would not be writing this without having witnessed it time and time again. Furthermore, until this past spring, there was no plan in place to help curb the rise of taxes, while trying to keep our infrastructure intact. Under the leadership of incumbent Democratic Marie Diamond, a Long Range Planning Committee was formed in May to develop a vision and a long range plan for North Branford. It is a bi-partisan committee that was charged to speak to all the department heads, gather information in order to find out what their needs are, and ensure each department has the proper tools to do their jobs. What the sitting Democratic members of the Town Council have shown is that they realize we need a multifaceted approach and a major part of that is communication amongst all Town Council members, all departments and the community. All of the Democratic candidates for Town Council are there to serve the citizens of our community in a way in which all should and will be heard. Give Dan Armin, Marie Diamond, Joe Faughnan, Frances Lescovich, Chris Manna, and George Miller an opportunity to lead with honesty, transparency, respect, a vision for sustainability, growth and with the best interests of our entire community Sincerely, Elisabeth Caplan

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### EDITORIAL

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

In the past few years my firm has conducted hundreds of educational workshops that focus on estate planning. We discuss everything from very basic planning to complicated issues like how to avoid the financial devastation that comes along with a nursing home stay. Whatever the topic being discussed, the most often asked question is "What is the difference between a Will and a Trust?"

The fundamental difference between a Will and Trust is that they contemplate different things. A Last Will and Testament usually contemplates one thing: death. It has no power until you die. Until the "Testator" (the person who executes a Will) dies, the Will is just a powerless piece of paper. It has no legal power. The Will gets its power through the Testator's death. Once the Testator is deceased and the Will is proved to be valid, then and only then, does it have any legal power.

Trusts on the other hand contemplate much more. Different trusts contemplate different things. Revocable Living Trusts, for example, get their legal power as soon as the document is signed. Living trusts contemplate much more than do Wills. There are certainly provisions to handle the distribution of your assets at your death, but it also contemplates what happens if you become incapacitated. It is more focused on your life verses focusing on your death, while still efficiently handling your post mortem affairs.

Trusts are also your best shot at avoiding the time consuming and very public process of probate. Whereas, a Last Will and Testament, is a "ticket to probate." Most of the time Wills are all about going to probate court and trusts are all about avoiding any major contact with the court. Why do people want to avoid probate? Most of the time it is because it is an expensive, time consuming and public process.

Some trusts are narrowly pointed at specific problems in life. Irrevocable Asset Protection Trusts, for instance, are utilized to shelter assets that represent a lifetimes worth of work from the financial devastation that comes along with a stay in a nursing home.

If you're not sure what type of plan fits you, call us and schedule a complementary estate planning consultation. We will help you put together a plan that fits you and your family. If you would like to learn more about how trusts work to protect your assets, Guertin and Guertin, LLC will be hosting a workshop on Revocable Living Trusts on Saturday October 24th at 10am for Covering Your Assets. Please call my office (203)-234-7400 to reserve your seat. Seating is limited so please call ahead.

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. He is co-author of <u>Planning for the Future:</u> <u>A Practical Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days</u>. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

# WIT & WISDOM

Teddy Oleson I was prompted to write this to assure everyone is aware the recently deceased Theodore Olesen who is the beloved Teddy we all knew. On the visit of a friend Sunday I said, "Teddy Olesen died". He said, "Teddy Olesen, I. don't believe I knew him". I responded, "Teddy, the custodian at the Northford Middle School." No not Teddy, we were good friends. I loved to talk to him. I never knew his last name" Probably the reaction of seeing Thedore Olesen in the obituary in which the picture wasn't too clear.

I wrote several articles about Teddy, a few years ago, under the thinly veiled pseudonym," Kenny", trying to tell the tremendous obstacles he faced in a world where dyslexia was unknown and worse, the afflicted branded as Collection Boxes located at all sites between 11/3 & 12/4, 2015

## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's that time of the year. Leaves are falling off the trees. My baby turned 26. My baby girl turned 30. It's my favorite weather of the year and this is the last issue before our local election.

This election is a bit odd. Odd in the sense that I didn't get a ton of "letters to the editor". Republicans did not accuse me of favoring the Democrats and the Democrats did not accuse me of being a Republican. Also, it's still a bit early but nobody has been accused of tearing down the opposition's signs and there are no petition candidates to add spice to the election.

To me, this local election is always pretty amusing. As you know, our town has a unique system of government. Twelve people vie for nine seats on the town council. The newcomers running for the minority party always blame everything that is wrong with the town, on the majority party. The majority party takes credit for the successes and blames the failures on the State budget, the BOE and circumstances of the times.

Unfortunately, on the side of the voters, less than a third of the registered voters vote, and many of the ones that do, don't really understand our form of government.

These items rarely change from year to year. Another item that doesn't change is that in the end you have nine volunteer neighbors doing the best they can to make our community a better place.

The election for the Board of Ed positions has been pretty much on the back burner. We have three open positions and only three people running. I guess you can look at this as either a win/win or a lose/lose situation.

On a positive note with the recent shootings going on at different schools all over the country something in our town has been overlooked. When our school superintendent Scott Schoonmaker became the frontrunner in putting armed guards in all of our schools, he took a lot of heat. People complained about jumping the gun (pun intended) and going overboard with his concern. Once it was set up in our town, other districts used us as the model and it's nice to know our kids are safer than most. There can never be too many precautions taken when it involves our kids and it's nice to know we are on top of this issue.

