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The North Branford Town Clerk's Office is offering special and extended hours for absentee ballots:

Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office will be open to accommodate North Branford residents who wish to apply for an absentee ballot or return an absentee ballot. No other business will be conducted during these hours.

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Dan Haar. Unmasking the anonymous coronavirus mask crusaders

By Dan Haar Updated 3:17 am EDT, Saturday, April 4, 2020



“The common theme: Most of the deliveries have filtered through Republican politicians crisscrossing Connecticut. The long list includes . . . [one of the] highest ranking GOP leaders of the state House. . . . and one of the hardest working mask men of all, Rep. Vin Candelora.”

To the Community,

As your state representative, I’ve had to pivot from making laws to triaging constituent needs in these difficult times. I was honored to facilitate efforts of mask distribution to our nursing homes and general public. Our community has collectively responded in these difficult times to help our students, elderly and each other. I am humbled to be able to serve this great district. Our struggles are not over, I ask for your support on November 3rd.

Truly yours,
Vinny Candelora

Candelora, Area Legislators Hold Successful Produce Distribution Event

Posted on September 4, 2020 by admin



November 3, 2020 State 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, 2020, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters.

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

Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location:

North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road

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 23rd day of October, 2020.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC

North Branford Town Clerk

Let's Be "Frank"

Halloween has some special memories of my youth. As a youngster, "store bought" costumes were always what the other kids wore. My mother always made something out of what was hanging around the house. An old set of long John's, a cardboard box, kitchen pots and pans and my sister's skirts were some of her creative supplies. I remember wearing my sister's school uniform skirt one year and getting a slap because I told her if I could borrow her face as well, it would be a super scary costume.

We would start the evening with a hardy bowl of lentil soup. "It's gonna be cold out" mom would warn. "This will take away the night chill."

In the Hill section of New Haven (when I grew up), few people gave out Halloween candy. But I remember going down Washington Avenue and hitting the merchants. There would be a miniature pastry from Marzullo's Bakery, a fresh out of the oven hard roll from the Marchegiano Bakery, an apple from Baldino's (the fruit and vegetable store) and a can of soda from the package store. These were all items we would consume on the ride to Uncle Rudy and Aunt Tess's house. We would go to the "country" for our door to door treats. We would go to Foxon. I never knew until years later that the reasons for these traditions were because we were "financially challenged" and just because Foxon didn't have sidewalks, it wasn't the country.

The cleverly designed costumes were not made to make us special. They were made because we didn't have money. The lentils while tasty and warm were because my mother could feed a family of five plus my nonne for just

\$1.00, and the trip to the country was because the people in our neighborhood had no money to spare for treats for the neighbors.

After we filled our pillow cases with pounds of candy from the Foxon neighborhoods, the ride home was exciting, knowing that we did not have school the next day.

Another reason for the homemade costumes was because my mom and dad would pinch pennies so they can send us to Catholic School. They insisted we get what they thought was the best education and at the time, St. Anthony's was one of the best around.

November 1 was All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation). That meant Catholic schools had no school and we had the day off for worship. We went to early Mass to start the day and then went home to separate our treats from the previous night.

We broke down the candy into separate piles with the favorites of dad, mom, nonne and big brother Anthony. Once we broke down their preferred items we got what was left. The Gospels, that month were all about giving and mom made sure our stuff was shared. Besides we didn't have dental insurance so that was her way of not giving us too much candy to rot our teeth.

Those are some fond memories. But the best part of those memories, was that as a child, I didn't know we were poor. There was food on the table, clothes on our backs, love in our home and most of the time heat in the winter. We were proud of our differences, and proud to be part of a family with a loving mother and very hard working father.

Maybe we weren't so poor after all.

Well, that's it for now brother, Tell Mary that I wish she was here because I would still like to borrow her face for a scary Halloween costume.

Happy Halloween to all my neighbors, and I hope you have some of my mother's ingenuity so you can celebrate this year with your children, and be safe during this pandemic. And don't forget a prayer on All Saints Day.

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

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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

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



Consider returning my dad to Hartford
Dear Editor:

Vincent Candelora has gone above and beyond to serve the constituents of the 86th district. Since his election to the State House in 2006, Representative Candelora, my dad, has spent countless sleepless nights in his office—some nights he wouldn’t even come home. He has missed nearly all my band concerts and birthdays, and he is constantly on the phone during family card nights. These sacrifices are not rooted in malice for family; they are rooted in a love that extends through and beyond family to community. A love for the constituents of the 86th, a love for the State of Connecticut, and a love for creating a better tomorrow. Please consider returning my dad to Hartford on November 3.

Sincerely,
Christopher Candelora

***Monument was the center
of the Parks beauty***

Dear Editor:

I am reading with High Respect for you, for your open mind discussions about what is going on in America. No politics, just common sense. I am not Italian; I am from the former Soviet Union and live in Northford for 30 years. Every year I and my wife with our friends went to Wooster Square in the spring time and summer. Columbus monument was a center of the park’s beauty. I know that a big portion of Italian (people whose parents or grandparents came a long time ago to the US) who became proud Americans live in New Haven, particularly in the area of Wooster Square. Everybody was proud of Columbus and loves to have this monument in the park.

