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New Beginning Built on History For Totoket TV

State of the art, digital high-definition technology in one of North Branford's historic buildings. That's what's happened at 1675 Foxon Road. The building, known as North Branford Hall, is now the new home of the Totoket TV Community Media Center. On Friday, many dignitaries gathered for a formal ribbon cutting ceremony, including Christine Cohen, newly-elected Senator from the 12th district, as well Vincent Candelora, State Representative, Michael Paulhus, Town Manager, Rose Angeloni, Deputy Mayor, Al Rose and members of the Town Council. Also on hand was Roger Salway, Economic Development Coordinator, and members of the town's Economic Development Commission.

Totoket TV, the town's officially-recognized community access TV provider, plans on using the new facility for the production of community television programs such as the popular "I Wanna Know with Dan Armin," and others, including a program hosted by Vincent Candelora. Additionally, Totoket TV will work to provide high school and college interns a setting to learn television and media production.

"We are thrilled with this new facility and to be able to offer this internship opportunity to students, at no charge," said Sherry Ardine, Secretary of the Board of Directors of North Branford Public Cable Access Group, Inc., which operates Totoket TV.

Totoket TV spent nearly \$30,000.00 of its own funds to rehabilitate the building, which had been mothballed for several years after the Senior

Center relocated. "This investment in this building both bolsters what we can do for the community, and helps preserves such a historic building," said William Choti, Chairman of Totoket TV. The building built in 1876, is approximately 3,500 square feet, much more spacious than Totoket TV's previous location. "We really respect the history of this building. We wanted to rehabilitate it's interior in such a manner to pay homage to the building's past," said Walter L. Mann, Station Manager. Mann says that's why they have many pictures displayed on the walls in the lobby of the building's history. As well, Totoket TV wants to expand what it does for the community. "We see this building as being much more than just a community television studio, we want to work with many of the town's non-profit groups," said Dan Armin, Totoket TV Board Member.

The facility is now open, and plans are to start TV production soon. There will be a public open house soon, which will be announced, and, individual tours can be arranged by calling Totoket TV at 203-484-7084.

Left to right: Town Council Member Rose Angeloni, Senator Christime Cohen, Councilman Al Rose, State Representative Vincent Candelora, Totoket TV Board members, Sherry and John Ardine, Nick DeLizio, Chairman Bill Chioti, Mary Bigelow and Dan Armine.



Many photos of old building usages adorn the walls of the renovated interior including a memorial to Richard Bigelow, Joanne Wentworth and William Bergers, three members who were instrumental for many years in the development of Totoket TV.



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The Stars Will Shine

The North Branford Education Foundation will host their annual Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner on Thursday, March 28th at Seasons on Rte 80 on the New Haven/East Haven line.

The purpose of the dinner is to raise funds for the education of our students, and recognize members of the community who have gone beyond the call.

Tickets are only \$45. per person and you can order them by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254. Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in our program book can fill out the form on page 6.

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If It Looks like a Tax...



This legislative session kicked off with many bill proposals as usual, but a proposal by Senator Looney has brought much public attention and concern. He claims his proposal will restructure property taxes and bring relief to residents, but which ones? You can bet not our district.

The bill seeks to do the following: create a \$50,000 homestead tax exemption for one- to four-family owner-occupied residences; implement a one-mill statewide tax so \$1 on each \$1,000 of property value will go to the state; and repeal the local property tax on vehicles and replace it with a new statewide vehicular tax of between 15 and 19 mills. All of this new revenue generated would then go into a fund administered by the state for reimbursing towns and cities that host tax-free institutions such as colleges, state buildings and hospitals. The money would also be used for special education and public school grants. Finally, the bill would exempt the first \$25,000 of personal property from the property tax.

The homestead exemption would reduce the first \$50,000 of someone's home from taxation, thus theoretically reducing the tax burden. So for instance, if the town assessed your home at \$200,000, only \$150,000 of that assessment would be taxed. The problem with this proposal is that if the town doesn't receive any additional state aid, your mill rate will just go up causing you to effectively pay the same taxes anyway. Once you add in the loss of the car tax revenue and 1 mill state tax, you'll likely be seeing a tax increase.

By creating a statewide property and car tax and putting it into a fund for towns with hospitals and universities, this proposal will likely disproportionately benefit cities at the expense of our towns. It also begins the frightening precedent of allowing the state to take over property taxation, which until now, has been exclusively in the hands of local authorities. I believe this bill fails to recognize how much our town residents are struggling.

