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The school yard was empty as the Corona virus has caused a statewide shutdown of all as schools in Connecticut from now until at least March 27th. Also on hiatus in North Branford will be Town Hall, Public Libraries and Parks and recreation.

All of these mandates will be re accessed at a later date as extended closings will be evaluated. At press time, the Governor has ordered all restaurants and bars to be open only for take out and delivery service.

The Totoket Times has reduced pages in this issue as many of the services that are posted in the paper are not available because of closures. Due to print dates and deadlines, the Times will not address complications and issues of the Corona virus as this change hourly and it would not be fair to print items that might be different before the paper hits the stands. We will however, try to give Facebook and website information as things develop.

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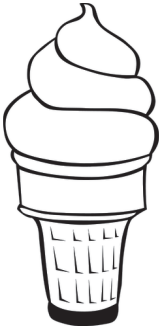
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## Notice of Cancellation North Haven Camera Club

Because large gatherings increase the risk of spreading COVID-19, for the safety of our members and others we have decided to cancel all camera club meetings for the remainder of March.

We are hoping to have our March competition judged online. Please check your emails for further information regarding our online competition. We have extended the date for submission to March 28th. If you have any further questions please check our website at [www.northhavencameraclub.com](http://www.northhavencameraclub.com) and do not hesitate to contact us via email.

The board will reassess the situation in April and contact members via email when club meetings will resume.

Thank you for your patience in these trying times.

North Haven Camera Club Executive Board

## Historical Society Postpones Antique Appraisal Day

The Totoket Historical Society is postponing the Antique Appraisal Day which was scheduled to be held on March 22 at the Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford. We hope to have a new date scheduled in the near future. If you have any questions, please call Helen at 203 481-5268

## An Important Announcement from Branford Compassion Club

Due to the growing concerns of COVID-19, Branford Compassion Club has cancelled its Open House Anniversary Party that was planned for Sunday, March 29. And as a purely precautionary measure, effective immediately, and until further notice, Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue Adoption Center is closed to the general public. Potential adopters should download our application online and submit it by email. Approved adopters will be notified by email or phone and may then make

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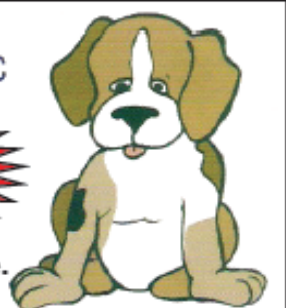
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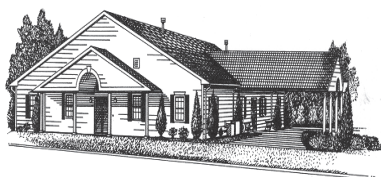
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Unusual Capitol Closure Creates Uncertainty



To call the last week or so at the Capitol “unusual” would be an understatement, and “unprecedented” is probably the more appropriate word.

The coronavirus outbreak grabbed hold of everyone’s attention statewide as representatives and senators approached the peak of the legislative process—a few more public

hearings on some high-profile proposals, and deadlines to vote bills out of committees.

But then came the (bipartisan) decision to close the capitol complex for two days, and within 24 hours another decision to pause legislative action for a full two weeks. It was the right call, given the medical community’s analysis about how easily the virus can spread.

Still, the unprecedented measure has placed tremendous stress on the complex matrix of dates and deadlines that are the backbone of the legislative session. The General Assembly’s deadline to complete its work is May 6, and we’re trying to map a path allowing us to finish as much work as possible before the clock strikes midnight that day.

We haven’t taken too many votes in the House of Representatives yet—mostly the governor’s judicial and state agency appointments—but there are two issues that are worth noting. First, we debated the inaugural contract for a small pool of newly-unionized state employees who earn an average of \$99,000 annually. I voted against the resolution, which awarded the “program supervisors” an 11 percent pay increase over two years. It was the 13th employee contract approved since the start of last year, and combined they’ll cost the state more than \$90 million.

After that, we voted on a bond package that delivered the long-awaited municipal funding Gov. Lamont withheld during his push for tolls. While I was glad to see that money in the bill, that good news as well as some other positives were eclipsed by spending we just can’t afford—another \$65 million for the XL Center in Hartford, \$45 million for a new and *still-undefined* “municipal redevelopment” entity, and \$20 million for East Hartford economic development.

I joined my colleagues in offering alternatives, one that stripped the pork spending from the bill while dedicating money to vocational-technical schools, and another which shifted that \$45 million toward a *defined* program that municipalities use to pay for large-scale projects. Neither received enough support from majority party legislators to override the original package.