Finally brother, with my family milestones, and my nuisance health issues I haven't forgotten that this month makes six years that you moved on and left us. You are one of the reasons I am who I am (so now most of my readers hate you). I think of you often and I will see you soon.

**Toys for Tots** 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 9th, 2015	9:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Parents Only
Thursday, December 10th, 2015	9:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Parents &
Grandparents		

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer three dropoff 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

retarded. From being greeted everyday by a despicable teacher with, "Fat Boy, go sit in the last seat and don't let me hear a word out of you". Teddy related to me the frustration when he attempted to let the teacher know he knew the answer to the topic being discussed, but was reprimanded for interrupting and not only being told to stop interrupting the class, but even being punished as well. I was frustrated at being too late on the scene to intervene, fortunately this scoundrel had left for another state and the new teacher was more merciful, but equally perplexed with what to do. Teddy, brought me to tears telling of how, if they would only let him answer the questions instead of having to write them down. That he knew the answers to all the questions on the test, but no one would listen. When he tried to tell the teacher she just dismissed him with, "Oh yes I'm sure you do".

It wasn't until Teddy was 21, I learned of a teacher having moved here who specialized in Dyslexia, not employed in North Branford. He was one of our customers so on my first visit with him I told him of Teddy. We arranged for Teddy to see him and be tested. What he learned was that Teddy saw everything backwards. When we saw Apple on the blackboard he saw elppA. To worsen the condition his sight skipped a line and he saw the second line down instead of the next one. But, most heartwarming was that Teddy was very smart.

Something I knew from the years he worked with me on countless projects we struggled on together when building this homestead. Almost always he had a better way than mine to fulfill the operation.

One of Teddy's most rewarding days when he was accepted as a member of Company 3 Fire Company. A duty he fulfilled, probably more diligently and faithfully than any other. That he was capable of performing the most physically taxing was when he single handedly carried an old lady from her burning home. He was first on the scene and without hesitation found a ladder and carried her down. There was never any question after that as to he qualifying as a full fledged member of Company 3.

I could go on endlessly relating Teddy's attributes accomplished under the most trying circumstances, but who knows what Teddy would have been when one considers that the leader of the Supreme Court case won by the New Haven Fire Fighter's Union was lead by a now, highly positioned Dyslexia afflicted man who was able to meet all requirements by answering verbally.

Now we can all say with pride we knew Teddy and I most of all. **Alton Eliason** 

# VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN TEAM ON NOV. 3<sup>RD</sup>

## **Town Council Candidates**







**MICHAEL** 

DOODY



**SHAWNA** 

**PAPA-HOLZER** 







JOANNE WENTWORTH

ROSE MARIE ANGELONI

ANTHONY CANDELORA

# **BOE Candidate**



SARA-JANE QUERFELD



Sunflower field planted by the Augurs on town land acquired for open space.

In these difficult economic times, North Branford needs trusted leadership and proven experience to continue making the tough budget decisions while maintaining the necessary

Town services for all residents. The Republican candidates have over 72 years of public service to the North Branford community. We have worked intensively to stabilize expenses, support education, and collaborated with town youth sports' organizations to improve field conditions. We have also addressed capital needs for road improvements, public works equipment, and new roofs for NBHS & TVES. We are disciplined fiscally, to lead our town through these challenging economic times.







#### New roof at TVES

#### **Renovated NBYF field**

#### **New Public Works vehicles**



New firetruck to be delivered Dec. 2015

# **NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS**

Paid for and approved by the North Branford Republican Town Committee, Elizabeth Siena



## Farmers Market & Halloween Party at the Dudley Farm

Join us on Saturday October 31st for the last day of the 2015 Farmers' Market at the Dudley Farm, 2351 Durham Rd., North Guilford. From 9AM to 12:30 PM the Market will offer seasonal produce, mums and cut flowers, eggs, baked and canned goods, naturally-raised meats, honey and maple syrup, handmade arts and crafts.

In addition, you are invited to celebrate the season's end with our 3rd annual Halloween Party. The festivities include a special self-guided Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Trick-or-Treat fun with our costumed vendors. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and adults are welcome to join in the fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact 860-349-3917, visit <u>www.dudleyfarm.</u> <u>com</u> or find us on Facebook. The market is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather and there is no rain date for this event.(Photo by Barbara Hanson)

### Kevin Mckernan talks D-Day at NARFE



North Haven: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association hosted Kevin McKernon at their October meeting. McKernon's father, a Chief Petty Officer, served on the USS Corry and the presentation focused on the role of the USS Corry which was sunk on D-Day morning in the Normandy Invasion. The presentation included a slide show of actual photos and film footage of the Corry in combat.

### **Connolly engaged to Juh** Mark Connolly and Debbi Juh would like to announce their engage-

Mark Connolly and Debbi Juh would like to announce their engagement. Debbi is the daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Juh of Danbury. Mark is the son of Mary and William Connolly, Jr. of Northford.

Debbi is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and is employed by Mindspark Company in Yonkers, NY.

Mark is also a graduate of the University of Connecticut and he is a C.P.A. with McGladrey LLP in Stamford.