So why is this being proposed? In our bipartisan budget, Connecticut implemented a spending cap, revenue cap and volatility cap to control bad spending habits. Any increases in income or sales taxes will merely shift into the Rainy Day fund and cannot be spent on the budget. This proposal is a clever way of generating more revenue for the state to spend outside of these caps. Frankly, it's a disturbing illustration of the legislature's failure to control spending.

We need to bring fiscal accountability to any of our failing cities and towns before we even consider bailouts. I still have not forgotten the \$500,000 blank check Connecticut handed to Hartford last year. The state will be paying that bill for the next twenty years. Rather than bringing more accountability and oversight to the spending habits of our large cities, these

proposals just throw more wood on a raging fire. The legislature should not be taking the easy way out because I believe it ultimately does the most harm to our residents.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother it finally happened. I am old. Being ten years younger than you it was fun breaking them off when you started to slow down and couldn't do everything you were used to doing. I had a ball. Your newly developed fears and failings gave me much fodder at holiday dinners. As we all knew it was all in good fun and made the dinners a bit more entertaining. Now I have become the joke.

With our recent threat of snow and ice, I panicked. I stopped listening to the weather because it was making me nuts. However, my mother in law who can barely take a phone call on her cell phone, learned how to check the weather and gave us more than periodic reports on our impending doom.

I had SueAnn along with John IV go through the house on a scavenger hunt to find flashlights, candles and batteries as well as extra blankets in case the power ran out. Erica went to the shed to get the extra gas can in case I needed the generator and/or snowblower. Gina checked the firewood in case in an emergency we had to light the fireplace which hasn't been lit in ten years. I kept the heat on high in case the power ran out of the house would be warmer to start and I skipped Sunday Mass for fear of falling on the ice. I called all this being cautious.

What the hell happened to the daring guy who drove through the blizzard of 1979 in a Datsun B210 to make sure everyone was safe and not in need. The excitement of a storm had me in ecstasy. That fun loving youngster has been replaced by an old man who is afraid he might need an ambulance that wouldn't be able to negotiate the blizzard like conditions.

I now worry about the things daddy use to worry about. How will the kids in town stay out in this freezing weather waiting for a school bus? Why are my grandsons going out in this cold weather? With my bad back and knee, will I make it to the bathroom in time? Will the car start? Will it be cold enough to put wonder bread bags over my socks and under my boots? Do they still make wonder bread? Are those plastic bags bad for the environment? Will the salt ruin the driveway? Will sand be dragged into the house and ruin the floors? As Sonny and Cher use to say, "the beat goes on and on".

So now that I've reached the age of being frightened by my own mortality, can I get the benefits you and dad took when you reached that magic time?

Can I claim that age allows me to say whatever I want (my wife and kids say I've been doing that for years)?

Can I pass gas and blame it on the age that won't allow me to hold them like I did in the past (they say I've been doing that for years as well)?



Can I complain that I can't eat the way I use to as I wolf down more food than three people?

Can I wear this hat and still be considered cool and sexy?

Well that's it for now. Say hello to the family and I'll see all of you soon.



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The Editor

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TRANSPARENCY

In November Nancy Pelosi claimed that she would lead the House “with transparency.” By December she was refusing to discuss border security on camera. A brief look at such repeated promises of transparency strongly suggests that they’re not offering to be forthright and honest with us.

With a promise of “the most transparent administration in history,” Obama vowed he wouldn’t sign a bill into law “without giving the American public an opportunity to review and comment on the White House website for five days.” He then repeatedly violated that promise. We even heard the Speaker of the House tell us “We have to pass [Obamacare] so that you can find out what is in it.”

One would think that Obama’s promise of transparency would encourage government employees to report the illegal acts of other government employees. Such people are commonly referred to as “whistleblowers.” Yet Obama actually discouraged whistleblowers by using the 1917 Espionage Act to prosecute more whistleblowers than all former presidents combined.

From 2009 through 2016 we saw our government continually act in the shadows, covertly, trying not to be seen: drone bombings were carried out by the CIA so they could be denied; weapons were secreted through Libya to ISIS in Syria; emails were sent via private server to avoid public scrutiny; whispered promises of “leeway” were made to Putin. Projects “Hammer” and “Crossfire Hurricane” secretly spied on a presidential campaign in ways that make Watergate look like an Eagle Scout project. Obama even got caught trying to secret billions in cash to Iran.

