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North Branford Hires a New Chief of Police

Press Release: I am pleased to announce that the North Branford Police Commission has hired Kevin H. Halloran as North Branford's new Chief of Police. Kevin lives in Branford, Connecticut and has been a member of the Branford Police Department for 30 years, having served as Branford's Chief of Police since September 2011. As the Chief of Police in Branford, Kevin supervised a 65 person police department and has an outstanding track record in law enforcement and the use of strategic planning and technology to maintain a safe community. He is well-respected and is also known as someone who listens and engages with the public. Kevin has a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Justice Administration from Tiffin University in Ohio and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Charter Oak State College in New Britain, Connecticut. He also received extensive training in the latest management concepts in business and government at the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, Massachusetts in 2008.

Kevin was one of seven finalists picked by South Central Criminal Justice panel of Police Chiefs and was involved in a selection process that included two extensive interviews with an interview panel made up of the police commissioners, the Mayor, and two additional members of the North Branford Town Council. The process also required the development of a strategic plan for the North Branford Police Department. Kevin had three qualities that stood out during the candidate interview process: confidence, humility and trust.

Kevin's extensive law enforcement experience along with his strong belief in partnerships between the community and the police will serve North Branford's citizens well. His goal in North Branford will be to advance our police department to a professional organization that will serve as a model to other communities. His mission from day one will be to increase the quality of life in the community and build trust by preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime. He also believes that we must keep our police officers healthy and up-to-date in law enforcement techniques so that they deliver police services in an effective and efficient manner.

It is with great pleasure that I now introduce Kevin H. Halloran - North Branford's new Chief of Police.

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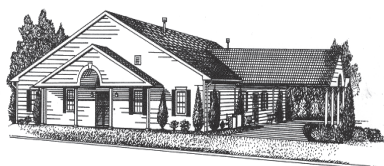


Winston Churchill coined the phrase, “Never let a good crisis go to waste”. Some Connecticut public officials have taken this notion to a new level by creating a crisis to justify tolls. Proponents of tolls have written the narrative that Connecticut’s transportation fund is broke. In fact, Connecticut spends over \$2 billion dollars annually on transportation infrastructure and operations, but that doesn’t seem to be enough. In 2017, Connecticut projected an operating deficit in future years, thus, requiring a plan for solvency. Democrats wanted tolls, and Republicans wanted to prioritize our spending. In the end, both parties agreed to phase in a transfer of 100% of the sales tax from the purchase of motor vehicles into the special transportation fund, thus fixing the projected insolvency. Governor Lamont’s budget diverts that transfer back to the general fund, thus violating that Transportation Lock Box approved by the voters and plunging the fund back into insolvency. His budget now resurrects the battle cry for tolls on almost all of our major highways throughout the state.

Roughly four bills proposing some sort of tolling are circulating around the capitol. Three of the bills passed out of the Transportation Committee last week on a party line vote. House Bill 7280 proposes that a toll plan be created by the Department of Transportation. Once the plan is submitted to the legislature, it is deemed approved within 15 days if no action is taken. This “deemed approved” language is hardly a profile of courage and constitutes a complete abdication of legislative responsibility. It’s astounding to me that the legislature would grant authority for an agency to establish one of the largest tax increases on its residents without an affirmative vote. The plan must include a proposal to implement electronic tolling on I-95, I-91, I-84, and portions of Rt. 15 – and “**any other limited access highway**, or portions thereof, if the commissioner determines it necessary. This bill is essentially setting Connecticut up to be the most heavily tolled state in the country, and in fact would have more tolls than all of the New England states combined!

Notably absent from these bills is a prioritization of spending, mechanisms to find efficiencies and long-term planning for Connecticut’s infrastructure future. Whether you are for or against tolls, these three elements must appear in a transportation bill that seeks to improve our bridges, buses, trains and roads. The current proposals will cost residents between \$1,000 to \$1,500 per vehicle depending on commutes, plus any other increase in consumer goods and services passed to customers due to this mileage tax. Proponents of tolls have created this crisis and have prioritized taxing their residents over prioritized planning and finding efficiencies for our transportation needs, and if that not an insult enough, they’ve proposed to hand this taxing

authority to non-elected officials. If you are going to create a crisis for tolls, at least have the courage to vote for it.



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Let's Be “Frank”

Well brother it’s that time again. I am writing this note on my 63rd birthday. Do you think if daddy was alive he would still be calling me the baby? I didn’t mind 62 as I began getting social security checks and a few small pensions. But my God 63 is not making me feel all warm and comfy (as my grandson Nico would say). Yesterday I was the cute baby and now a 63 year old poppy. They say you’re as old as you feel so if that’s the case today, I never thought I would see 90.