#### North Branford Women's Club Afternoon Tea

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc., will be hosting an afternoon tea on Saturday, November 14, 2015, 1:00 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford CT.

Our guest will be Ms. Donna Lasko who will present "Romance of the Hat". Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$25.00. If you would like to purchase a ticket or need additional information, please call Sheila at (203) 481- 2677 or Judy at (203) 484- 0586. All proceeds of this event will benefit local and state community programs.

### HazWaste Central Final Saturdays for 2015

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven Hours are 9am to noon

Saturdays through October 31, 2015

Want to volunteer?

Call 203-401-2712 or email *ask.hazwaste@rwater. com* for information about becoming a HazWaste Central Volunteer.

## North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

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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 24** and **31**, **November 7**, **14** and **21**. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

# **NARFE Chapter 257 Meeting**

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 257, monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 2, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget from Blue Cross/Blue Shield who will discuss the 2016 health benefits plan.

The meeting will include a food drive. Members are asked to contribute non-perishable food items to benefit the North Haven Congregational Church food pantry.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Information: <u>www.narfe.org</u>.

<u>Curbside leaf pickup</u> takes place for 2 weeks: Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Please also use biodegradable paper bags without any tape. For more information, call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091.

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### North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> through Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

The fall scrap metal pickup is scheduled for the first 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 no sooner than the week prior to pickup dates. **More info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091** 



#### Friends of North Branford Libraries Host Mini Book Sale

The Friends of Northbranford Libraries will host a Mini Book Sale on Saturday, November 7 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. The event will take place at the Edward Smith Library on 3 Old Post Road in Northford.

Hundreds of gently used books for sale from the following select categories:

Cooking, Holidays, Fiction, Crafts and Hobbies, Childrens, Military, and Coffee Table books.

Watch for other "Mini" Book Sales in January and March 2016, also at the Edward Smith Library. Call: (203) 481-2730 for further information.



Car Show Recently held by North Branford Volunteer Fire Department Company #1. (Photo by Frank Garitta)



To Get updated election results on November 3rd, visit www. totokettimes. com

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# This Week's Specials!

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	1997 Toyota Avalon XL Bucket Seats	\$2,495
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	1998 Mercury Grand Marquis 4Dr. GS	\$3,495
	2001 Toyota Camry Solara 2 DR. Conv.	\$3,995
	2000 Nissan Maxima GL 92K	\$3,995
	2003 Dakota V-6 AT 105K	\$4,495
	2008 Toyota Yaris 4DR 5 Spd. 99K	\$4,995
	2004 Honda Accord Sdn. EX Manual	\$4,995
	2005 Nissan Sentra GXE 4DR AT 77K	\$4,995
	1997 Honda Prelude 2DR Cpe. Manual	\$4,495
	1997 Lexus Sdn. Gray Auto	\$5,995
	2008 Scion TC 2DR HB Black	\$5,795
	2007 Nissan Versas 4DR 5Spd 96K	\$5,795
	2004 Honda Accord EX Auto w/Leather	\$6,495
	2007 Honda Accord EX-L 4DR AT	\$6,995
	2005 Honda CR-V 4WD EX AT	\$7,295
	2003 Hylander Limited AWD	\$6,995
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	2008 Chrysler Town & Country 91K	\$6,995
	2008 Honda Accord Sedan 4DR V-6 EXL	\$7,495
	2007 Honda Accd. Sdn. 4DR. EX 91,987K	\$7,995
	2001 Lexus LS430 Luxury 107K	\$8,495
	2006 Toyota Sequoia SR5 4x4	\$8,495
	2007 Toyota RAV4 4WD 4DR 4cyl.	\$9,995
	2006 Toyota 4Runner Auto	\$11,495
	2010 Ford Fusion AWD 50K	\$12,000
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Fairy Tea Party and & Author Visit Sunday, November 8<sup>th -</sup> 2:00 pm at the Edward Smith Library

Nature's Royal Tea Party



Written & Illustrated by Cheryl Kling

Join us for a magical midafternoon tea party in the Children's Room, as local author Cheryl Kling reads her picture book 'Nature's Royal Tea Party'. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in their best OR as their favorite magical creature (like a fairy or gnome)! A book sale and signing will take

place after the reading. (Books cost \$17.95) \*\*Registration is required. Please sign up in person or by phone: 203-484-0469





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# **Puzzle-Off Party at Atwater**

Do you like doing puzzles? Join us on Saturday, Nov. 7 when the "Friends of the North Branford Libraries" will be sponsoring the annual "Puzzle-Off" contest at the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.

Contestants may sign up as a team (with up to 9 people) or sign up as an individual and be assigned to a team. Team names and themes are welcome! All teams will be working on the same puzzle at different tables. The competition begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There will be a mandatory lunch break from 11:00 - 12:00 during which no one will be allowed to work on the puzzles. The team with the most puzzle pieces continuously connected will be the winner. Complete rules are on our website: www.nbranfordlibraries.wix.com/home

Light refreshments will be provided by the "Friends". Lunches and beverages may be brought in. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available for purchase at the library for a \$1 donation.

You may register at Atwater or by calling 203 315-6020. Please register by Oct. 30 as space is limited.



**Best of the Best - Perform in Music Festival** 

Nineteen North Branford High school students were selected for the Annual Shoreline Music Festival at Coginchaug High School. The long standing event is a celebration for the entire Shoreline Conference that includes 13 schools. Students nominated for this event are considered the "best of the best".

