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Eliasons Celebrate 80 Years

Alton and Marjorie Eliason are celebrating 80 years of marriage. The former Marjorie May Deutsch and Alton were married November 10, 1936 in Brewster, NY. They are celebrating the anniversary with a family party at their home, hosted by their daughter, Linda Kos and son Les and his wife Carolyn. Among those attending will be their five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great great grandsons.

Alton worked at Pratt Whitney and for USPS. Together, he and Marge owned the Northford Cleaners for several years and delivered the New Haven register for the town of Northford for twenty five years. People in town still remember seeing the VW bugs delivering every day.

Italian Group Honors Bernie Pellegrino



The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is extremely proud to announce Bernard Pellegrino, Jr. as the honoree for their 13th Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, to be held on Saturday, November 19th.

Bernie is a partner with the Pellegrino Law Firm in New Haven, CT. He holds a B.A from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. cum laude from Boston College Law School. In addition to his successful career as a real estate development

lawyer he has a long history of community involvement.

Bernie is currently the Chair of the North Haven Education Foundation, Inc., a seat he has held since the Foundation was created in 2004. For the past two years Bernie has served as co emcee of the Foundation's successful Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser, gladly donning a "bumble bee" costume for the betterment of the kids of North Haven school system. He is also the Vice President of the North Haven Lacrosse Club, Inc., and since 2014 has been the Assistant Head Coach of the North Haven High School Girls Lacrosse team, helping them to a record of 13-3 this past season. He is a Past-President (2000-2002) of the Walter Camp Football Foundation and currently serves as co-chair of the sponsorship committee. These are just a few examples of Bernie's long history of community service activity.

This event is Lodge 2805's opportunity to honor a successful member of the business community who also believes in a strong commitment to public service. This lifestyle is a longstanding tradition with Italian Americans, and Bernard Pellegrino, Jr. is an outstanding honoree.

The dinner will be held at Il Monticello Restaurant, 577 So. Broad Street, Meriden, and will include a full evening of appetizers, surf and turf dinner, open bar, a dj and dancing. Please join us for this celebration of Bernie's good work! Contact Denise Mazzotta Krause for sponsorship or ticket information, at 203-710-7397, or krau11@comcast.net.

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Vote for Candelora

Dear Editor:

I am happy to write in support of another term for Vincent Candelora as our state representative. For over the past twenty years, I've worked with hundreds of legislators and the 86th District is lucky to have such a hardworking, well-read advocate for our district. For years, the Connecticut Association of Optometrists tried to get legislation passed that improves patient access to care. In his first term on the Public Health Committee, he spearheaded the legislation through the process, and got the bill signed into law. Vin has been such a devoted fixture to our community and dedicates so much of his time to developing boys into young men through Boy Scouts. His genuine concern for our residents and his knowledge on this issue facing Hartford makes him an invaluable asset to the 86th District. I hope you join me in supporting him for re-election.

Truly yours, Brian Lynch O.D.

who is really running

Dear Editor;

Who is really running for President on the Democratic side? Remember Obama said he wanted a third term . It looks like he is getting his wish.

Hillary is not running her own campaign. She is taking her orders from the Obama's. They do not want to leave the White House.

She does not have any policies of her own. Such as late term abortion. She agrees with Obama. Just think of all those minds that are being destroyed.

If we the people want to get back on track after

eight years of Obama, who has signed over a thousand executive orders by passing Congress, we had better think twice who we vote for.

Both he and Hillary have said they would protect Social Security , but did you know that Social Security has been changed from a benefit, working people have put their money into, to an entitlement by Obama.

.Entitlements can be changed very quickly. Think before you vote .

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

Candelora... the people first

State Representative Vincent Candelora continues to prove to his constituents that he is about the people first. I've had a chance to work with him on numerous activities at the State level. He never stops working for the people and what is more important is that he is honest and upfront about issues. I have held awareness days at the State Capital where Vinny spent many hours in the early phases of these events helping me organize so I was able to succeed with my vision.