What comes next remains to be seen. More contracts are on the horizon, and there are, of course, a lot of bills whose fates are uncertain due to the aforementioned scheduling issues. Budget adjustments—our primary task this session—are on the menu too.

Fitting it all in will be a challenge, yet it’s small potatoes compared to the personal and economic ramifications this virus could very well deliver.

### ... “Remove the Electoral College from the Equation..”

Dear Editor,

As the Country watches the Democratic candidates spend millions of dollars travelling around the Country trying to convince voters to vote for them during the 2020 election, where do we find our President? We find him at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida with his invited guests watching the Democratic Presidential candidates inform the Country why none of them are qualified to be President. Who are the President’s invited guests? They are potential electors to the Electoral College. If our Democracy is to be: of the people, by the people and for the people, as Abraham Lincoln stated in his Gettysburg Address, our next President will have to be the candidate with the Country’s highest popular vote. That can only happen when the Electoral College is removed from the equation.

Sincerely,

James B. Woodman

## How Safe are We from the Coronavirus?

What risks do we REALLY face from the Coronavirus? Must those of us who are not doctors or statisticians (like me) blindly bow to the hysterical risks heralded by the media? Thankfully, we can read and discern for ourselves from the myriad of resources available from both government and private health experts.

China, the purported origin of Covid-19, has the highest number of documented cases and therefore may be most statistically relevant for us to assess at this point. China’s version of the US center for disease control found the fatality rate for Covid-19 was and alarming 14.8% in people 80 or older, but only 0.2% for ages 10 to 39. To the extent Covid-19 is life threatening, it is because it causes “acute respiratory distress syndrome” (ARDS; fluid builds up in the small air sacs of the lungs, depriving the body of oxygen). And ARDS nets an alarming 50% mortality rate for the elderly. Despite these alarming statistics, China’s data further reveals that children have little or no risk of serious illness from the Coronavirus.

China’s statistics show that young people are remarkably resilient. Those under 18 appear to either be immune or don’t even know they have it. Recent World Health Organization data showed that only 2.4% of all reported cases in China are under 18 years old. At the epicenter of the outbreak, in Wuhan province, absolutely no children tested positive for Covid-19 through mid-January, 2020. Of the more than 44,000 confirmed cases in China, there were 0 (zero) deaths of any children under age 10 and perhaps just a single death in the 10-18 age group. Chinese doctors report that while infected children often present with congestion, cough, runny nose, headache and diarrhea, less than half have a fever and many have no symptoms at all. (C. Blyth, A. Cheng & A. Bowen: [siencealert.com](http://siencealert.com), 3/4/20).

A comparison of these Coronavirus statistics to those we’ve come to accept for our “annual flu season” may provide better perspective on how we should view the Coronavirus relative to other “pandemics.” The CDC reports that, from 1/1/20 to 2/21/29, more than 100 children and 4,800 adults died of the flu in the US. Despite 100 years of efforts to prevent the flu, we accept that 100 of our children have died from it in the last 52 days but don’t consider closing our schools, let alone cancelling NCAA tournaments or the Olympics.

It makes sense to be careful in public, wash our hands and keep young children away from grandma, but the media has gone off the deep end about the Coronavirus, to the point of calling for Trump to stop his campaign rallies because of the threat of Coronavirus infection. Could it be that this Covid-19 government-media hysteria is really about something other than a health crisis? The above data from the world’s experts strongly suggests that the media furor is NOT about the risk of widespread disease from a deadly contagion.

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## Protect our Vulnerable Children

Dear Patriots,

I just read Senator Cohen’s editorial on why Connecticut taxpayers should be willing to ‘sweeten the pot’ to entice pharmaceutical giants like Pfizer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Alexion, Jackson Laboratory, Sema4, Tangen and Medtronic to expand and sustain operations in CT.

I certainly hope the Public Health Committee wasn’t influenced by this call to ‘sweeten the pot’ resulting in the proposal to eliminate religious freedom by mandating every single vaccine on the schedule or lose your civil rights. Everyone, was astounded that after 22 hours of brilliant and heartbreaking testimony from Pediatricians, MIT scientists, investigative reporters, parents of vaccine injured children, nurses and religious leaders pointing out; the conflicts of interest, the flawed data, the huge spike from 3 vaccines in the 1960’s to the current 72 doses and growing and the critical questions that must be answered. The Public Health Committee’s response was to force a vote and approve the bill in a couple of days.