So let’s get back to growing up in the Hill (or is it on the Hill?) which we were talking about in our last conversation. I remember you and dad putting up the basketball hoop in the back yard. A piece of old plywood sanded and painted and a rim with no net. A backboard shot was definitely in as the ball died when it hit that old plywood. A good shot would go right through as there was no net to slow its descent. A driving layup would slam you up against the porch and a shot from the corner had to clear the hanging branches from the old crab apple tree. There was no right corner so I use to claim that was my best shot so I took a hit on any home court advantage. The evening sports activities would involve going to the churchyard and playing softball with whoever was around including Father Mike in the early days and the nuns when some of the old ones were replaced by the young. Father Mike use to hit it then pull up his cassock and run the bases faster than any of the boys. The (good sisters; Laura Louise, Maria Lucia and Andrew) were too dignified to run. They would just hit and force us to go get the ball and run for them just as though we were in the classroom. The older nuns use to sit up on the porch shaking their heads at the actions of their younger associates.

Midway through grammar school they built Lee High School three houses away from our house. That was like living in a resort. we now had outdoor basketball courts where we could dribble on the black top instead of the spotty back yard lawn. They also had a swimming pool which they opened to the neighborhood on a few week nights and Saturdays. If I remember the pool didn’t last too long and the neighborhood kids showed their appreciation by continuing to steal the chain nets. Not for playing basketball but weapons in the community street fights. Comparatively speaking the school didn’t last too long either. It was destined to failure when they named it after Mayor Richard Lee who destroyed the neighborhoods and ruined New Haven.

Frolicking and fun time was cut down drastically when in January of eighth grade dad fell gravely ill. He came out of it but his earning power was seriously cut down. You quit college to help pay for household bills. He insisted I go to Notre Dame instead of Lee which was three houses away. The problem was he no longer made enough money to pay for the tuition so I had to quit many of my activities to pay for my tuition. I got a few small jobs working at Pacelli’s the local family grocery store, and selling balloons, cotton candy and snow cones at carnivals. We both helped Mary with tuition because even though I was younger, dad always pointed out, “she’s a girl”.

Dad never weighed in on most of the parenting decisions but he was adamant about my attending ND. As a teenager, I hated him for that as I could not play sports and my “I was the man” social life was deeply curtailed as work and studies got in the way. As I look back now, I will be forever grateful for him standing his ground.

Well, for a brief moment as I was stretching out a stiff back, with an ice pack on my knee while constantly sipping water to keep my kidneys wet,

I felt young again. Many of the things we dealt with in our “Yute” would seem cruel and unusual to the kids of today. To us it was just a way of living. We were too happy and busy in our day to day activities to know we were poor. Everyone in the neighborhood was poor. We were not because we had each other.

Well next time maybe we’ll talk about the high-school years. Happy birthday to me. Take care. Tell the gang I said hello and I’ll see them soon.

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The Editor

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“.....*I’m Amazed....*”

Dear Editor:

I’m always amazed when reading Kurt Westfall’s missives, how he interprets and reports information, often with misplaced emphasis, often demonizing those with whom he does not agree, often with an assertion that anyone who does not share his opinions must be an un-American communist seeking tyrannical governmental control depriving citizens of their liberty. The very premise of his recent article, that the mainstream media hails a particular freshman congresswoman as a savior demonstrates Mr. Westfall’s penchant for dramatic mis-statement.

The characterization by Mr. Westfall, of the “Green New Deal” as a “Trojan horse - designed to end our Constitutional republic and foment tyrannical limitless governmental control over every aspect of our lives,” is informed by a lack of imagination, a willing blindness to the facts of climate change and its associated damage to our economy, our infrastructure, and the way of life so many of us take for granted.

The broad governmental responses that allowed this country to survive the Great Depression and succeed in WWII are the product of big ideas, some of which worked, and some that did not. Those “socialist” ideas, including the Works Progress Administration, gave us spectacular infrastructure (now in disrepair from lack of funding) and Social Security. Those “socialist un-American labor laws ended child labor, required safety in the workplace, created the VA, and brought us a minimum wage. Those are the very ideas that created the middle class, and indeed, made our country great.

It’s important to remember that economic systems and political systems are different animals. Democracies are anti-authoritarian; some are capitalist; some are socialist, some have mixed economies. Socialist democracies are democratic nations that pursue mixed economies where the government sponsors or mandates public tax supported public benefits like education and healthcare. That describes Sweden, not Venezuela. The communist authoritarian government of Venezuela seized private property. Socialist democracies do not seize property; they levy progressive taxes.

In case Mr. Westfall hasn’t read the House Resolution called the Green New Deal, it is a broad and aspirational model that offers incentives and support for both a necessary move away from fossil fuels, and supports funding and incentives to harden our shoreline and areas vulnerable to the already visible effects of climate change. It seeks to mitigate the erosion of opportunity that has been the hallmark of deficit funded tax breaks that benefit corporate interests and the top 1% at the expense of everyone else.