Our public officials should tell us what they intend to do and then at least try to get it done. They can have a hump on their back and the verbal skills of Larry, Moe and Curly, I don’t care what they look like or how smooth they talk, I want our elected officials actions to be opaque, not invisible.

This promise of transparency has been, in reality, a vow of invisibility, of secrecy, of a covert, shadow government. So, the next time someone promises transparency, ask yourself, “what are they doing that they don’t want me to see?”

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THE COLLUSION CONUNDRUM

Here we are, 2 years later – the MSM and Mueller are still trying to convince us that Trump colluded with Russia. The Washington Post’s January 24th publication assessed Mueller’s latest indictment and declared that it “makes clear that senior officials of the Trump campaign - including, possibly, Donald Trump himself - reacted to the criminal intelligence operation of [Russia] by secretly trying to take advantage of it.” But what the article actually reveals is that the indictment uses several loosely conjured or blatantly false suppositions to reach this fatally flawed conclusion.

First, the article heralds the allegation that “[b]y mid-June 2016, it was publicly known that the DNC’s computer systems had been hacked by Russian government agents.” This claim cleverly avoids the actual allegation that the Russians did any hacking, instead supposing that “public” belief substitutes for fact, evidence or truth. If relevant, what the public knew was that there were accusations of Russian computer programming signatures on the alleged but illusory hack. No one actually knows anything about this purported digital event because the DNC refused to allow the FBI to examine its server and the FBI chose NOT to exercise any authority to examine it. The most salient fact in this scenario was that the FBI (Comey) chose to rely on forensics provided by the DNC’s (Hillary’s) expert. Anyone still sold on the US “Intelligence” conclusions of Russian hacking should read the 8/9/17 article in The Nation, entitled “*Democratic National Committee Hackers Trump and Russia.*”

Next comes the allegation that “[t]he following month, when WikiLeaks released a trove of DNC emails, it was clear the material had come from the Russians.” This is a gravely misleading claim inasmuch as WikiLeaks has repeatedly denied that it obtained the emails from any such “Russian” source and no one has connected WikiLeaks’ possession of the emails to any tender from Russia. If we give any credit to the central figure in the world’s most iconic source of whistleblower information (Julian Assange), the source of the emails was Seth Rich, the DNC’s digital technology employee disgruntled over Hillary’s conspiracy against Bernie Sanders.

The Washington Post then states that: “according to Mr. Stone’s indictment, the response of the Trump campaign was to contact Mr. Stone and ask him to find out what other damaging material WikiLeaks might have and when it would be released.” This is a fascinating scenario and - if true – would mean that the Trump campaign “colluded” with Stone, not Russia. Such collusion is not really different than Hillary’s use of Fusion GPS to obtain dirt on Trump from Russia (aka the Trump Dossier). The difference was that - in former FBI Director James Comey’s words - the dossier was “salacious and unverified.” © D. Kirt Westfall 1/26/19- Special permission to the Totoket Times for republication.

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Sacred Heart Academy

Earns Kudos and Continued Accreditation

In addition to the usual busy days of activities at Sacred Heart, the faculty, staff, parents, and students were deeply engaged last year in the reaccreditation process that all New England independent schools undergo once every decade.

Conducted under the auspices of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the process requires a full year of self-study, research, and report writing, culminating with a visit by an evaluation team (the Visiting Committee) made up of representatives from NEASC peer schools.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, internal committees made of faculty and staff, and parents researched and wrote the reports required to respond to the standards used for the evaluation. The 46,000 word self-study, which involved the entire community in structured analysis, self-reflection, and planning, was submitted to the Visiting Committee in July 2018. After their three-day visit to campus in October, 2018, the committee submitted their report to NEASC.

The short version of the results: Sacred Heart Academy passed the accreditation review with flying colors! — and was granted ten-year reaccreditation in November of 2018.

In a letter to President **Sr. Sheila O'Neill, ASCJ, Ph.D., '71** (Hamden) and Principal **Sr. Kathleen Mary Coonan, ASCJ, '76** (Hamden) the Commission stated, "Both the Visiting Committee and the Commission found Sacred Heart Academy to be a truly outstanding school. The Committee was impressed by every aspect of the Academy and raised several of the school's own Assessments on Standards as they observed that the school was very strong in many areas— while also humble about their own achievements. The Visiting Committee felt the Academy's mission was visible and vital in every aspect of the program and that the school is notably focused on its students. The school community truly is a family in the best sense of the term and this warmth, spirit of care, and camaraderie is genuinely living spirit."