People should ask to bring this monument back where it belongs!!!

Sincerely,
Jack Toporovsky

“I Support Vinnie”

Dear Editor,

Vincent Candelora is for the people, he takes your request seriously. He has helped me and he will help you.

When you get into a situation and need help Vinnie will be there to support you.

My cause was with the Department of Corrections medical care.

Due to his advise, changes have been made which will help many people in Connecticut

This is why I support Vinnie.

Thank you.
Marion O’Shea

***“Vince will work to be
part of the Solution”***

Dear Editor,

I am writing to support Vince Mase as State Representative for the 86th District. If someone asked me how to describe him, hard-working, honest, and family, are all words that come to mind.

He gives 100% to everything he does. I have seen this firsthand on the Board of Education, a true advocate for children and doing what is best to meet our educational goals. He is no nonsense, a good listener and will work hard to represent the 86th District in a way that helps our community and all the towns represented. He speaks his mind, seeks to work with others to get the job done, party politics and blame are part of the problem, Vince will work to be part of the solution.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Caplan

Frank’s most recent “Let’s be Frank” reminded me of this Op Ed I wrote back in July when they were removing the Christopher Columbus statue from New Haven. It relates to the much larger issues of racism and discrimination in the world as well as Frank’s poignant insights into the changes being made to our history.

The statue of Christopher Columbus has been removed from New Haven’s Wooster Square and from many other public places because he is now considered a symbol of European racism and oppression. Whether or not there is merit to this new narrative of an Italian man who sailed for Spain (and it doesn’t), this recent movement suggests that racist icons should be deleted from our collective memories. But, just who were the racist people who oppressed minorities and practiced slavery for centuries in the Americas?

Columbus sailed four times to the “West Indies,” visiting the islands now known as Cuba and Hispaniola and establishing a colony in what is now Haiti. He didn’t enslave anyone. In fact, he became close to the indigenous people he met, welcomed them into to his home in Europe and embraced them as if they were members of his family.

Hernán Cortés overthrew the [Aztec Empire](#) in the name of Spain, leveled their largest city and built Mexico City on its ashes as the capital of “New Spain.” His “success” led Spain’s King Charles I to appoint him governor of New Spain, whereupon Spain immediately enslaved the Aztecs and any other indigenous people they found. Spain’s

“Disappointed in the Police Union”
Dear Editor:

I am really disappointed that the Police Union decided to write such a partisan and inappropriate piece to be used as an endorsement in Vin Candelora’s ad in the Totoket Times. I have been a donor for years to our Police Union and I support our police and thank them for their service. But reasonable and well-intentioned people should be able to disagree without attack and without disrespecting other public servants.

I also support Christine Cohen and believe she does an excellent job representing my concerns about an array of issues. I understand our Police Union would prefer that this bill not have passed, but the letter is an unwarranted attack complete with assertions that cannot be proved that follows unprofessional behavior toward a State Senator.

I am sorry the Police Union does not recognize that there are systemic issues that have tarnished the reputations of officers who may be innocent of systemic racist behavior, but the confrontational position of the Police Union allows no one any

“Vote for Joe Laporta, He is Listening to us”

Dear Editor:

Did you notice since the State of CT democrats voted in a terrible bill that on October 1 the crime rate has gone out of sight and shootings have increased? The cops in our towns were handcuffed more in their ability to do their jobs. The Democrats pushed so hard to pass a bill that was so bad, that as they voted they admitted it. The bill should be repealed.

Our local senator Christine Cohen was approached by me and many others and she refused to listen to us advising her to vote it down. Well now we are being asked to vote for her... Why would we vote back in a senator who does not protect our interests and protect the people she represents? The North Branford Police Union has issued a letter telling us all how she has ignored

genocidal system reduced the native inhabitants of Central and South America from a pre-European population of 54 million to a mere 9 million subjugated peoples. (see “The Demographic Catastrophe,” L’Histoire n°322, July–August 2007, p. 17.) Indeed, history clearly reveals that these Europeans - through act of law - first enslaved the indigenous people of the Americas in 1512. They then substituted Africans in their system of chattel slavery. This abominable system remained in Spanish and Portuguese colonies for fifteen years after slavery was outlawed in the Southern United States.

Don’t mistake my sentiment. I do not suggest that the Spanish are somehow genetically racist or evil any more than other Europeans, Russians, Arabs or Africans are genetically predisposed to racism. I simply point out the rather blatant hypocrisy of, for example, Mexicans - 78% of whom are Spanish and, like Elizabeth Warren, virtually bereft of indigenous DNA – parading themselves in modern society as innocent victims of the very oppression for which their ancestors were responsible. Indeed, the most practiced and hardened slavers in history - the Spanish, Portuguese and North African Muslims - enslaved more black Africans and did so longer than the southern US states. This doesn’t excuse any of it. Yet, in the face of these facts, it is surreal to watch AOC (“Cortez”) and her band of Muslim Leftists play the role of minority-victims of racism.