As an activist for persons with disabilities there are old and new issues to address all the time. What I respect most about Vinny is his ability to be honest with me. When I bring up an existing bill or new legislation, his guidance is always helpful. He doesn't just tell me what I want to hear so I go away. He spends the time to explain what my action could mean and how best to address my issues. I always feel as though he respects my work and I will realize the positive change I am hoping for.

If more politicians treated their constituents with this kind of respect the people in the State

of Connecticut would be much more involved and able to play key roles in our government. My calls are always answered, he is always willing to listen and most important, he is constantly working for his constituents. I can't imagine anyone better for the role of State Representative in the 86th district, and I hope you join me in supporting Vinny Candelora on November 8th.

Respectfully,
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State Representative Vincent Candelora Time Is Not On Our Side:



Last week, the House and Senate Republicans held a legislative hearing with our nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis to uncover the extent and scope of our budget deficit. In August, the Governor sent correspondence to our Comptroller indicating that our budget was in balance, yet two weeks later, he sent letters to his agency commissioners telling them to prepare for a \$133 million shortfall. This discrepancy prompted

our offices to ask for an independent review where our nonpartisan budget office determined that Connecticut was facing an approximately \$80 million shortfall this year.

So why do we have these different and inconsistent budget numbers flying around? A number of reasons have led to this result. In 1991, when the legislature implemented the income tax, they changed the law which gave the Comptroller independent discretion to certify a budget deficit or surplus. So when the Governor's office supplies the Comptroller with its revenue projections, the Comptroller must adopt them without discretion. As a result, the Comptroller did not have the ability last month to stray from the Governor's numbers when he found the budget in balance. The legislature needs to return discretion back to the Comptroller's office so that we have another set of independent eyes on the budget numbers.

Additionally, three times each year the governor's budget staff and the legislature's nonpartisan fiscal analysts must agree on how much revenue is brought in by the state and whether that revenue meets budget projections. They look at all sources of revenue, including taxes, fees, casino money and federal grants. The legislature created this mechanism as a result of the 2008 economic downturn. Because of the volatility in our revenue streams, we felt that it was important for the executive and legislative branch to analyze revenue trends about every four months. These reports originally were issued January 15, April 15 and October 15.

Democrats soon realized that having a revenue report two weeks before an election caused potential political problems so in 2013, they passed a law moving the reporting date from October 15 to November 15, thus delaying the true economic picture by a month. By doing so, it enabled Governor Malloy to claim a surplus through his 2014 campaign only to find a massive deficit soon after the election, which led to more tax increases. Had a reporter not discovered the September letter this year, Connecticut was poised for another repeat.

Putting the election aside, this one month delay in revenue reporting takes away precious time from the legislature to react to budget deficits. Time has been our enemy. Every day that passes without addressing deficits, eliminates much needed options because agencies continue to spend assuming the revenue is there. In the new session, the legislature must contemplate returning the reporting date to October. It may be difficult to politically swallow before an election, but it is the right thing to do for the state.



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Bring a New Prospective to the 86th District

Dear Editor;

I have been a resident of North Branford since 1964. I have been a Registered Democrat for over 45 years. I am happy to see this year that an individual has surfaced to face Incumbent Vincent Candelora for the seat in the 86th District General Assembly. It will take an individual with the courage that will bring a new prospective to the 86 District and that person is Vincent J. Mase Sr. of Northford. Vince is a Democrat who because of his late decision to enter the 86th District race is an unaffiliated candidate. His name will appear on 5G on the ballot.

I have known Vince since he was teenager. I have seen him grow into a bright, articulate individual who is a multi-tasker who fights to get the final result he is looking for. Once he takes on something he will not finish working until he has reach his goal.

I, along with Vince, am a retired letter carrier and members of NALC Branch 19. He now is the President that represents over 700 letter carriers in the greater New Haven area. He has taken our Branch to new levels educating individuals that represent the membership. I have seen him pursue issues that he believes will benefit his members, regardless if it is on the local, District, State and National levels. He brings his thoughts and actions to achieve what is best for his members. I know he has the ability to represent the 86th District based on his work ethic and his determination to fight for people. So please, consider this unknown candidate, with fresh ideas, to represent you for the next two years, as your Representative in the 86th District.
Sincerely, Joseph DeSorbo Sr.