Sacred Heart was applauded for the school's capacity for self-reflection and insight about its programs, and about its next steps. The Visiting Committee stated how truly impressed they were with the quality of education and the spirit of personal integrity at Sacred Heart Academy.

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JHS Students Collect Books for Yale Children's ER

Pictured here are two «Buddy Classes» from Jerome Harrison School. The kindergarten and first-grade classes learned that the bookcase in the Children's Emergency Department was bare. Led by classroom teachers, Mrs. Barry, and Ms. Prota, the classes worked together to collect gently used books from their own homes in order to donate to the hospital. Children visiting the Emergency Department are able to read a book while they wait and are even able to bring it home. The hospital shared how wonderful it has been to see the bookcase full again for patients! Carol Teixeira and Liz Bartone came from Yale to pick up the books and thank the students. Way to go JHS kids!

Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are based on future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

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Michael Madoule received honors at Boston College where he is majoring in Linguistics.

Sarah Flanagan was named to the Dean's List at the University of Scranton in PA.

Nicole Bruno was named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Victoria Albino was named to the Dean's List at Nichols College in Dudley, MA.



NBIS National Geographic Bee

NBIS has completed the "School" portion of the National Geographic Bee. The final and Championship rounds were held on Thursday, January 10th. Our school Champion for the 2018 - 2019 Bee is eighth grader, *CJ DeAngelis*. CJ was school champion last year as well. CJ had some tough competition against seventh grader Jamie Brustman, who placed second. Eighth graders Gabby Barone and Robert Dolzani tied with sixth grader Ethan Helff for third place.



It was another great day at NBIS as all contestants had a great time participating in the Bee. We wish CJ well as he moves forward to qualify for the state level of the Bee.

Above Photo: 10 Finalists Picture from left to right:

Gabby Barone, Shannon Green, Liza Sigal, Ethan Helff, James Brustman, Brady Martinik, CJ DeAngelis, Bobby Dolzani, Josh Kuczynski, Nathan Higgins

1st and 2nd Place finisher from left to right: James Brustman, CJ DeAngelis

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in the fall of 2019 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School
335 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Evening Registration from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2020.
2. The birth record or other evidence of the child's age has been examined by the principal or designee.
3. Your child must have a current physical exam date; one that was completed after August 28, 2018. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school **prior** to the first day of Kindergarten unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.
4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee
 such as: deed to home or dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian's and student's residence.

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child's development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information.

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, registration will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

The North Branford Board of Education policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, or against homeless children and youth.



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
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Openings currently available.

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

Preschool Fair



Monday, February 11, 2019
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Stanley T. Williams Building
1332 Middletown Ave. Northford

Calling all families of preschool age children!
 North Branford Public Schools with the Family Resource Center are hosting a preschool fair.

If you will be enrolling your child in preschool for the 2019-2020 school year, come and see options that are available to you within the

North Branford community and surrounding communities. Meet the staff, check out the curriculum and get information on tuition, etc.

North Branford Public Libraries and the Family Resource Center families in Training Program will also be represented.

This is preschool information only, not day care.
Please call 203-484-4243 for more information.



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Boys Basketball

Friday	2/1/19	@ Cromwell	7:00
Tuesday	2/5/19	@ Morgan	7:00
Friday	2/8/19	H - K	7:00
Tuesday	2/12/19	Coginchaug	7:00

Hockey

Saturday	2/2/19	Lyman Hall	5:30
Wednesday	2/6/19	@ East Haven	7:00
Wednesday	2/13/19	@ Amity	8:30

Girls Basketball

Monday	2/4/19	Morgan	7:00
Thursday	2/7/19	@ H - K	7:00
Monday	2/11/19	@ Coginchaug	7:00

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SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

TINY FEET JR

BOYS/GIRLS DOB 1/1/15-12/31/16

TINY FEET SR

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/13-12/31/14

8 SATURDAYS

EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

JUNIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/11-12/31/12

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

INCLUDES PRACTICE & GAME

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DEVELOPEMENTAL TRAVEL

SENIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/09-12/31/10

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

TEAM PRACTICE / GAME DAY: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TRAVEL TEAMS

U11-U19 TRAVEL TEAMS - BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/08 - 12/31/00

PLAYING TEAMS FROM OTHER CT TOWNS WITHIN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Saturday Morning Clinic & In-House Program Conducted by Professional Coaches from Victory Soccer School

REGISTER @ <http://northbranford.cjsalive.org/home.php>

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Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017

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ACTIVITIES

T'AI CHI CH'UAN - QIGONG - #32102

Who: Ages 18+
When: February 19 - April 9
Time: Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$70
Instructor: Richard Dicine
Description: 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.