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space to try to understand the concerns of others. Walk a mile in the shoes of the mother grieving the loss of a blameless child, lost to a hasty reaction, before refusing to consider that some changes might be warranted.

There are bullies and bigots in all walks of life, but the police have a sacred trust that is incompatible with those individuals who have neither the temperament nor the restraint to be officers. Many police unions have defended and protected those officers despite many charges of bad or rogue behavior. They certainly represent a minority but the behavior of a police union unwilling to see where problems exists is doing their members, who do protect and serve well, a dis-service.

Police bear responsibility for managing their singular power. And there can be no appropriate action to correct behavior if people are unwilling to recognize that a problem exists. The best place to start is to accept and respect that others may not share the same views and try to walk that mile in someone else’s shoes.

Thank you. Susan DeSilver

our local police department. Their words are Christine has lost touch with the people in the 12th district. The union worries about our safety now. The Madison pd union said the bill attacks community policing and collective bargaining rights. The police departments will need budget increases to meet CALMEA standard for officers and police buildings. I have yet to meet any law enforcement person that thinks this bill is good.

We all feel Christine and all the other democrats forgot who they represent. We the people. We tried to explain many times our thoughts via emails and other social media. It all fell on deaf ears. Now as she asks for your vote tell her Joe LaPorta is listening to us when she would not.
VOTE FOR JOE LAPORTA, HE IS LISTENING TO US .*Sincerely, Cliff Potter*

“What change really means and why it’s so important now!”

Dear Editor:

It feels like the best possible time to be asking this question. What does it really mean to say we need change? We all know and perhaps can use reminders of the pitfalls of maintaining the status quo indefinitely. Much ends up being taken for granted, things get swept under the rug, and those in charge become increasingly complacent and less inspired to grow and expand their reach of influence. I am not in favor of change for the sake of change alone, but rather for the value of growth. Change usually leads to growth in many areas of life, but not quite as effectively as in the arena of politics.

In the interest of exploring this idea of real change, I have taken the time to learn more about Vince Mase and his opponent to see if this is a worthy place to look for change in our community, and I am now absolutely certain that it is! He is running on a platform of civility and compassion which is sadly lacking lately in politics. If we look at our home district as a microcosm of our federal leadership, there are disturbingly familiar patterns. For the most part, So many Republican candidates are hanging on for dear life of a ‘good-ol-boy’ agenda, and resorting to caustic criticism of the “Dems” as if they were a fringe group out to take down the republic.

The incumbent has been a state representative for our 86th district for 14 years, with 20 years of republican leadership before that. More than ever the party has deepened the chasm of belief systems and the core problems in our state and local districts. It’s easy to cover with words and platitudes but as we all can see, working families are suffering at the hands of a rampant pandemic, a fragile economy, and a bullying republican party that in policy, if not principle, is working against those suffering and struggling the most.

We need to change things up now more than ever! We have a disturbing negligent and dispassionate President who incites divisiveness and even worse violence, along with a Republican Senate eager to support a conservative agenda in favor of the wealthiest. This often does trickle down to the level of local politics, despite their efforts to cover it up with stale promises and mistruths about their record.

Vince Mase represents an agent of change for us. A hardworking family man who was a postal worker for decades and active in the Department of

Education, grew inspired from the roots of his connection to his community to find more widespread ways to help his neighbors. He procured a law degree to provide the means to that end. He is civil, kind, compassionate, and actually partakes in the meetings that we care about that impact us. This is the election where his win and a move to democratic leadership is critical. So when you’re asked to vote for change, know that we have a candidate leading the way to heal the way things are in our own backyard. Who has the experience to know what needs to be done, and the heart and motivation to sustain him for the well needed boost we need to represent us in our state.

Vince Mase is poised to implement the measures to move us forward rather than keeping things relatively stagnant. That is what change is. I’m voting for the guy who talks about conscientious allocation of funds, programs to facilitate jobs and support like that offered with the STEAP program. How can one justify voting against small town economic assistant programs? I’m grateful we have someone like Vince stepping up to challenge the status quo after so many years. Moving in the direction of genuine transformation, while following a stronger more authentic moral compass.

Sincerely, Debra Lynn Alt

Final Thoughts from Vince Mase

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the organizers of the “Rally for a New High School” held on the evening of Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at the North Branford Town Hall property. It was a sizeable crowd with many signs and a cow bell that rang every time passersby honked their car horns to show their support for us. I was proud to stand in unity with parents, grandparents, teachers and students.

In my previous Letter to the Editor I explained how important it is for a State Representative to be present at events to show support for the voters and their families of the 86th District. A rally for a new North Branford High School is certainly a very important and historical event for our community, yet as I stood in the crowd that evening I could not find our State Representative present among us. This supports my previous Letter to the Editor noting the absence of the State Representative attending important events for our towns. A new High School for North Branford is an important issue for the students, teachers, parents and grandparents of North Branford and Northford.