"Was He Truly Being Your Voice?"

Dear Editor:

In the August 12, 2016 Totoket Times, State Representative Candelora stated "I'm honored to be the voice of the people of Durham, North Branford, Guilford and Wallingford and I look forward to advocating on their behalf this upcoming session ..."

On Friday, September 30, 2016 the State Bonding Commission (can be viewed on CT-N, State Government and Public Affairs television), approved bonding for approximately \$687 million dollars for a total of 43 projects in the State of Connecticut that would benefit the "Economic Development and Community Development" of the towns and cities of Connecticut. At this State Bonding Commission Meeting State Representative Vincent Candelora voted a resounding "NO" to all 43 projects even though many of those projects were putting workers back to work and these projects are an economic stimulus to Connecticut's economic growth.

While I cannot list all 43 items for your view here are a few of the items:

Item 6 & 11: \$12,250,000 to improve instruction, lab equipment, alterations, etc to the state's 12 Community Colleges and Charter Oak College.

Item 12: \$6,000,000 for alterations and improvements to the 4 State of Connecticut Universities of Central, Eastern, Western and Southern

Item 20: \$100,000 for emergency and minor capital improvement at the Military Department Facilities.

Item 23: 400,000 for emergency and minor capital improvements at the Department of Veteran's Affairs' campus in Rocky Hill.

Item 31: \$10,000,000 for our schools to improve the security infrastructure such as solid core doors, surveillance cameras, computer controlled electronic locks and many other security devices to protect our school children while they are in classes at school.

Item 36: \$343,500 to design and construct a new addition or new construction for a new senior center for the Town of Griswold.

Item 40: \$11,000,000 for the "Small Town Economic Assistance Program" (STEAP) these funds are requested to provide grants-in-aid to various municipalities under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program.

My question to the 86th District, when State Representative Vincent Candelora vote "no" to all of the 43 projects including those listed above, was he truly being your voice? By the way, Representative Candelora was the only legislator to vote no.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Mase, Candidate for State Representative 86th District

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North Branford Honored as a High Achievement Energy Leader



From left: Carol Labore, system maintenance lead engineer, United Illuminating; Anthony Esposito, finance manager, Town of North Branford; Anthony Marone, president and chief executive officer, UIL Holdings Corporation; Linda Darveau, environmental scientist, Environmental Protection Agency.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, the Town of North Branford's energy efficiency efforts were recognized at a special ceremony held at the [Energize Connecticut Center](#) in North Haven. The [ENERGY STAR® Achievement Ceremony](#) was developed by [United Illuminating \(UI\)](#), a subsidiary of AVANGRID Inc., to honor municipalities for their recent ENERGY STAR eligibility or certifications, as well as a continued commitment to the [Clean Energy Communities](#) program sponsored through the [Energize Connecticut](#) initiative.

UIL Holdings Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Anthony Marone lead a panel of speakers that included Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Scientist Linda Darveau and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Robert Klee.

Since joining Clean Energy Communities in 2012, North Branford added 14 municipal buildings and five board of education buildings to their ENERGY STAR portfolio, an online tool created by the EPA to measure and track energy and water consumption, as well as greenhouse emissions. Three board of education buildings are either eligible for or have already received ENERGY STAR certification.

North Branford's efforts have resulted in an approximate annual reduction of 5,306 MMBtu which is equal to the amount of energy consumed by roughly 54 homes. Additionally, the town reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 264 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCDE) which produces the same results as if they removed about 55 cars from the road for one year. Overall, North Branford has achieved an annual estimated energy cost savings of \$119,000.