KIDS HULA HOOP STAR CLASS - #36111

Who: Ages 6 - 12
When: March 4 - March 25
Time: Monday, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$60
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Join Kailey for an exciting hula hoop class! We will explore the world of hooping through play and movement. Learn how to hoop, play interactive games, and have fun! This class will foster creativity, improve balance, social skills, motor skills, and coordination. Hoops provided.

ADULT HOOP DANCE FIT - #32111

Who: 13+
When: March 4 - March 25
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$60
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Hoop dance is a fun low impact, total body workout and anyone can do it! Not to mention you burn 7 calories per minute. We will focus on the basics of hula hooping through a mix of fitness and dance. You will be amazed at what you can do with the right sized hula hoop and a professional instructor by your side. Join us to strengthen your core, improve flexibility, build confidence, relieve stress and have fun! Hoops will be provided. No experience needed.

FITNESS FUSION - #32113

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 6 - April 10
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This is the gateway to getting fit regardless of your fitness level and offers a variety of different fundamentals of fitness. The 60 minute exercise will focus on; cardio, strength, core function, and flexibility. The class will offer a fusion of Pilates, yoga, HIIT and more!. Workouts are effective and fun.

ACTIVE KIDS - #36113

Who: Ages 8 - 15
When: March 9 - April 13
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This program will keep kids active the entire time! You can expect lots of jumping, running, moving, strength, stretch, and core. This fun class is offered by an elementary teacher and fitness coach that will show kids the importance of moving their bodies, how to make healthy choices, and how to have fun while exercising!. With your child's input, we talk about their favorite ways to move their body and design a workout on the spot to keep them engaged.



STRENGTH TRAINING - #32144

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 19 - May 7 (No class 4/16)
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: 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. Build long lean muscles to rev up your metabolism and add tone to your physique. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m.
 Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com

 Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am
 Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30. 

Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents
 Please call by 9am

ACTIVITIES

Atwater Library - Wednesday, February 6, 1:00pm, FREE
 Visit with our lovely librarians and stock up on some wintertime reading!

Valentine Craft - Friday, February 8 10:30am, FREE
 We will be making chocolate-covered oreo 'bouquets'. Come create a beautiful and edible Valentine treat! Space is limited for this activity - sign up by **Thursday, February 6th**.

"A Time to Live" Workshop - Monday, February 11, 10:30pm, FREE
 Join Edwina Ranganathan, LMSW, for enriching and positive conversation on relevant topics such as normal memory loss, family, relationships, loss & chronic pain.

Ocean State Job Lot- Wednesday, February 13, 12:45pm, FREE
 Take an after lunch trip over to Ocean State Job Lot!

Valentine's Day Luncheon- Thursday, February 14, 12:00pm, \$5.00
 Join us for a Valentine's day celebration! A delicious meal of Parmesan-Panko Crusted Boneless Chicken Breast with Campari Roasted Tomatoes, Ricotta Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Truffle filled Red Velvet Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting. Please register by Monday, February 11th.

Walmart, Branford - Friday, February 15, 12:30pm, FREE
 Catch a ride on the van to the Branford Walmart to do some general shopping or stock up!

Cards w/ the TVES 5th Graders - Wednesday, February 20 10:30am, FREE
 5th grade students from TVES will be coming once a month, through the end of the school year, to play cards! Any senior who participates in this program will receive a free lunch.

East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, February 20, 1:00pm, FREE
Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics. This Month's topic is Memory loss vs. dementia.

Mohegan Sun - Wednesday, February 27, 8:00am, \$15
 Enjoy a day at the casino, shopping, gambling, and eating! Receive a free \$15 bet and a \$15 food voucher. Reserve your seat today.

REMINDER

Medical transportation for our North Branford/ Northford residents available now!