The students were prepared by teachers Katie Trainer and Michael Carnaroli. (Photo courtesy of Principal Todd Stoeffler)



North Branford Fire Department recently visited the Nursery on Notch Hill

## **Open House at Vinal Tech High School**

Vinal Technical High School will be hosting our annual Open House on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We would like to invite all students who will be entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2016-2017 school year to attend with their parents. This is a great opportunity for those interested in attending Vinal Technical High School to see everything the school has to offer. All of our technologies will be open with demonstrations and hands on activities. Stop by to visit the mighty Vinal Hawk for your chance to win some cool prizes! If you have any questions, please call 860-344-7100 x313 or visit us at <u>www.cttech.org/vinal</u>. We hope to see you there!



### Town of North Branford Community NIGHT TO CARE

Our annual Community Night to Care will again be hosted by Jerome Harrison School on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.</u> For those individuals that may be new to the town of North Branford or who have not had the opportunity to participate, this is an annual event where we come together to celebrate the collection of food and gift donations for Northford and North Branford families in need. To get ready for the event paper snowmen will be posted on a large snowman in the main lobby of Jerome Harrison School (beginning the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>) for you to take and *sign out* by recording your information on the sheet posted by the large snowman. Each snowman lists a child's age and gender and represents *one* gift (which may be more than one item totaling approximately \$25); there will be two snowmen, or two gifts, for each child. Please feel free to take as many snowmen as you like.

In the past, gifts have included: games, toys, books, art and craft supplies, glamour items, sporting equipment, etc. Gift certificates are also a great idea for any age, especially teenagers (i.e., Barnes & Noble, Target, and Toys R Us). Your generosity on behalf of the families of Northford and North Branford is very much appreciated.

This year, we are welcoming everyone to bring their unwrapped gifts **with the snowman securely attached** (*as this identifies the recipient of the gift*) to our Night to Care event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. That evening we will have crafts, card-making, holiday entertainment, refreshments, and a performance by the JHS chorus! We hope you can join us. If you are unable to attend on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, you can <u>drop off</u> gifts to JHS on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> or Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the gifts, the families will receive non-perishable food items that will be collected during the upcoming food drive/collection scheduled for Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Branford Stop & Shop. Each family will also receive a Stop & Shop gift card as a gift from Matt's Mission. Your generosity on behalf of the families of Northford and North Branford is very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Manning at <u>lmann4767@yahoo.com</u>, Nicole Park at <u>parknicole@comcast.net</u> or Jackie Rodriquez at jnr31@comcast.net.





# **RosenthalGetsNationalRecognition**

NBHS senior Julian Rosenthal was recently 1 of 34,000 in the nation, recognized by the College Board as a PSAT National Merit Scholar. 1.5 million students annually complete the PSAT's.

Julian is pictured with Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker (left) and Prinical Todd Stoeffler.

NBHS AP Environmental Science and AP Biology recently had classes a Chatfield Hollow. The trip was organized by teachers Mrs. Polemeni and Mrs. Redman.

### THEY MAKE US PROUD

**Juliana Castilo** recently enrolled at Colby -Sawyer College in New London New Hampshire.

**Tara Matteo** was recently named as a mentor for the University of Rhode Island Community Marketing Program.



#### **SPORTS**

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# Football Team Wins 1 Loses 1

North Branford football team traveled to Hartford in an out of county game and defeated the Sports Medical Sciences Academy by a score of 27-6. Once again, directed by senior quarterback Paul Pastet, the T-Birds scored once in the first and three times in the second quarter and then turned it over to the defense.

Pastet completed 9 passes for 130 yards and ran for 28 more. Ryan Reilly rushed for 62 yards and started off the scoring with a one yard run. In the second quarter, Pastet hit Matt Chamberlain for a 23 yard score and Shelby Franklin for 33. Franklin caught 4 passes for 77 yards while rushing for 52. The 2 TD passes sandwiched a Reilly 15 yard touchdown run.

Defensively, "Caron's Crushers" had 8.5 sacks and 6 picks. Mike Calamita and George Paleschuk had 2 sacks each while Justin Augur, Eric Avila and Franklin had 1 each. Ryan Kusmit and Pastet had 2 picks each. Paleschuk led the defense with 7 tackles and 3 assists while Calamita fell 1 assist short of matching him. Franklin, Avila and Nick Krista had 4 tackles each.

In another away game, two first half scores were enough for Cromwell/ Portland to defeat North Branford 14-7. In the third quarter, NB was able to close the gap with a 35 yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Dillon Blake to Shelby Franklin but that was a close as they were able to get.

In his first varsity start, Blake struggled to move the offense, completing only 8 of 22 passes for 109 yards. He was able to pick up 40 yards on the ground in 11 carries, with Franklin rushing for 72 yards and Ryan Reilly grinding out 53. Franklin and Matt Chamberlain had 51 yards each in pass receptions.

The T-Birds continued with their tough defense with Franklin leading the defense with 7 tackles and 6 assists. George Paleschuk fell one assist shy of matching Franklin's defensive stats. Chamberlain and Reilly joining Franklin in their tenacity on both sides of the ball had 4 tackles each while freshman Nick Mancini had a sack and Ryan Kusmit and Jack Meyers both grabbed a pick.