"Offering valuable programs through our partnership in the Energize Connecticut initiative is of utmost importance to our company and we strongly encourage our municipalities to take advantage of the opportunity to manage their energy consumption," said Anthony Marone, president and chief executive officer, UIL Holdings Corporation, a subsidiary of AVANGRID Inc. "This collaboration with the EPA has allowed us to witness tangible results from these efforts and, in my opinion, is a major reason why Connecticut is one of the most energy efficient states in the nation."

These energy-conscious efforts by North Branford are part of an overall pledge made when joining the Clean Energy Communities program to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent and support renewable energy by 20 percent by 2018.

To learn more about programs offered through the Energize Connecticut initiative, please visit [energizect.com](#) or call 1-877-WISE-USE.

About Energize Connecticut:

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [energizect.com](#) or by calling 1-877-WISE-USE.

Final Voter Registration Sessions

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the final Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the State Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016:

All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

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

This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after November 1, 2016.

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

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

Town Needs Your Help For HEARTSafe Designation Renewal

You may notice the HEARTSafe signs at all the Town borders as you enter North Branford. This is a result of demonstrating to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health that a certain number of our residents are CPR certified and that we have a certain number of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). The last renewal was in 2013.

If your organization (church, civic group, business, etc.) has purchased AED's since 2013 and/or if your members have become CPR certified, please send an e-mail to financedirector@townofnorthbranfordct.com listing the number/locations of new AED's or the number of new CPR card holders.

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall: **November 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

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

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

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

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

More info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

Ewaste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection: Saturday Nov 12th 9AM until Noon

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

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

***Charge for helium tanks (\$5), size-based charge for propane tanks (\$1 up to 100 lbs) and tires (\$7 for tires up to 17" rim)**

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

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

Can't wait until our town's November collection?

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents to bring your electronics for recycling. Located at 295 South Leonard Street in Waterbury:

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Coping With Grief During the Holidays, One-Night Workshop, November 14 -

Holidays can be stressful for anyone. When you are grieving, the stress and anxiety leading up to the holidays can be unbearable. Having a plan can help, and this one-night program will arm you with some strategies others have used to cope with the holidays. Our program is for any adult who is grieving a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or loss of a job.

The special one-night workshop will be held Monday, November 14th from 6 - 7:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT. The program is not faith-based, but faith and religion will come up as we discuss our grief and work on holiday strategies together. **Space is limited, so registration is required.** Please e-mail the facilitator, Cathy DellaValle, at faithgrief@sbcglobal.net or call 203-804-4788 to leave a message.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stender met at a Square dance at the Hamden, CT Fire house.

Mr. Stender, a former supervisor for U.S. Steel in New Haven, retired after 38 years in 1980. He was also co-owner of Parkview Service Center in Northford for 17 yrs.

His wife retired from G. Fox after 10 years and was a Monet Jewelry specialist.

The Stenders have 2 daughters, Dee (Walter) Mansfield of Northford, and Linda (Joseph) Roberto of Guilford.

They have 5 grand children, Michele (Louis) Santoro of Durham, Kimberly Mansfield Baldini of Northford, Jason (Sage Vogel) Iannotti of Branford, Christina Roberto of Branford, and Tony Roberto of Michigan.

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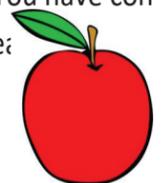
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North Branford/Northford Holiday Programs Office of Social Service 1332 Middletown Ave. Northford Phone: 203/484-6006

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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VOTE Row 5-G ON Nov. 8TH



Marching Band Wins First Place

Recently, the EHS/NBHS Co-op Marching Band competed in the "Lights, Harmony, High-Stepping Spectacular" competition at Lyman Hall. The marching band won First Place with a high score of 87.1, and received all captions, including Best Color Guard, Best Music, Best Overall Effect, Best Percussion, and Best Visual!

Photo of the NBHS Members of the Co-op Marching Band from left to right: Katie Trainer (Woodwind Instructor), Collin Ouellet, Morgan Bailey, Matt Colavolpe, Brooke Powers, Makayla Harrison, Courtney Ouellet, Cheyenne Gibilaro, Marissa Berthiaume, Matt Laudano (Band Director) and Tyler Miller (Drill Instructor).