Call us to schedule your appointments!

Medical Transportation runs on

Monday's, Thursday's, and Friday's from 9:30-2:30



CT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Friday, February 22, 2019

Spend the day exploring the Connecticut Convention Center with over 300 booths overflowing with fresh flowers, plants, herbs, bulbs, seeds, gardening books, garden equipment & much more.

The colorful, fragrant show covers almost three acres with the 2019 theme, "The Charm of Spring", with creative and practical ideas for house, apartment and condo dwellers alike.

Cost: \$20.00 (cash only please). In order to reserve tickets, you must register by Friday, **February 8th**.

Thank you to everyone that came out to
FAMILY TRIVIA!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. 'Real People, Real Hope, Real Life' www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and "A Place to Belong", this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS,

70 Washington Ave., New Haven, CT 06519,

Parish Center behind Church.

Sponsored by The Friends of St. Anthony.

Ziti With Your Sweetie Dinner, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 12 noon. Ziti, Meatballs, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Dessert \$10.00.

Pasta Fagioli Dinner, Friday, March 8, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. A meat free Lenten dinner. Pasta Fagioli, Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Dessert \$9.00

Linguini & Clam Dinner, Friday, April 5, 2019, 5:30 PM, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Linguini & Clams, Bread, Salad, Coffee/Tea, Dessert \$9.00

Please call Sandy 203-387-1935 or Lorena 203-499-8601 for questions or reservations. The cut-off date for each event is one week prior.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Daycare-Preschool-Kindergarten

Among the large number of daycares and early childhood learning facilities in our area, there is but one school that can trace its origins to 1889, when an order of nuns was founded by Blessed Maria Schininà in the city of Ragusa on the island of Sicily. A worldly noblewoman, Maria renounced all the trappings of privilege to devote herself to the poor, the sick, and the suffering, for whom she traded her wealth and finery for the humbleness of a nun's habit. Her order, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Ragusa, has since continued her divinely directed work throughout the world, and most immediately here in North Haven, where they have enriched the life of our community for over 35 years.

It was in 1982 that the founding pastor of Saint Frances Cabrini Church, Father Vincent Lyddy, invited the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into the parish, where they, like their founder, were called upon to serve the young, the sick, and the elderly. Soon after they arrived, the industriousness of the Sisters proved itself with the opening of Saint Frances Cabrini Daycare and Preschool Learning Center on February 7, 1983. Ever since then, they have provided a signature educational experience to the young in their charge, many of whom have gone on to have their own children, whom they in turn have entrusted to the Sisters for schooling.

Following the recent merger of North Haven's three Catholic parishes, the Sisters assumed ownership of the center, which has been re-Christened as Sacred Heart of Jesus Daycare-Preschool-Kindergarten. In December 2018, Fr. Michael Santiago, the Pastor of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, announced that the school building, formerly owned by the Church, was being given to the Sisters in recognition of their decades of service. Since becoming independent last summer, the Sisters have doubled their school enrollment and have significantly expanded operations to include a program for two-year-olds and kindergarteners, as well as after-school care for children up to eight-years-old, all in addition to their original three- and four-year-old programs and annual summer camp. The school offers the utmost in academic rigor but in the gentle atmosphere of a loving home environment. Perhaps what distinguishes the Sisters' educational program most is the fact that it is a *vocation* for them, the expression of a lifelong vow to embrace their calling to serve others. While the facility and its teachers are all licensed by the State of Connecticut, they see themselves as answering to a somewhat higher licensing authority.

In practice, this means that their whole approach to childcare is not profit seeking, but rather a way to share in the joys and struggles of parenting with the families of their students. Parents need not worry about a child who is not yet potty-trained or socially adapted (the Sisters will accept him or her all the same), or if the family schedule does not fall into regular school hours; the flexibility and generosity of the Sisters know no bounds. The small class size means that children enjoy private tutoring throughout the day and goals tailored to their individual talents and interests. Above all, they are given the time and freedom to just be children, playing with the Sisters and one another in a peaceful neighborhood environment that is as good as home. Right next door to the school is the Sisters' convent, so their proximity to the school means they do not close for inclement weather, a great benefit to parents who still must report to work on snowy days.