While it is astonishing in itself that there is a need for so many pharmaceutical products, I did note that Jackson Labs specializes in genomic medicine: creating personalized medicine based on an individual’s genetic makeup. This is important because currently there is no screening for mitochondrial dysfunction that puts vulnerable children at risk for vaccine injury.

I certainly hope that Senator Cohen will be as enthusiastic about protecting vulnerable children and insist on developing testing as she is about growing the economy.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Farnsworth

## Letters to the editor...

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

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Dr. Jeffrey Ward will help you see things that you previously missed when walking through our forests. It is a unique opportunity, not to be missed. For additional information, visit the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) website at <http://nblandtrust.org> or the Facebook page.

**Jeffrey S. Ward, Ph.D.**, is Chief Scientist-Department of Forestry and Horticulture at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Author

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of over one-hundred papers, his research has focused on the dynamics of l tree populations, invasive species control, and forest management. He is Chair of Yankee Division, Society of American Foresters (SAF), secretary of the CT Tree Protection Examination Board, and a science advisor for Audubon CT. He has served as Chair and Forest Science Coordinator for New England SAF, and as president of the CT Tree Protective Association.

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We Have A Winner

Project Graduation would like to congratulate Michelle Knockwood for winning the Southwest Airline \$1000.00 voucher. Thanks to everyone who participated, we appreciate your support.

North Branford Scholarship Association  
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The North Branford Scholarship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the North Branford High School Guidance Office. Graduating high school seniors living in North Branford regardless of what school they graduate from are eligible. Applications must be in by March 30,2020. Our fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help us raise monies for the students please call Lars Selander at 203 483-1311.

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This year one of those awards went to **Alessandra Habiniak** of Northford;

THEY MAKE US PROUD



Nicholas David DeNegre, (left) just graduated Basic Training, USAF, Lackland AFB, Texas.  
**Jillian Damiani, Alyssa Diaz, Anthony Lucibello, and Caterina Teodosio**, were named to the Deans list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.  
**Zelda Galdenzi** was named to the Dean’s List at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.  
**Sydney Hogan** will be playing women’s La-Crosse at Eastern Connecticut State University.

**Abigail Baldwin** was named to the Dean’s List at Central Connecticut State University.  
**Julianna Corniello, Gianna Gassira, Isabella Goodmaster, Felicia Emily Hortillo, Abbey Parente and Lia Prato** received high honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.  
**Brianni Cabrera** received honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.



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## Spring Sports

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a decision on Spring Sports as it pertains to  
the CoronaVirus.

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## National Football Foundation

The 60th anniversary of the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete awards dinner will be held on Friday March 27 at Fantasia Banquet Facility 404 Washington Ave. North Haven. A reception will begin at 5:30 pm with the march to the head table at 6:30 pm.

Twenty-eight high school and prep school scholar athletes who played football last fall will be honored for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship. Bill O'Brien president of the New Haven Chapter said, "We are pleased to be honoring another group of outstanding young men for their accomplishments in the classroom, their school and in their community". Since 1962 the chapter has honored 1257 young men.

In addition two longtime coaches with ties to the area will receive Distinguished American awards. George DeLeone and Chris Palmer, have a combined 100 years of coaching in the college and professional (NFL) ranks. In addition to college DeLeone coached at San Diego, Miami and Cleveland in the NFL. Palmer coached at UConn, New Haven among others as well as in the NFL at New England, Cleveland, Dallas, and the Giants, 49er's in the NFL. He recently retired as the Athletic Director at UNH.

This year the Chapter Award of Merit will be presented to Abbott Burrell and Scott Burrell from Hamden. "The Burrell's are members of one of the most successful athletic families in state history", said O'Brien. Abbott played at Hamden ('86) and at UConn from 1986 to 1989 and has been a college football coach for the past twenty- seven years, most recently at CCSU and Scott was one of the finest high school football players in Connecticut at Hamden before embarking on both basketball and baseball careers. He is now the head basketball coach at SCSU. Both graduated from UConn.

Other award winners include Judge Arthur Hadden, a 30 year football official, who has officiated six state championship games and Cheshire High School coach Don Drust who will receive the Chapter Coach of the Year Award for improving the Rams regular season record of 3-7 in 2018 to 8-2 and qualifying for the Class LL state playoffs this past season. The Sheehan Titans will receive a plaque for winning the Class S championship.