## **Volleyball Team Nets a Win**

With steady improvement North Branford Volleyball team broke into the win column by shutting out Hyde 3-0. In previous matches against Valleyshore and Cromwell the lady T-Birds suffered hard fought 3-1 losses. In both games, Nicole Messore was sensational totaling 6 points, 48 digs and 7 spts. Taylor O'neil added 18 assist and 7 digs against Valleyshore and Patience Wilson had 10 digs against Cromwell.

In the victory againt Hyde, Messore led the pack with 10 digs and 8 aces while Meagan Hanratty had 6 Kills.



#### Volunteers, Volunteer for Food Pantry

North Branford Volunteer Fire Department Companies, 1,2, & 3, teamed up with the North Branford Police Department for a benefit Softball Tournament to benefit the North Branford Food Bank.

(Photo by Frank Garitta)



Homecoming at NBHS - October 30th North Branford High School will celebrate Homecoming Festivities at the home football game on October 30th. Pictured above left to right: Class Historian Ashley Stephens, Secretary Lauren Ablondi-Olivo and President Gabby Augur. (Photo Courtesy of Principal Todd Stoeffler)









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. 1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80) North Branford, CT 06471 203-481-3909 www.weecarenb.com



### **Cross Country Round-Up**

The North Branford Cross Country Team competed at the Shoreline Conference Large School Meet on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at their home course on Augur Farm. The schools competing were Coginchaug, Cromwell, Haddam Killingworth, Morgan, and Valley Regional. The Girl's Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> beating only Cromwell. The Boy's Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> beating Valley Regional, Cromwell and Morgan and losing to Coginchaug and Haddam Killingworth.

For the boys the top finishers were, Michael Madoule 13th at 19:41, Keane Regan 17th at 19:49, Isaac Cammarata 21st at 20:11, Richard Hernandez 22nd at 20:14, Parker Nadeau 29th at 20:52, Zach Jamieson 32nd at 21:14 and Pat Fisher 41<sup>st</sup> at 22:35. Finishing for the girls were Winnnie Chan 17<sup>th</sup> 24:36, Victoria Pawlak 21st 25:25, Olivia Hemstock 23rd 25:42, Marie Zampano 26<sup>th</sup> at 27:09, Theresa Guadagnino 33<sup>rd</sup> 30:03, and Grace Little 38<sup>th</sup> 32:34.

On Tuesday October 6th the North Branford Cross Country Team hosted the Haddam Killingworth High School Cougar North Branford T-Bird Invitational Cross Country Meet. The race took place on Augur Farm. Six schools consisting of over150 runners from the Shoreline Conference entered the meet. Both the boys and girls team from Haddam Killingworth took 1st place. Top individual winner for the boys was Shane Anderson from Old Saybrook at 17:30.56 and for the girls was Maddie Brandon from Haddam Killingworth 20:40.84.

The North Branford Boys team came in 5<sup>th</sup> and the Girls took 6<sup>th</sup> place. Michael Madoule came in 1<sup>st</sup> for the boy's at 19:09.52 (18<sup>th</sup> overall). Winnie Chan came in 1<sup>st</sup> for the girls at 24:10.34 (19<sup>th</sup> overall).

Finishing for the boys team were Richard Hernandez 19:54.09 (24<sup>th</sup>), Isaac Cammarata 19:55.29 (25th), Parker Nadeau 20:39.37 (38th), Zachary Jamieson 20:53.68 (40<sup>th</sup>), Pat Fisher 21:17.19 (47<sup>th</sup>), Jason Ash 24:43 (74<sup>th</sup>), Pat Miconi 25:46.61 (80th) and Hunter Boni 26:07.43(85th). Finishing for the girls were Jillian Damiani 25:03:15 (25th), Olivia Hemstock 25:41.83 (29th), Victoria Pawlak 26:12.86 (30th) and Theresa Guadagnino 29:10.27 (43rd).

On Saturday October 10th, the North Branford CC Team participated in the Wickham Invitational 5k (3.1 miles) Cross Country Race at Wickham Park in Manchester Connecticut. The boys team copteted in the Unseeded Division. The boys were among 486 runners and came in 49<sup>th</sup> place out of 70 schools entered.

The top finishers for the boys in the Varsity Unseeded Race were: Michael Madoule 19:19 (122<sup>nd</sup>), Richard Hernandez 20:25 (236<sup>th</sup>), Parker Nadeau 20:28 (243<sup>rd</sup>), Zachary Jamieson 20:39 (263<sup>rd</sup>) and Isaac Cammarata 21:38 (351st). In the Junior Varsity Race, Jason Ash 23:18 was the top NB finisher followed by Patrick Miconi 25:43 and Hunter Boni 26:41.

On Tuesday, October 13, the North Branford Cross Country Team participated in the Shoreline Mega Meet hosted by the Morgan High School Cross Country Team. The race was held at the Indian River Complex. The meet served as a warm up for next week's Shoreline Conference Championship which will be held on the same course on Thursday, October  $22^{nd}$ .