One would be forgiven for thinking all that the Sisters' school offers comes with a commensurate price tag, but fortunately, it does not; theirs is, by far, the most affordable private school in the area, with flexible hours and options. You and your family are encouraged to attend the following upcoming registration and open house hours to witness the joy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus students and learn of their remarkable achievements under the tutelage of the Sisters:

Monday, January 28 – Saturday, February 2: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Monday, February 4 – Tuesday, February 5th: 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 6 – Saturday, February 9: 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Even those who may not be enrolling children in the school are welcome to come and spend time with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, wonderful women who have endeared themselves to many with their charity, kindness, and endless goodwill. shjdaycareprek.kindergarten@yahoo.com. or www.sistersaremyteachers.com

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The community is encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's Bell Tower Fund. The dinner at 5 p.m., Sat., Mar. 16, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners can be picked up at 4:15 p.m. if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

The **deadline for reservations and advance payment is March 9**. Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$10. For reservations and questions, call 203-234-7794 (Peter) or 203-484-0794 (Aloha). Checks payable to Northford Congregational Church should be mailed to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892, before the Mar. 9 deadline. All meals must be paid for in advance.

The historic Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

North Branford Fire Department

Safety In Places of Public Assembly

Every day, millions of people wake up, go to work or school, and take part in social events. But every so often the unexpected happens: an earthquake, a fire, a chemical spill, an act of terrorism or some other disaster. Routines change drastically, and people are suddenly aware of how fragile their lives and routines can be. Each disaster can have lasting effects — people may be seriously injured or killed, and devastating and costly property damage can occur. People entering any public assembly building need to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Before You Enter: Take a good look around. Is the main entrance wide and does the doors open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear and unobstructed? Any outside exits blocked?

Plan a Meeting Place: If you had to get out in a hurry, have a place planned for you and your party to meet.

When you Enter: Locate exits immediately. When you enter a building, you should look for all available exits. Some exits may be in front and some in back of you. Be prepared to use the closest exit. You may not be able to use the exit that you entered.

Check for Clear exit path: Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs and furniture. Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked or locked. If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to the management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed. Call the local fire marshal to register a complaint.

Do You Feel Safe: Does the building appear to be overcrowded? Are there fire sources such as candles burning, pyrotechnics or other open flame sources that make you feel unsafe? Are there safety systems in place such as sprinklers and smoke alarms? Ask the management about your concerns. If you do not feel safe, leave the building immediately.

During An Emergency: You need to react immediately. If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance, immediately exit the building. Get out and stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.

Concerns or Questions: In 2003, a fire at The Station nightclub in Rode Island claimed 100 lives. Fire and building codes are in place to protect you.

Contact the local Fire Marshal if you have any questions or concerns. North Branford Fire Marshal can be reached @ 203-484-6016 or email deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com.

Wood and Pellet Stove Fire Safety: With the extended cold weather, we want to remind everyone to keep your stove and heating appliance clean and in proper working condition. You're annual cleaning and servicing may not be enough to keep you warm and safe. Also please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation.

Many of us use fireplaces, wood and pellet stoves, and other fuel-fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

- Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
- Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
- Use only seasoned hardwood
- 1. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
- 2. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
- 3. **Never leave a fire unattended** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
- 4. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a **metal container outside and away** from your house
- 5. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester
- 6. **Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors** on every level of your home
- 7. Have your oil or gas furnace service at least once a year
- 8. Provide proper venting for all heating appliances

America's Boating Course

Press Release: New Haven Sail and Power Squadron will be holding its America's Boating Course beginning Tues., Mar. 5, for five-six weeks, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven. In addition to basic boating, it will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of the course satisfies Connecticut's state licensing requirements.

All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales> and go to the bottom of the page and hit "start". All students must have their ID number at the start of class on Mar. 5. The class will cost students \$65.00 per person. Prospective students should contact Past District Commander Art Andrea at (203) 641-0954 or email: arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net no later than Feb. 26 to register.

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HELP WANTED

Valentine Week Drivers needed. Sign up Bonus. Call Petals 2 Go at 203-484-7800 or apply in person at Petals 2 Go in Central Plaza, North Branford.

Wanted: Hair Coloring Companion to help each other with home hair coloring. Email forpurchases4@gmail.com.