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Monday, November 2nd 6:30 pm*



The work I do is called Active Dreaming. It is a technique developed by Robert Moss, with whom I worked for quite a few years. His book “Conscious Dreaming” is by far the best work on the subject.

Active Dreaming is a method of dream sharing which synthesizes modern Dreamwork and ancient shamanic practices. It views dreams as Experiences, and inspires folks with powerful tools to explore dreams. At the heart of Active Dreaming is one basic tenet: The dreamer is the final authority on the meaning of their dreams. As such, my work is not Dream Analysis per se (or,

heaven forbid, dream “interpretation”). It is an introduction to a way of sharing dreams that empowers the dreamer and gives some options for what to do with the information they have uncovered. Sometimes this leads the dreamer to the meaning behind the dream. Sometimes it leads to far more.

The core technique of Active Dreaming is the Lightning Dreamwork process. This is a quick, fun and respectful way to share dreams, receive non-intrusive feedback, and move toward creative action to honor dreams and bring their magic into our lives.

*This program is FREE and available to anyone who is able to access Zoom. Register in the library or by phone (203) 484-0469. A zoom link will be sent to your e-mail within a day of the program.

North Branford Libraries Presents

Jeff Piscitelli from Care One Security is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting to discuss Fall Prevention around the home. You have the power to prevent a fall!! Learn some easy to implement ways to minimize the chance of falling in your home.

Wednesday, November 18th (11 am)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82213796188?pwd=WVdPbkVdK1RnVzZoci95SUJkYUNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 1379 6188

Passcode: 459196

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

**North Haven Sons & Daughters
of Italy Website!**

Check out the newly designed website for the North Haven Sons & Daughters Of Italy. You don’t have to be a member. The site is filled with Italian cultural items, videos, columns and recipes of Italian origin.

This month features a video on Christopher Columbus and his contributions to our country as well as information on an online Pantry Chef Demonstration.

Go to northhavenlodge2805.club



HOLIDAY ADVERTISING

It’s been a tough year for many businesses in our community. But there is still time to let your neighbors know what you have to offer for the Holidays. Totoket Times will have four issue left to cover your 2020 Holidays.

Here is a list of hte pub dates and deadlines. Don’t wait. call Frank at 203-410-4254.

<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
November 13, 2020	November 6, 2020
November 27, 2020	November 20, 2020
December 11, 2020	December 4, 2020
December 18, 2020	December 11, 2020

Views on the Covid

Dear Editor:

The Covid scare evokes memories of 1976 when we had school gymnasiums open around the country to mass vaccinate the citizens against the Swine Flu, that according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), threatened to wipe out millions. Turns out that only one death was actually attributed to the swine flu - a young soldier who was forced to march while ill. Turns out all the fear campaign commercials and supposed celebrity endorsements were completely false. 46 million people were scared into getting the shot and numerous people dropped dead immediately after vaccination and many more suffered from Guillain Barre syndrome and crippling paralysis. How could the CDC have gotten it so wrong? Just who exactly benefited from this hoax?

Sadly, while we still suffer from government malfeasance, we no longer have the caliber of investigative journalism to expose the consequences of weaponizing a virus against the American people. Censorship is strangling knowledge and free speech as a mere handful of people own almost all of the media in the USA. I do know that there are 2 pharmaceutical lobbyists for every congressperson in Washington, DC to the tune of \$233 million per year and 877 million to state candidates. I also know that since 1986, when vaccine manufacturers were given complete immunity for all liability for vaccine damage, they were incentivized to create many more liability free vaccines (of dubious necessity) to offset the losses for lawsuits against injury and death caused by their prescription drugs. I also know that the USA is not a third world country and that improvements in sanitation and living standards have had the biggest impact in eradicating disease. Whooping cough and measles were in steep decline before vaccines were developed and Scarlet Fever disappeared on its own. Polio, often a mild disease, became more severe from immune system deregulation caused by the intense spraying of of the poisonous chemical DDT in the streets, swimming pools and even on children! In fact the first polio vaccine given to 400 thousand children caused polio in 40 thousand children and various degrees of paralysis in 200 children and 10 children died. The “science” is hardly settled.

Governor Lamont while zealously and diligently pushing vaccines for all, has done nothing to evaluate Covid deaths to determine variables. For example who had the Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent flu shot which is recommended for those 65 and older? A military study showed a 38% greater susceptibility to Corona viruses in those who had a flu shot. Were adequate Vitamin D levels evaluated as there is a strong association with robust immunity? Did some people actually die early on from ventilator use where hospitals received 37 thousand dollars in reimbursement per patient and blanket immunity? Why isn’t Lamont saying that proper humidity protects the lungs like a Kevlar vest and focusing on positive things like fresh air, nutritious food, sunshine and exercise? It seems Pharma is the big winner here with PCR tests, antigen and antibody tests and millions to develop vaccines as well as conditioning people to believe that the world/ people are dangerous and diseased and only pills and shots can save us. No one seems to notice or make an association between vaccines and Type I diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, Chrohn’s Disease and many other autoimmune diseases or even a heart attack because no one reads the package inserts. Seems like Connecticut would qualify for it’s own post Wold War II Nuremberg type trials. An out of control tyrannical government abusing healthy people and preventing herd immunity is way more of a threat than Covid.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Farnsworth

“...Generosity of this Town Amazes me!”