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 by sending a check payable to National Football Foundation to Donna Limone, 10 Ludlow Court, Branford 06405. Phone 203-481-8375.

Pictured above is North Branford High School senior football player Aiden Ferrucci with his mother Michele and coach Mark Basil. Aiden was selected a scholar athlete by the National Football Foundation Chapter.

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

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://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, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

Company I Easter Flowers are Back!

North Branford Volunteer Fire Department Co1, Easter Flower Sale RETURNS. 1535 Foxon Rd .Good Friday 8 am till 4 pm. Saturday 8 am till 4pm Azaleas , Daffodils , Hyacinths , Hydrangeas , Asiatic Lily , Mona Lisa Lily , Lily , Tulips.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoreline Train Show!

*Saturday, April 4 at United Methodist Church, Branford*

*Branford, CT:* Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of miniature railroading at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoreline Train Show, Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 811 East Main Street in Branford, Conn.

There's plenty at the show to see and do for children of all ages; for modelers, collectors and enthusiasts; for families in search of good old-fashioned fun; and for the simply curious. A highlight of the show are two operating layouts created by the *Connecticut Valley Model Railroad Club* and the *New Haven Society of Model Engineers*. These beautifully designed model train dioramas feature scale models of trains, cars, buildings, and scenery.

The show also features vendors offering trains, accessories, scale models and collectible toys for sale, as well as an hourly door prize drawing.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors (60+); free for children age 12 and under! Tickets are available at the door the day of the event. Plenty of free parking; food service available. The building is wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact (203) 488-0549 or [umcbranford1966@gmail.com](mailto:umcbranford1966@gmail.com).



Flower Plant Sale to Benfit Church

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will have an Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church on Fri. and Sat., April 10-11, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 12, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The church will also have a Mother’s Day Weekend flower sale on Fri., May 8, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., May 9, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sun., May 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). New email address: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

Northford Congregational Church Holy Week

The Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will hold a **Palm Sunday** service at 10 a.m. on Sun., Apr. 5, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual **Maundy Thursday** service with communion on Apr. 9 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 6 p.m. in the social hall.

There will be a **Good Friday** service on Apr. 10 at 7 p.m.

The traditional **Easter Sunday** service will be at 10 a.m., and flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome.

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North Branford Congregational Church

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Please join us for our original Chicken Pie with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and coffee. Tickets - \$18 per person, children 7-14 - tickets \$9 each and no charge for children under the age of 5. Seating - 5:30 To reserve tickets or any questions please call Carol Sabia at 203.208.2944.

St. Anthony’s Night of Prizes

Come join the fun at ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY’s 43<sup>RD</sup> annual Night of Prizes, (formally known as the Card Party) to be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, 70 Washington Ave., New Haven on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Food and beverage available for purchase or you can bring your own. Admission ticket is \$5.00 which includes coffee, Italian pastry and door prizes. Raffle tickets for sale for fantastic prizes and there will also be a 50/50 raffle.

For information or tickets please call Anna Simeone 203-710-5004 or Joan Kuchinski 203-234-9161 or the Parish Office 203-624-1418. No admission tickets will be sold after Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Military Whist Card Party

Friday, April 17th, North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St, North Haven. Doors open at 6:15p.m. with finger foods, dessert and raffle baskets. Games begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person. Sponsored by the North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship. For tickets or more information call Lynne at (203) 239-7800. Come join the fun!



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# Recycling News

## Earth Day 2020

Celebrate Earth Day’s 50th anniversary with a town wide cleanup.

Supplies will be provided (gloves, bags and signs) to those who wish to participate.

More info to follow.

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### North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 f from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Spring: April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Follow the signs.

Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091 \*\*\*\*\*

### North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup

April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>

The Spring scrap metal pickup will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal should be placed at the curb up to a week before your scheduled pickup day; thank you!

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091 \*\*\*\*\*

### BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)

Week of April 20th and November 9th  
on your scheduled pickup day  
\*No home cleanouts\*

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### Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program

#### Started in North Branford in November

If you would like to participate in this program, please use the Simple Recycling pink bags you received with the program info.  
Fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more to help keep these items out of our trash.  
Place bags next to your recycling bin at the curb on your regular trash pickup day by 7am.  
A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags between 7am and 5pm and leave new bags.  
If you have not received your program info in the mail, need additional bags or want to see a full list of accepted items, go to [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) or email at [info@simplerecycling.com](mailto:info@simplerecycling.com)

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.

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