Accepting Donations

For Federal Employee Families

Press Release: We have Coast Guard and Federal Employee families living in our Northford/North Branford community. Because of the Federal Shutdown they are required as essential staff to go to work, unpaid. They cannot collect unemployment. During this time they still need to provide for their family. This Office of Social Service will be accepting donations of gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations, drug stores, general merchandise such as Walmart/Target, restaurants. You can help as an individual, as a group, or as a business owner. You can pool funds with your neighbors, office staff, or extended family for a donation. As a business, you can donate a gift card to your business. This has always been a very generous and thoughtful community. There is no donation that is too small. As always, your generosity and thoughtfulness is appreciated. If you are able to donate a gift card please drop off at the STW Community Center, Office of Social Service, with Luisa Breen, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, Ct. or at North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford with Jessica DellaCamera, Administrative Assistant to Social Service until 3 p.m. daily, and the North Branford Police Department at any time. Other ways to donate would be through the North Branford Community Gift Fund, by mailing a check payable to CGF, attn: Luisa Breen, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, Ct or electronically via the link on the North Branford Social Service page on Facebook or the link on the Social Service Department on the town's web page www.townofnorthbranfordct.com. Many thanks.

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If you are looking for a review of your current insurance policies coverages and costs; no need to look further. Call Justin Powell at the Stone Agency Insurance Company in Guilford CT, for a quote today.

Justin has been very active in the shore-line community volunteering his time coaching youth sports such as baseball, basketball, and football. He is also a mentor for the Guilford Youth Mentoring Program.

Justin graduated from North Branford High School where he played both Baseball & Football for the Thunderbirds. He continued his baseball career at the collegiate level as an instrumental member of the The University of New Haven baseball team, while earning his degree in Business Administration.

During his professional career, Justin has worked and trained with some of the largest fortune 500 companies in the Financial Services industry. At the Stone Agency, his main focus is helping clients assess their risk exposure and provide them with specific coverage solutions that best suit their family and business needs.

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FEB 10	1:30PM	Regional Water Authority owns thousands of acres of land in NB and supplies us with millions of gallons of water. RWA will share their different uses of the land and how they ensure our local water supply is safe
	SMITH LIBRARY	
FEB 13	6:30PM	A Pictorial History of Valentines, presented by Michael A. Russo, featuring a myriad of styles, techniques and symbolism used in the creation of these beautiful and sentimental missives
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
FEB 17	1:30PM	Marcia LaFemina of Penn Globe, a successful lighting manufacturer in NB, discusses why their business remains in NB and their efforts at revitalizing our manufacturing base
	SMITH LIBRARY	
FEB 11	2:00-4:00	KIDS! Library Playdate - No Mess Finger-paint! Explore colors of paint inside a large ziplock bag using hands and fingers—we'll push paint around, mix colors, and talk about what you see and feel. Ages 0-3. Call to register 203-484-0469
	SMITH LIBRARY	
FEB 12	10:30-1:30	KIDS! Homeschool Recess at the Library - Recess and Science. Science Educator, Miss Lisa, will present The Water Cycle. Call to register 203-315-6020 (for science portion only from 12:30-1:30)
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
FEB 13	10:30AM	KIDS! You are invited to a Monster Valentine Party! Enjoy a reading of Groggle's Monster Valentine and make a monster valentine ornament. Ages Preschool to 6. Call to register 203-315-6020
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
FEB 17	2:00PM	KIDS! Take Your Child to the Library Day! Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will bring live animals to teach us about our native animals and how they survive our cold winters. Call to register 203-484-0469
	SMITH LIBRARY	

Rug Hooking at The Dudley Farm

Have you ever been interested in trying your hand at traditional rug hooking? The Dudley Farm Museum is offering a 2-day workshop March 23rd and 24th.

Michele Micarelli (michelemicarelli.com) will lead a 2-day workshop full of color, color and more color; creativity discussions on dying and lots of fun. The classes she teaches are full of storytelling, imagination exercises, and laughter.

She has been a rug hooker since 1991 and prefers using 4 and 5 cut wool and linen for lots of detail.

Please call 203-457-0770 for further details and registration. Fee charged; light lunch provided.

Come enjoy an early spring day "down on the farm."

Community Dining Room Helps Those in Need

While the government shutdown continues, please remember the Community Dining Room, or CDR, is here offering our community FREE meal services to help all people in need. We are open all week from 12 to 1 PM except Saturday our hours are 11 to 12 PM. We are located at 30 Harrison Rd. Branford.

For more information on what the CDR does see the interview with Judy Barron, CDR Executive Director on I Wanna Know", on Totoket TV.

-Daniel Armin, CDR board member