Dear Editor:

Once again the generosity of this town amazes me! Jerome Harrison Elementary PTO put on a scavenger hunt for Halloween. We would like to thank the local businesses and organizations that participated and helped to make this a success for our students!

Thank you to Melillo’s Garden Center, Edward Smith Library, North Branford Parks and Recreation, North Branford McDonald’s, North Branford Police Department, Chat and Chew, Rose’s Orchard, and the North Branford School System. Without your help and willingness to go along with our ideas this would not have been possible.

Thank you!
Victoria Lanza,
Mary-Elissa Giovanni,
and The JHS Halloween Activity Committee

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Here are some of the things I would address immediately if elected as the State Representative for the 86th District. I would immediately set up meetings with the Mayors, Select Persons and Town Council members of all four communities to assess the problems facing each community.

It is my opinion that in order to commence an economic recovery we have to start right here in our own backyard before branching out to save the rest of the 165 cities and towns in Connecticut. As State Representative I believe it is important to hold meetings with the Economic Coordinators in each town to ascertain what they need to start attracting small businesses in their towns. It would also be necessary to try and meet with the small business owners and farmers in each town to concentrate on what their immediate needs may be during this pandemic and then work toward a solution.

Over the past ten years I have read so many negative articles in the Totoket Times concerning our State of Connecticut that I would like to write something positive. First, how can we slow and/or stop the outbreak of the Corona Virus. I recently read an article whereby the author cited the three big “Ws.” They are (1) Watch your social distancing of 6 feet; (2) Wear a mask; and (3) Wash your hands frequently. Three big “Ws” that are not inconvenient nor are they costly. They can stop the spread of the virus.

In this week’s edition of the Hartford Courant it has been reported that Connecticut’s Department of Public Health has contracted with a San Diego firm to hire, train and oversee a crew of contract tracers to follow up on those testing positive for the virus. The cost of this contract is \$23 million however the conditions require that all of the “tracers must be Connecticut residents.” The tracers will earn \$29.50 per hour; the case investigators will earn \$43.25 per hour; and the supervisors will earn \$57.50 per hour (Hartford Courant 10/21/2020).

This contract serves the State of Connecticut residents with a dynamic effort to stop and contain this virus while at the same time providing good paying jobs that will help to replenish the state income tax and at the same time. It also will afford strong purchasing power to the employees to help bolster our state sales tax, a win-win situation.

Another positive for the State of Connecticut is the Housing Market. The State of Connecticut has become attractive to New Yorkers due to the low infection rate of this virus. It has been reported that there has been an improved tax outlook because more families from New York (approximately 16,000 persons) have moved into Connecticut. As a result Connecticut has realized a \$40 million increase, a 20% increase in real estate conveyance taxes during this pandemic (Hartford Courant 10/22/2020). Right now it has been reported that the housing and real estate industries are a key to reviving the state economy (Hartford Courant).

Connecticut’s economic condition is not as bleak as originally reported. During this pandemic, even when the State of Connecticut being shut down for a period, the State ended up with a \$39 million surplus. In addition the Rainy Day Fund met its cap of \$3.1 Billion with the excess over the cap that will go to pay down the unfunded State Employees Pension and Teachers Pension Liabilities obligation. Stock Market investment returns were favorable this past fiscal year which contributed to funding the rainy Day Fund as well as providing money to pay toward the unfunded pension obligations for State Employees and Teachers Pension Funds.

When the pandemic hit the borders of Connecticut we lost thousands of jobs. The Hartford Courant has reported as of October 2020 our state has recovered 60% of those jobs. In fact in August 2020 the Connecticut unemployment rate was at 8.1% in September 2020 that rate dropped to 7.8% which is amazing at this time. Connecticut is moving in the right direction to restore the economy.

The two hardest hit industries have been the restaurant industry and the tourism industry. In the next Legislative session we have to focus on bringing back these industries because so many food workers i.e. bus persons, cooks, chefs, waiters and waitresses have been unemployed. In the tourist industry so many hospitality workers have been laid off and adversely affected by the pandemic.

If elected I would research how many of these unfortunate workers live in the 86th District and then try to assist them in finding jobs. Then branch out at the state level to work with these industries and the Governor’s administration to safely continue to open up these industries especially during the cold weather months. I know these are trying times but if Connecticut can have a surplus during one of the worst pandemics in 100 years then we can certainly find solutions to these problems as long as the State Legislature remove their Democratic and Republican labels and work together as “CONNECTICUT” legislatures then we can accomplish a anything.