NBHS Class Reunion

The NBHS class reunion will be celebrated at Natas Restaurant on Friday, November 25th at 5PM.

For more information call Lee Sylvestre at 203-915-7167

TOYS FOR TOTS

Office of Social Service

1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT Phone: 203.484.6006

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon

Parents Only

Thursday, December 8th, 2016 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon

Parents & Grandparents

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



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc.

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October was Fire Prevention Week

At the Nursery on Notch Hill the highlight for the children was a visit from the North Branford Fire Department in their



truck.

Picture firetruck2 is student Harper with her Uncle, Rich Lennon, a North Branford volunteer fireman.

The group pictured (firetruck3) includes North Branford volunteer fireman Mike Standish who's daughter Chelsea is a preschooler at Notch Hill.



Northford Preschool Academy Visited Company 2

NBEF Presents Two More Grants



The North Branford Education Foundation recently presented grants to Principal Carter Welch and Literacy Specialist and Intervention Coordi-

nator Erica Bozzuto (pictured with Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmamer, far right) of Jerome Harrison School.

The grant money is to help sponsor additional programs that are not funded in the general BOE budget.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Foundation is asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

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“Lil’ Sting” Wins Championship

Shoreline Sting Fall League Grammar School Champions “Lil’ Sting” finished their season with 8 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Pictured are Gabby Senerchia, Gabby Bigio, Addison Smith, Reese Hebert, Mikaela Troy, Alexa Falcioni, Morgan Modine, Saachi Mehta, Adriana Hills & Kiley Mullins. *(Photo provided by Dina Falcioni)*

Volleyball Finishes Season with a Win

Closing out the season with a 3-0 win over Wilcox Tech, the North Branford High School Girls Volley Ball team finished with 6-14 record for first year coach Cera Orner. Starting out three and ten, the girls finished strong for one of their best seasons in past years.

Patience Wilson had 10 kills and 8 Aces and Meagan Hanratty had 5 Aces with 25 Assists in the final contest.



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Cross Country Competes in Shoreline

On Thursday, October 13th, the North Branford Cross Country Team participated in the Shoreline Mega Meet hosted by North Branford High School Cross Country Team at their home course on Augur Farm. The meet served as a warm up for next week’s Shoreline Conference Championship which will be held at the same course on Thursday, October 20th.

Both the girl’s team and boy’s were entered in the Unseeded Division. The boys came in 2nd place out of six teams and the girls’ team tied for fifth place out of six teams. The top finisher for the girls was Mackenzie Glenn 8th (24:33) and for the boys was Michael Madoule 3rd (18:30). Also finishing for the girls was Jillian Damiani 18th (25:56), Sarah Sullivan 19th (26:14), Julia Cassista 22nd (27:34) and Winnie Chan 24th (28:00). The remaining top finishers for the boys were Parker Nadeau 6th (19:32), Zachary Jamieson 10th (20:10), Jared Jamieson 13th (20:26), Austin Gibilisco 21st (21:02), Michael Rabuffo 25th (21:48) and Pat Miconi 29th (22:20).

On Thursday October 20th, the team hosted the Shoreline Championships at their home course on Augur Farm.

The boys finished 9th out of the 12 team competition. Michael Madoule made 2nd Team All Shoreline by placing 13th with a time of 18:20.4. The remaining top finishers for the boys were Parker Nadeau 31st (19:36.5), Jared Jamieson 59th (20:47.5), Austin Gibilisco 62nd (20:59.5), Michael Rabuffo 64th (21:20.5), Zachary Jamieson 72nd and Patrick Miconi 78th (22:49.3). In the JV race, Aaron Beisaw placed 36th (22:48.7), Alvin Chan 57th (24:06.3), Freddie Little 59th (24:16.4), Hunter Boni 66th (24:54.3) and Nick Ash 87th (31:55.2).