The girl's team was entered in the Unseeded Division and the boy's in the Seeded Division. The boys came in fifth place out of six teams and the girls' team came in fifth place out of five teams. The top finisher for the girls was Winnie Chan 11th (24:17.5). Also finishing for the girls were Jillian Damiani 16th (25:25.8), Victoria Pawlak 17th (25:38.1), Olivia Hemstock 18th (26:08), Theresa Guadagnino 27th (30:31.8) and Grace Little 28th (30:31.9). The top finisher for the boys was Michael Madoule 16<sup>th</sup> (19:15.2). Also finishing for the boys were Parker Nadeau 25th (20:14), Isaac Cammarata 28th (20:21), Richard Hernandez 31st (20:51.31), Zachary Jamieson 32nd (20:53.4), Patrick Fisher 40<sup>th</sup> (22:02.7) and Austin Gibilisco 41<sup>st</sup> (22:03.6).

#### NORTH BRANFORD YOUTH BASKETBALL

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#### **Recreation Evaluations**

\*\*We have extended registrations through Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$10 will apply to all registrations received after Monday 10/26. Wednesday 10/28/2015 @ North Branford Intermediate School 6:00pm-7:30pm = 3rd & 4th Grade Boys 7:30pm-8:15pm = 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Girls 8:15pm-9:00pm = 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls

Thursday 10/29/15 @ North Branford Intermediate School 6:00pm-7:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Boys 7:30pm-9:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Boys

\*\*\*\*Everyone signed up to play Rec basketball must attend their respective time slots.

\*\*To All NBYB Travel & Rec Coaches: There will be a mandatory Coaches Meeting on Thursday night 11/5/15 from 6:30pm-8:00pm @ TVES in the cafeteria. All coaches must have their driver's license available.

Any questions can be directed to Jerry Nuzzo @ 203-522-2906 or Dave Teodoro @ 203-804-9687.

**NB TOUCHDOWN CLUB WITH NBFD** 1<sup>st</sup> annual T-BIRD DROP **NBHS SENIOR NIGHT GAME 11/13/15** 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE \$1500 - 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE \$500 - 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE \$250 **CLOSEST TO THE BULLSEYE WINS \$5 DOLLARS PER GOLF BALL \$20 FOR 5 GOLF BALLS ONLY 2000 WILL BE SOLD!** Nb.touchdown.club@gmail.com for tickets

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# North Branford Parks & Recreation Department

1332 Middletown Ave, Northford - 203-484 6017

We are happy to announce NEW extended hours for the FITNESS ROOM and COMMUNITY CENTER!

Monday through Friday Saturday & Sunday 5:30 a.m. to <u>8:00 p.m.</u> 6:30 a.m. to <u>1:00 p.m.</u>

#### **Check out our new Grab** – N – Go Snacks Available Monday through Friday between 9 and 2. For the month of October we are featuring:

- 8 oz. Fruit Cup
- 8 oz. Yogurt with granola toppings
  - Blueberry Scones
  - Apple Caramel Crumb Cake All for only \$1.00

### **BUS TRIPS**

#### B.F. CLYDE'S CIDER MILL - Old Mystic, CT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24.** *Cost: \$15 resident / \$20 non-resident* Our 16 passenger van will bring you back in time to visit the oldest steam-powered cider mill in the U.S. and watch a cider making demo! There will be a stop for lunch TBA.

#### SHOW BOAT -WESTCHESTER THEATRE

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5. Cost: \$100 resident / \$105 non-resident

Show Boat is a musical that follows the lives, loves, and losses of a troupe of riverboat performers on the mighty Mississippi River show boat, while illuminating the racial and social changes that were shaping the country between 1890-1927.Enjoy a sit down luncheon and this timeless classic.

#### RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7. Cost:** *\$100 resident / \$105 non-resident* Bring on the sparkling costumes, long legs and high kicks! See the Rockettes in all their glory and visit Radio City Music Hall to witness this awe-inspiring tradition. Take some time to see the Rockefeller Center Tree, shop along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and get your holiday off to a spectacular start! Includes round-trip motor coach transportation and Orchestra ticket to 2 p.m. Show.

#### FOXWOODS CASINO MONDAY, JANUARY 11.

#### Cost: \$32 resident / \$37 non-resident

Come and play for the day! Visit over 6,300 slot machines and test your luck. Your package includes round-trip motor coach transportation and package that includes free bets and retail/meal voucher.



#### CHAIR YOGA Who:

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Session: Time: Fee: JEWELRY CLASS Who: Session: Time: Fee: Adults Oct. 27 - Dec. 1 Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. \$30 resident /\$35 non-resident

Adults Oct. 27 - Dec.1 Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$40 resident /\$45 non-resident

Adults Oct. 28 - Dec.2 Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$55 resident /\$60 non-resident

Learn the fundamentals of jewelry making. Make and design your own projects with the instructor. All tools and materials will be supplied.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

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Who:	Adults				
Session:	November 3 – December 22				
Time:	Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.				
Fee:	\$70 resident /\$75 non-resident				
NRA PISTOL SAFETY COURSE					
Who:	Ages 21 & over				
Session:	November 14				
Time:	Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.				
Fee:	\$150 resident /\$155 non-resident				

Acquire knowledge, skills and attitude needed to safely handle handguns. Live fire of assorted pistol calibers. Upon completion of this one day course, you'll earn a certificate as part of the requirements to apply for a pistol carry permit.