Another important area Connecticut must address is Climate Change and the Environment. If we want to save the planet from global warming then we need to commence changing from depending so much on fossil fuels. There is a need for solar energy, wind energy and electrical energy.

Fossil fuels, such as oil, gas and naturals, contribute to climate change and global warming because they release carbon dioxide and other greenhouse

NBHS Construction Project

Dear Editor:

The past few months have been quite the roller coaster for our community. Global pandemic, new police station, a new or renovated NBHS, and recent storm damage from Isaias. For sure, the curse of 2020 is still going strong!

But the year hasn’t been without its hard fought successes. Most of the spring and summer community talk has revolved around our High School and its failing condition. The North Branford BOE officially started the process in the summer of 2019 by going out to bid for the feasibility study of what to do with NBHS. A joint meeting of the Council & BOE was held in Feb. 2020 where we were present with 3 options: 1) Maintain the existing structure; 2) Renovate as New - which involves some new construction and improvement to the existing building; 3) NewBuild. The council’s burden is now to see this project to the end, one where we can all be proud in knowing that all avenues of both construction and finance have been explored.

On June 29th the TC held a special meeting to vote on the NBHS Construction project for the purpose of locking in the reimbursement rate at the highest rate possible. Information provided to the TC indicated a possible loss in reimbursement of approximately \$1 to \$2 million if the vote was not taken by June 30th . Based on information received on June 26 th from the BOE on the soil testing done earlier in the month and in talking to the Director of the Office of School Construction Grants & Review (OSCGR) at the state, the TC unanimously voted to submit the application for NBHS as a “Renovate as New” or “New” school to ensure the project will move forward at the highest reimbursement rate possible. The project has been in the review phase by the recently formed Ad Hoc Design Committee, which consists of TC members, BOE members, Town & BOE officials, and a local building contractor, so they can assess all options, work with the OSCGR, and present their findings to the TC, which occurred at the Oct. 6 Council meeting. On Oct. 20, the Council heard a presentation from the architect outlining the various options plus the addition of another location for the “New Build” option. A final decision by the TC will be made no later than the November 10 Council meeting so the project can get on the Priority List submitted to the governor by OSCGR for final approval in December 2020. The Ad Hoc committee had a very aggressive meeting schedule from July - September and presented very valuable information to the Council to help in making one of the most important decisions this Council is faced with. There has been no time lost in advancing this project forward because no matter when the votes by the BOE & TC happened prior to June 30, 2020, the state would not assess and take action to put it on the Priority List before December 2020.

Fact is, these decisions, where the community is outlaying its largest expense ever, are never easy. These processes aren’t without serious differences in opinion either. But at the end of the day, we eventually get over our own opinions and end up with accord that we know to be true; that the school we end up with will be one where many voices have an impact; where many ideas get discussed; where priorities get adjusted; and our community wins. That’s the process. It’s always difficult, usually frustrating, and often infuriating. But that’s how you know that things are getting done right.

Sincerely,
Mayor Viglione, Deputy Mayor Zampano, Councilors Angeloni, Diamond, Doody, Faughnan, Goad, Paternoster & Pellicia

gases that become trapped in our atmosphere. Connecticut, as well as the rest of the country, needs to find ways to wean itself off of fossil fuels and resort to cleaner energy.

There are several benefits if we start to take seriously changing our source of energies. The obvious is that we would stop pollution to the air we breathe and to our waterways that we as humans rely on clean water and the fish rely on non-polluted water to survive. This also protects the fishing industry. Another benefit is as we change from fossil fuels to alternative energy there will be a creation of good paying jobs for thousands of Connecticut residents. The next Legislature in 2021 must seriously consider to start to find ways to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and commit to working with companies that will generate safe energies in Connecticut.

I have a lot of ideas and a lot of experience with working in large groups to get tasks accomplished. I know we can do it especially if I am elected as your State Representative for the 86th District and Sent to Hartford to be your voice at the State Capital.

Sincerely,
Vincent J. Mase Sr.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

DEATH NOTICE



Anthony M. (Tony) Christoforo died Sunday October 11. Born (Oct. 4, 1941) and raised in North Haven on the family farm, he was the youngest child of Rose Valentino and Michael Christoforo. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 60 years Mary Neborski and children Anthony Jr., Laura Scott, David (Stacy), and Daniel (Kate) and his cherished grandchildren Staci, Toni (mom Deb), David Jr., Emma, Grayce, Jaxon, and Jordyn. He was predeceased by 13 siblings and leaves one surviving brother and many, many nieces and nephews over several generations. Tony was a Class of ‘59 graduate of NHHS (Go Indians!) and a longtime resident of Northford. Nothing made him happier than family time! He enjoyed spending Sundays and holidays at home or by the pool with family and friends and all were always welcome! Over the years he was a faithful follower of UConn football, basketball and baseball, the Red Sox and the Pats. He could often be found catching up with the news around the area on his golf cart and enjoyed sharing with all along his way. His patience and his generosity were legendary.