The girl’s team finished 10th out of the 12 team competition. The top finishers for the girls were Mackenzie Glenn 40th (23:40.9), Jillian Damiani 51st (24:51.9), Sarah Sullivan 56th (25:17), Winnie Chan 60th (26:32) and Julia Cassista 62nd (27:43.2). In the JV race, Marie Bernabucci placed 45th at 30:24.7.

Sibley & Mancini Lead

T-Birds to Two Wins

Senior Matt Sibley and sophomore Nick Mancini put the T-Bird defense on their backs, and led them to 2 wins to even the record to won loss record to 3-3. In the first game, the Canton Warriors were no match for North Branford. Sibley led the 42-0 shutout with 9 tackles and 9 assists. His fellow linebacker, Nick Mancini stood by him with 9 tackles and 7 assists. Sophomore RJ Sobask added 4 tackles and 6 assists and junior Jason Ryszczuk rose to the occasion with 4 and 4. Mancini also added a sack.

Offensively, senior Nico Sommo darted in and out of the Warrior defense for 130 yards and 2 touchdowns. Freshman Charles Walcott had 82 yards and Mancini added 46. Walcott had 2 receptions for 77 yards and 1 touchdown.

Against Lewis Mill, the two linebackers proved the previous week was no fluke. Sibley had 11 tackles and 11 assists and Mancini had 9 tackles with 11 assists to lead the T-Birds to a 28-20 victory over Lewis Mills. Senior Justin Augur had 6 tackles and 8 assists while junior Jack Thornburg, Augur and Dan Nowak all had sacks. Senior Keane Regan and junior Sydney Franklin added interceptions to keep NB in the game.

While the defense was doing its job, Mancini got active on the other side of the ball running for 96 yards on 14 carries. Walcott had 10 carries for 39 yards and Franklin pulled in 4 receptions for 84 yards. Sibley caught a Jeff Jablonski 34 yard pass to set up one of Dylan Blake’s 2 running TD’s.

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1332 Middletown Ave, Northford - 03-484-6017
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In addition to our usual sit down Thanksgiving lunch, we will be offering full, frozen Thanksgiving meals to go for \$3.00. Meals will be available for pick up the week of November 24.

Please order take-out meals by Monday, November 14.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Family & Adult Activities

PiYo Live

Who: Adult
Session: Nov 6 - Dec 18
Time: Sunday, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$55 res/\$60 nr

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

Ballet & Tap Combo

Who: Ages 3 - 5
Session: Nov 12 - Jan 31 (no class Dec. 24)
Time: Saturday, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: STW Gym
Fee: \$35 res/\$40 nr

Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style.

Jazz & Hip Hop

Who: Grades K - 4
Session: Nov 16 - Jan 11
Time: Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40 res/\$45 nr

This fun style of dance incorporates upbeat music while learning the style of the dance.

Total Conditioning

Who: Adults
Session: Nov 15 - Jan 3 (no class Nov. 8)
Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$70 res/\$75 nr

Designed to help you get strong and healthy, this class combines strength training with low - impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance

Archery

Who: Grade 4 & up
Session: Nov 16 - Dec 28 (no class Dec 7)
Time: Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Advanced Skills, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: STW Gym
Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Youth Ski Club at Mt. Southington ~ SIGN UP NOW!

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

Bus Trips

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Monday, Dec 5
Cost: \$105 res/\$110 nr
Come enjoy the Rockettes and the story of Christmas. Orchestra seats to 2 p.m. show.

Westchester Dinner Theater-Christmas Inn

Wednesday, Dec 14
Cost: \$95 res/\$100 nr
Enjoy a delicious luncheon and an afternoon of holiday music and laughter. The show features all your favorite Christmas music including an old-fashioned sing-along.

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Activities throughout the week days

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Lunch with Vince Mase – Monday, November 7, 2016 at 12:00

Veteran's Lunch – Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 10:30 – 2:00 p.m.

FREE lunch to all veterans; others \$3

The Office of Social Service will provide community education for veterans. Benefits reviewed will include property tax exemption, military relief fund, veterans honor flight, housebound benefits, health care, and much more! Enjoy entertainment from the North Branford High School Choral Program. Please stop by or call to register for this event.