## PRE-SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### **INNER ARTIST**

Grades K - 2
November 18 - W
Grades 2 - 4
November 18 - W
\$18 resident / \$23

Grades K - 2 November 18 - Wednesday, 4 - 5:00 p.m. Grades 2 - 4 November 18 - Wednesday, 5:15 - 6:15 \$18 resident / \$23 non-resident

# ALL AGES PROGRAMS

#### MOTHER/DAUGHTER WET FELTING JOURNAL

Who:	Teens - Adult
Session:	November 13
Time:	Friday, 5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$28 resident /\$33 non-resident
<b>CPR/AED TRAINING</b>	
Who:	Teens - Adult
Session:	November 4
Time:	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$45 resident /\$50 non-resident

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Who:	Adults
Session:	Oct. 27 - Nov. 24
Time:	Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$25 resident / \$30 non-resident

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REPUBLICAN PARTY	) 1B Rose Marie Angeloni	) 2B Alfred D. Rose	) 3B Joanne S. Wentworth	AB Shawna L. Papa-Holzer	) 5B Mickael J. Doody	) 6B Anthony S. Candelora	7B	8B	` 9B	) 10B Sara-Jane R. Querfeld	11B	12B
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# WARNING OF ELECTION

The electors of the Town of North Branford are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said Town on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for the following purpose:

I. To cast their votes for Town Council and Board of Education – Full Term.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

District 1: Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Road – Route 80

District 2: Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut, this 14th day of October, 2015.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC North Branford Town Clerk

# **Candelora Applauds**

# **\$290,000 Grant for North Branford**

Project to Renovate Five Existing Tennis Courts and Two Basketball Courts at the North Branford Intermediate School and High School Campus

North Branford – State Representatives Vincent Candelora (R-86)

### **Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford**

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for electors to register to vote in the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015: \*Tuesday, 10/27/15: North Branford Town Hall, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm \*\*Monday, 11/2/15: North Branford Town Hall, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

\*Please note that Tuesday, October 27th 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.

\*\*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 27, 2015.

Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked or received by the registrars by October 20, 2015.

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.

# Meet The Candidates on Totoket TV

Totoket Times and Totoket TV recently sponsored a meet the Town Council candidates for the November 3rd. election. If you are interested in finding out who they are, go to Totoket TV and check the times the forum will be aired on your local public access TV station. Be informed before you make your decision on November 3rd.

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applauded the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for North Branford announced. Administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), STEAP provides financial assistance for projects to improve and preserve the character of the state's less populated towns.

The town of North Branford was awarded a \$290,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant from the state of Connecticut for the renovation of five existing tennis courts and two basketball courts at the North Branford Intermediate School and High School campus. The proposed all-weather, multi-purpose courts are an essential part to the success of the High School's Tennis Team and offer increased opportunity for community members to engage and stay active.

"These courts are heavily used by the schools, club sports and residents," **Rep. Vincent Candelora (R- 86)** said. "I'm pleased to have advocated for this grant because without it, it would be difficult for our town to make necessary repairs during this tough economic time. I commend the Town Council's efforts on obtaining this grant."

North Branford is one of many eligible STEAP towns to receive a STEAP grant award for the purposes of funding a variety of economic development, community conservation and quality-of-life projects.

### **NEW HAVEN POWER SQUADRON**

Wine Tasting, Deluxe Social Hour and Dinner Buffet Event 2015

The New Haven Power Squadron will be holding a Gala Wine Tasting and Deluxe Social Hour, followed by a Dinner Buffet on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The event will be hosted by Amarantes' Sea Cliff, located at 62 Cove Street in New Haven, Connecticut, a banquet facility noted for its outstanding view of New Haven Harbor.

The event will be held from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets will be \$50.00 per person and include wines served by Amity Wine and Spirits, Co.. Deluxe Social Hour starts at 6pm. Hor d'oeuvres served by Amarantes' will include a Pasta Serving Station, Chilled shrimp, Jalepino Poppers, Bruchetta, Asian Dumplings, Meatballs and more. The Dinner Buffet will include a St. Louis Style Slow Roasted Beef carving station and Seafood Stuffed Filet Of Sole with Champagne Sauce, accompanied by Sea Cliff Salad, European Encrusted Bread and Penne Ala Vodka.

A silent auction, music and a full Cash Bar will be included. For additional information and tickets please contact Donna Ferrucci, Past Commander, New Haven Power Squadron (NHPS), at d.ferrucci@snet.net or 203-469-1772.

#### CHURCH

## **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 wecome 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. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. 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 <u>www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com</u>

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or http://standrewsnorthford.orgWe 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 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir 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. Augustine Roman Catholic Church.** The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

**St. Monica Roman Catholic Church.** The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenna. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacarment of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 9am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

### Holiday Craft Fair St. Monica's Rosary Society sponsors the Northford Handcrafters Guild's

St. Monica's Rosary Society sponsors the Northford Handcrafters Guild's annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica's, 1331 Middletown Ave., Northford. The fair features handcrafted items by local artisans such as pottery, wood crafting, painted glass items, hair ribbons, American Girl doll clothes, jewelry, delicious homemade baked goods, raffles and more. Breakfast and lunch are available. Come and enjoy great food, crafters, raffles, and much more. Tables are still available, call for application (203) 484-9737.

#### Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, November 14 at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford

Don't wait until the last minute again to do your holiday shopping! Avoid the crowds by taking advantage of a great opportunity to buy the perfect gift for that special person or for everyone on your gift list at Masonicare at Ashlar Village's Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair. Open to the community, the event will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Cheshire Road in Wallingford, on **Saturday, November 14**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** 

Several area vendors will be offering a wide variety of unique gift items for purchase, including purses, scarves, handmade jewelry, sports memorabilia, candles, homemade candy and much more. In addition to great shopping, coffee and donuts and a delicious, reasonably priced lunch will be available. For additional information, please contact Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402/ncaffrey@masonicare.org, or Marisa Dominello at 203-679-6059/mdominello@masonicare.org.



**Pasquale DiPalma, 86,** of Northford passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Hartford Hospital. He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Antonietta DeLuca DiPalma. Pasquale was born in Pompeii, Italy on May 9, 1929; son of the late Antonio and Maria Simonetti DiPalma and had worked as a carpenter/construction worker for the A. Secondino & Sons for many years until his retirement. Pasquale enjoyed working in his yard, fixing things and making furniture. He spoke several different languages and visited several differ-

ent countries. During World War II, Pasquale would drive the American troops from Italy to Germany. Survived by daughter and son-in-law Maria and Tom; son Tony; daughter Tina; son Mark; granddaughters Christina and Catherine and his favorite dog Enzo.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1463 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410.

#### Adult Halloween Costume Party

(Adult) Halloween Costume Party (Adult) Saturday October 24th, 6-11pm. Dinner, Prizes, raffle, and games and lots of fun. D.J. John Saville

BYOB-- soda, coffee, and water provided. At the Knights of Columbus Hall 3928 Council. 390 South Union St, Guilford

For tickets contact: Rich & Kristie Falcone at (203) 457-0275 \$25.00 Per person

#### SENATOR KENNEDY AND CIGNA KICK OFF NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH WITH CALL TO EXPAND JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and October is the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Employment Awareness Month



Senator Ted Kennedy, Jr. (D-Branford) was joined today by Dr. Mark Boxer, Cigna's Global Chief Information Officer (CIO) and numerous advocates for people with disabilities to kick off the 70<sup>th</sup> annual National Disability Employment Awareness Month by drawing attention to the important impact of people with disabilities on Connecticut's workforce.

"Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities has been a lifelong pursuit of mine, as it is an issue that hits very close to home," said Senator Kennedy. "I have challenged employers around Connecticut to integrate people with disabilities into their workforce, and I am happy to be here with Cigna, a business that has done an admirable job achieving that goal. Employers around Connecticut have overwhelmingly reported positive experiences with their employees who have disabilities. It is my hope that on this important anniversary we can renew our efforts as a state to give people with disabilities more opportunities in the Connecticut workforce." "As we recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month, it is important to note the many contributions that those who happen to have a disability have made to the sciences, art, literature and even health care," said Cigna CIO, Dr. Mark Boxer. "There is a tremendous opportunity to tap into the talent that exists in the disability community. I remind my friends and colleagues that with a job comes possibilities. At Cigna we believe that the disability community represents a source of untapped capability to help us make our mission real and better serve our clients and customers." Senator Kennedy called for Connecticut employers to follow Cigna's lead in increasing their focus on hiring employees with disabilities. Several Cigna employees with disabilities were on hand today to talk about their work: Above Photo- Senator Ted Kennedy, Jr. speaks with Ewa Oka and Usman Ul Haque about their careers at Cigna.

# North Branford Congregational Church Holly Fair

Please join us on Sunday, November 21st from 9:00AM - 2:00PM and maybe finish your Christmas shopping. There will be gift baskets, hand-made items, raffles, and a jewelry table. There will also be a room filled with Better Treasures as well as your White Elephant Room.

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### TAG SALES

**HUGE "ALL HOLIDAYS" TAG SALE.** October 24th & 25th, 9:30 - 3:00. Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, easter, etc. Dolls, decorations, Radko ornaments, Dept. 56. China, glassware, colelctibles & more. 39 east Dayton Hill, Wallngford.

Vendors are needed for The Animal Haven's Holiday Fair (vendors selling all types of handmade or new gift-type items are welcome).

The fair will be held on November 28 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. The cost of the vendor space is \$30 and vendors must supply their own table. We are also looking for donations of new, handmade items or crafts to sell.

Payment deadline is November 15, 2015. For a vendor application or for more information, contact Chris at: <u>chriskat32@aol.com</u> or 203-484-9648.The Animal Haven is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes.

## **CLASSIFIED AD RATES**

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**LIBRARIAN** – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Librarian to work in the Atwater and Smith Libraries. Bachelor's Degree with one year of library experience, or equivalent, is required. MLS Degree preferred. Duties include public service to adults and children, and cataloging and classification of library materials. Wage of \$21.78 per hour with benefits. Applications are available on-line and at the Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT during regular business hours. Applications due to the Town Manager's Office by Friday, October 30, 2015 by 4:00 pm. EEO/AA.

### Last Call for Lake Gaillard Walk The North Branford Women's Club, in conjunction with the Regional

The North Branford Women's Club, in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon at Lake Gaillard in North Branford on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs/CT state project Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and other charitable club projects.

Buses will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 am. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Pomps Lane where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome, but no bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail.

The distance around the lake is 7 miles but participants, as always, may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted around the lake. Water and comfort facilities will be available. No participants will be allowed to start on the trail after 11am.



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