Private funeral services have been entrusted to The Havens Family, North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue. www.northhavenfuneral.com Please log on and sign our guest book. In lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be made to a charity of one’s choice.

Recycling News

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Will End on April 6, 2021 Residents must call and schedule curbside pickups at 1-866-835-5068 or email Info@SimpleRecycling.com now through end date

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

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

October 31 and November 7, 14, and 21.

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

E-waste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection:

Saturday Nov 7th - 9 until Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

*** Mattress and Box Spring Collection ***

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

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

Propane Tank Fees*	
1 lb (camping), 5 lb, 20 lb (std gas grill)	\$2
10 lb	\$5
30 lb	\$8
40 lb	\$10

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

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

Can’t make the next bulky waste pickup in November? Then consider:

Craig’s List to advertise “free stuff” - newhaven.craigslist.org

North Branford & Northford free items – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1647630532048934>

1-800-GOT-JUNK? Full-service junk removal company

Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op – bsbc.co – donate a bike (you can also buy a used bike or learn to repair your bike)

Vietnam Veterans of America vva.org/pickup-locations/connecticut/

HazWaste Central Open Last Saturday for Season: 9 to noon October 31st

- All HazWaste Central participants are required to pre-register online. Paper forms will not be available.
- Household hazardous waste items must be accessible in the trunk or truck bed of your vehicle.
- Participants are asked to wear a face mask while at the HazWaste Central facility and to stay in their vehicles.
- Containers used to transport waste items will not be returned. Please bring items in disposable containers.

For more information go to www.rwater.com, call **203-401-2712** or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com

Next bulk waste pickup is week of November 9, 2020

Please do not place curbside until that week -No home cleanouts-

Due to Health Crisis

Plastic Film Drop Off Still Suspended

Please save plastic film at home until further notice.

Updates soon on program restart. Thank You!



**North Branford
Parks & Recreation and Senior Center**
STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



**Light Up
North Branford**
HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST
Thursday, December 17th
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
FREE
Get in to the holiday spirit with a fun and festive competition!
REGISTER TO GET YOUR HOUSE ON OUR MAP!
A map of display locations will be available on our website on December 17th.
PRIZES
\$100 - Best Overall Display
\$50 - Brightest Display
\$50 - Most Original Display
Winners determined by a panel of judges
Registration required by 12/10
www.nbrecreation.com
STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT 06472
www.nbrecreation.com | 203-484-6017

DINO DAY

Ages 3 - 4— Virtual

When: November 18
Time: Wednesday, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$15
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades

Put on your paleontologist hat and dig into some dinosaur fun with dino art projects, volcanic eruptions and dino fossil excavations. A Zoom link, materials list and templates for projects will be emailed!



CANDY SCIENCE

Ages 5 - 8— Virtual

When: November 18
Time: Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades



What do you do with all the Halloween candy? Tune in to see how candy is used for science experiments! Ms. B. will lead these fun science activities. Discover surprising things about some popular candy! A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

Look for our offerings on TOTOKET TV

Totoket TV Public Access Television:
Available on Comcast channel 18 or 1070 Frontier channel 6004

STRONGERCIZE - Mondays & Fridays at 9:30 am

GET FIT - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

SENIOR CHAIR YOGA - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 1:00 pm

ART WITH KAREN - Mondays & Wednesdays - 1:00 pm

Enjoy doing crafts with Karen from your home.

We have all the supplies needed to participate, just call us for pick up or delivery!

*Please check the Totoket TV program schedule for additional watch times and programs.

TURKEY HUNT

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

Starting November 3rd, Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to Thanksgiving we will be posting a riddle to our Facebook page. These clues will guide you to a location in town to hunt for a turkey. If you find a turkey bring it to either Atwater or Smith Library and turn it in for Thanksgiving prize.



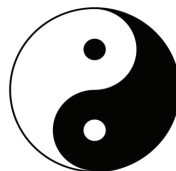
HAPPY HUNTING!!

TAI CHI CH'UAN - QIGONG

Ages 18+ — STW Community Center

When: November 10 - December 29
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$70 res/\$75 nr
Instructor: Rich Dicine

Bring balance and harmony to your life while you strengthen your body in this traditional T'ai Chi Ch'uan class. Taught by an instructor with 30 years of martial arts experience and a Gold Medal Winner of the T'ai Chi Ch'uan nationals. Students practice relaxation, balance and flexibility while learning to understand the body/mind relationship.



NORTH BRANFORD SENIOR CENTER LIMITED TRANSPORTATION FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

For everyone's safety and in order to meet the current COVID guidelines, transportation services will be conducted differently.