Thanksgiving Lunch - Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all

the trimmings for only \$3.00. Please sign up in advance.

Jimmies & The Savin Rock Museum - Friday, November 18, 2016 - \$2.00

First stop, lunch at Jimmies of Savin Rock. Then enjoy a visit to the Savin Rock Museum featuring displays that chronicle West Haven's 363 year history, along with artifacts from the Old Savin Rock amusement park.

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

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2016-2017 HEATING SEASON

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE

1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472

This Office of Social Service will begin taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program for those who heat with a deliverable fuel. Those that heat with a utility will make appointments after January, 2017. Although applications are taken now the program will not begin until November.

The program helps people pay for heat and weatherize the home. Eligibility is based on income and liquid assets. This is not an entitlement program.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at 203.484.6006 to make an appointment. A list of required documents needed to complete your application is available in both public libraries, side lobby of the Town Hall, and the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Social Service Lobby.

It is also available on line by going to www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, Departments - Social Service.

You must bring to your appointment copies of your required documents. This office cannot make copies for you.

You may also apply with Community Renewal Team located at 44 Hamlin Street, Middletown, CT by calling the new automated 24 hour number 1-860-560-5800.

Have You Missed the NBCC Church Dinners?

The ovens at the church that we used to cook all those delicious dinners during the year have finally seen their age and decided they no longer wanted to work. For us to bring back some of those wonderful dinners we feel we must reach out to our loyal members and friends of the NBCC Church and ask for donations to help with this large expense in replacing the ovens. If you would like to help please send your donations to:

**North Branford Congregational Church 1680 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471 attn: Alice Lehr**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. R Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors

Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors drew some 65 people to Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford on October 18.

Sponsored by the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding, the Hartford Seminary and the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, the program is offered to groups around the state to promote public awareness and understanding about and respect for religious pluralism, a council flyer notes.

The speakers, Kashif Abdul-Karim, Farah Choudhry and Reza Mansoor, respectively a member of the clergy and two physicians, answered questions from the audience under the able direction of moderator Janet L. Bauer, an associate professor of international studies at Trinity College.

The audience learned that Islam reveres Jesus as a role model and that Muslims look for guidance to a combination of the Koran and the example of the Prophet Mohammed. Extremism identified with Islam is not typical of all its adherents. Some practices are cultural rather than religious. Other extreme beliefs are a mischaracterization of Islamic principles. Most Muslims follow a "moderate middle path".

As to the philosophy of the council, "We believe it is possible to...promote religious understanding and acceptance of our different beliefs and practices and respect for one another, as well as appreciation for the values of compassion, caring, and love that we have in common."

In a year of extreme polarization, only education and engagement can bring us together was the message of the evening.

Worship Services at NCC

Sunday worship services are held at 10 a.m. by Rev. Robin Blundon, and Sunday School is held at the same time. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Like us on Facebook. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

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

St. Frances Cabrini Church Women's Club will again be sponsoring their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9am-3pm in the Church Hall at 57 Pond Hill Rd. North Haven. We will have many local vendors selling jewelry, personalized magnets and holiday ornaments, neck warmers and glasses, local bottled honey, cookbooks, stained glass, 18" doll clothes, Premier Designs jewelry, Thirty-one bags, chocolate treats, homemade body products & aromatherapy products, homemade dog treats and much more! Come to do your holiday shopping and have lunch in our kitchen. We will also be selling our church wide raffle tickets and will have basket and afghan chances to take part in. Plan on stopping by for all your holiday gift giving!

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

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

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

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild will be having their annual

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

The North Branford Congregational Church will hold its Holly Fair on Saturday, November 19 from 9am - 2pm. Get some of your Christmas shopping done from our handmade items, crafts and jewelry booths, and so much more.

Also there will be a Basket Raffle, Cabot Cheddar Cheese Wheel, delicious Baked Goods and our famous Cookie Walk. And lets not forget our White Elephant and Better Treasures rooms.

Stop at Café Noel for breakfast and/or lunch and before you leave pick up a snack.