Rides will be by appointment only, first come first served, with a maximum of 3 passengers at any given time. Transportation times will be decided once we determine the need. Since safety is our top priority, these are the new steps required for Senior Center transportation:

- Driver will take temperatures and ask basic health questions
- Masks must be worn
- You will be assigned a seat for safety purposes
- You will be responsible your own belongings or groceries, drivers are not allowed to assist with bags to maintain proper protocols
- Passengers are allowed an aide if assistance is needed but must be scheduled in advance

**Big Y grocery shopping is available to
North Branford residents on Monday's
Northford residents on Tuesday's**

**Medical appointment transportation for well visits
is available on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Currently, we are unable to transport for sick appointments. Additionally, if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, have recently been in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID or traveled outside the area, please stay home and stay safe. We are happy to reschedule your transportation. Please call the North Branford Senior Center with any questions at (203) 484-6017.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified
1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,
after 20 words
Lost and Found FREE
Business Classified Ads & Real Estate
3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00
\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words
Payment MUST accompany all ads. The advertiser must notify this
newspaper of any errors.
Send ad along with your check to:
Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472
For more information call 203-410-4254

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TJC Electrical Services - No Job too small or big. Service upgrade &
Generator Specials. Call Tom Cassella at 203-619-2823. Licensed & Insured.

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windows, doors, decks and painting. Call Pat Zichichi @ 203-239-9600.

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tree company - we provide tree removal and trimming, chipping,
and grinding. Please call for a free estimate - Contact Pat
Zichichi (203-945-1808

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J & M Landscapes LLC.Complete Lawn Care { Mowing , Edging ,
Weed whacking & Blow off } Tree, hedge & shrub Pruning - Property
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- Small Backho { excavation work } - Driveway sealing - Power washing
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Big or small. Water Heater Specials! Licensed & Insured.
Call 203 - 627 - 6826. References available.

HELP WANTED

Drivers - Week days & week ends. Call for interview at Petals 2 Go
203-484-7800.
Stock Person Needed. Move and load product. Call for interviews at
petals 2 Go 203-484-7800.

FOR SALE

Oak Hutch - Glass Shelves, 4 Doors across top and base. \$300. Plus 1935
(year) National Geographics. \$200. Call 203-484-0761

Bereavement Support in
North Haven

A Remembrance Service: We Remember and Give Thanks- will be offered
for 1 evening on November 10th from 6PM until 8PM. Complementary
materials, coffee and snack will be provided.
Preparing for the holidays can be difficult especially after the loss of a
loved one. We are here to help. A small adult support group is being of-
fered in preparation for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our group offers the
right amount of connection, understanding and spiritual support all within
an atmosphere that is non-judgmental and confidential.

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News From NorthHaven Camera Club

North Haven Camera Club will present ‘Creating Sweeping Panoramas
(and Other Cool Stitched Photography)’ by Lisa Cuchera on Tuesday, Nov.
3rd at 7pm, online. This program will cover in-camera techniques as
well as post-processing tips for creating stitched images. Lisa, Master of
Photography, works with her husband Tom and both are passionate about
photography and enjoy being behind the lens and in the digital darkroom.
She is an excellent instructor and her presentations are always interesting.
North Haven Camera Club meets (currently online) the first and third
Tuesday of the month. The first meeting includes photographic lectures
and the third Tuesday meeting is for club competitions which are open for
members of all skill levels.. Guests are welcome to attend this online event
(limit 3 guest visits). For more information, or to join please contact the
North Haven Camera Club at northhavencameraclub@gmail.com

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD –
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE
ENERGY ASSISTANCE

As we all know all too well, 2020 has been a difficult and challenging
year. Certainly not a fair shake for many people and businesses.
Collectively we have all done our part to move in a forward direction to
achieve our goals, although travelling a sometime different path to get there.
Your patience, compliance with Executive Orders, and community sup-
port are greatly appreciated.
To that end I’d like to bring you up to date on the Energy Assistance
Program.
This office has been and will continue to see people by appointment only.
For those wishing to apply for Energy Assistance, you have the option to
be seen at this office by appointment or have an application mailed to you
by CRT. If you’d like to have your application mailed, please call CRT at
1-800-560-5800 (Hartford office) or 860-347-4465 (Middletown office). You
can book a telephone appointment where they will gather your information
and an application will be mailed to you.
For all persons whether you apply by telephone or in person by appoint-
ment, you must pick up a one page form at either public library, side lobby
at Town Hall, or online at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, under Depart-
ments, then Social Services.
It is most important you have all required documents at the time of your
appointment. You may provide originals or copies. This office cannot make
copies for you.

- Example of Income Limits (gross) are:
- Family of 1: \$37,645
 - Family of 2: \$49,228
 - Family of 3: \$60,811
 - Family of 4: \$72,394
- Liquid Asset Limits (Retirement Acct’s counted if over 59½)
- Renters- \$12,000
 - Homeowners- \$15,000

The program may also cover the cost of a Clean, Tune & Test,
Weatherization and Repair or Replace of Furnace.
Seating is limited due to social distancing and safety guidelines. Please
contact Barbara, if interested, with questions and to register at 203 605-9845,
203 780-8418 daytime office or email her at bgode@ccacem.org

Next bulk waste pickup is
week of November 9, 2020
Please do not place curbside until that week