Any questions please call 203.488.8456

St. Therese Church, 105 Leetes Island Rd., Branford will have their Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 19 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM & Sunday, November 20 9AM to 12 noon

More than 20 vendors, handcrafted items, penny auction, home baked goods, jewelry and a giant tag sale. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. For more information, call 203-488-2998.

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford hosts its Annual Holiday Fair on November 19, 2016. We will be offering a variety of homemade crafts from ornaments to painted stem ware to scarves to doll clothes and more. all reasonably priced. Our amazing cookie walk will offer many kinds of homemade cookies. This year, we are also offering cookie trays made up to have for your Thanksgiving dinner, a perfect hostess gift.

We be offering a variety of special value gift baskets. They are very affordable, nicely packaged and ready for giving. We have a tasty selection of jams, baked goods, candies and the like. Many items are packaged and priced for one or two people. Our volunteers are heading to Vermont to get fresh Cabot cheese, always a favorite.

Take a peek at our White Elephant tables with many Christmas items as well as general household goods. Finally, come join us for lunch – homemade chili, pizza, hot dogs – make it a day of fun! 9am - 2pm

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Branford MS Support Group

The Branford MS Support Group will meet on Wednesday, November 16th from 5:30 -7:00PM at the Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford. The speaker will be Crystal E. Dodd. BSN, RN, a clinical nursewith Shard Solutions. The event is free to the public and refreshments will be served.

Last public viewing event for 2016

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting an open stargazing event on Saturday November 5th starting at 7pm at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. We will be looking at Mars, the Andromeda Galaxy and the Hercules star cluster. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.
The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

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Food Club News



For the heart of the Fall, the Cookbook Club chose "An American Folk Life Cookbook" by Joan Nathan. The book explored our land by organizing into 5 sections: Our Early Traditions; Living Off the Land; Living Off the Sea; Cooking as a Vocation; and Ethnic Traditions. Club members provided an autumn feast!! A memorable corn chowder introduced the theme.

Two breads, Boston Brown Bread and Portuguese Sweet Bread, were made and each could have accompanied the meal at any point, including dessert. Vegetables were Scalloped Green Tomatoes, a Spanish influenced Summer Squash with Green Chili, Lentil Salad and Carrot Salad. Our entrees were Shrimp Jambalaya, Liver and Mushrooms and a Wild Rice and Hamburger Casserole. Savory desserts were Sugar and Spice Gingersnaps and a brownie-like Gingerbread offered with fresh whipped cream or applesauce.

On November 12th the club will explore "Taste of Puerto Rico. We would always welcome new members to our diverse membership. Learn more or sign up at the Atwater Library on Route 80. You've Got To Eat.

Women's Club Monthly Meeting

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church's hall located at 326 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. It will begin with a business meeting and refreshments. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature Nature Works-Birds. This event will be open to the public. The contact person for this event is Shelia at (203) 481-2677.

If you are new to our town, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. The North Branford Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club's founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns.

We are involved with the Veterans, Atwater Library Story Hour, Local Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Food Banks, Midnight Run, Scholarships and more. For additional information on North Branford Women's Club, Inc., please contact Barbara at (203) 444-9998.



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Midnight Run Volunteers - NCC
 As part of Midnight Run, members of Northford Congregational Church prepare bagged meals which they bring to New Haven for the homeless once a month. They also bring blankets, toiletries, coats, clothing, and other items.

Three of the volunteers are shown getting ready for the trip to New Haven as they carry items to cars. Left to right, church member Ed Davis of Guilford, friend Tim Devlin of Northford, and church member John Lenox of North Haven.

Other missions (outreach) that church members help are: Food Pantry of North Branford, Neighbors in Need, soda can tab tops to Shriners, Box Tops for Education to Jerome Harrison School, manufacturers coupons to a soldier in Germany, scholarship to high school senior, and Covenant to Care Adopted Social Worker Program. Additional outreach is done in conjunction with other local churches.

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Scouts Visit Battleship Cove



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