I would not assert that all aspects of that particular House Resolution are likely effective or prudent, but this is not a bill, it is a resolution that recognizes a long overdue call for action and incentives to propel big ideas. For anyone with children or grandchildren, take heed; our failure to act will be their burden.

Sincerely, Susan DeSilver

“....*Spot this in his next column...*”

To the Editor:

I’m responding to the letter and the regular opinion column by D. Kirt Westfall in your edition of March 15, 2019. Mr. Westfall is great at teeing up, demonizing, and then bashing a left-of-center official or program in each of his essays. (See if you can spot this in his next column.) He’s now joined the right wing horde in bashing Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, R-New York as his “target du jour”, simply because she’s a newcomer with new ideas — and therefore a mortal threat to conservatives. Westfall also tells us that the Green New Deal is NOT a promising collection of ideas for renewable energy, and for moving away from carbon based fuels. Instead, he quotes stats from an outdated study, and equates “saving our planet” with communism and socialism.

I realize this seems like an absurd exaggeration of reality — because it is. Just because some non-mainstream website traffics in hyperbole and fear-based nonsense, doesn’t mean we need to embrace it as The Essential Truth. And the president’s constant demeaning of our Constitutionally-protected “MSM”, does not mean he’s right either!

Sincerely, Jack Hearn

Appointment of Special Counsel

To The Editor:

In response to the recent letter to the editor by Alice Lehr, I would point out that the mandate creating the Special Counsel is NOT to “find collusion,” but in the words of the Justice Department Order: TO INVESTIGATE RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE WITH THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Since the Special Counsel has indicted 30 individuals and three Russian entities, I hardly think it’s a waste of money. And speaking of wasting money, the Whitewater Special Counsel Investigation of Hillary Clinton during the 1990s went on for seven years and produced only the appalling infidelity of Bill Clinton. Sincerely, Susan DeSilver

It’s About the Land

It has been at least two years since I last wrote about land as a member of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust. I’ll mention the main reason for not writing. Sitting down to write a piece about land conservation never was an easy thing for me to do. It was a chore. Words do not flow effortlessly from my mind to the keyboard. Rather, they appear in convoluted sentences which like a piece of iron at a blacksmith’s forge must be hammered into shape. What more could I possibly write about land conservation and the efforts by NBLCT to inspire others in that noble pursuit that hasn’t been mentioned.

Nevertheless, I write. This time as an aging man whose observations about the changing landscape of our town from the early 1960’s may hold some interest. When I first moved here from the Midwest, I had married a woman from Hamden. I was also recently employed by the New Haven Water Company as a forester to look after the lands the company had acquired for protection of public drinking water. We rented a water company-owned farmhouse that was situated just off the watershed of Lake Gaillard. The town was undergoing rapid change. Its landscape was changing from farmland and woodlots to single family residential development and a few commercial businesses in both North Branford and Northford sections along the state highways.

Although the rapid development of the town in the 1960’s may have astonished those who maintained public records, the land use changes brought about by two corporations in the early 20th century may have topped the chart. In 1914 the New Haven Trap Rock Company came to town to open a very large trap rock quarry off Forest Road. A subsidiary of the company (The Branford Steam Railroad) built a railroad from the quarry in North Branford to Pine Orchard in Branford to carry the processed stone for use as an aggregate in concrete. At Pine Orchard the stone was loaded unto barges for transport to ports along Long Island Sound. Although the quarry may have created a noticeable dent at the time in the town’s landscape, a much larger project was taking shape in the offices of the New Haven Water Company in New Haven. The project would eventually entail the acquisition of some 5700 acres in North Branford of which about 1115 acres would be for a reservoir flooding farmland and wood lots that lay southeast of the trap rock ridge known as Totoket Mountain. The majority of the purchased land was to protect the water that would be stored in the reservoir from contamination.

I’ll continue the story in future editions of this paper. As a reminder, NBLCT will be sponsoring a hike along the Farm River on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 9:30 am. Also, as the weather improves, take the kids out on a hike on one of several trails in town. It will be good for the family, the children, and you. Otto Schaefer, member. North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

“...*We have a Spending Problem...*”

Dear editor,

I think it goes without saying that Connecticut residents are well aware of the negative financial impact of the governor’s, and Democratic-lead legislature’s, proposed toll bill. It is by any measure, a massive tax hike! Have no doubt, that the majority of the financial burden will be placed on Connecticut’s middle-class citizens. It is simply unbelievable to me that the voters of Connecticut would knowingly vote for a governor, and representatives, that would further diminish the financial well-being of an already heavily taxed state. Connecticut has the second highest tax rates in America. We do not have a tax problem. We have a spending problem! We don’t need tolls, we need fiscal responsibility. Moreover, there are increasingly deceitful tactics being used to justify such tolls. The governor has even gone so far as to increase proposed spending, as a justification to increase taxes via tolls. It’s literally like running up a credit card to justify a high interest debt consolidation loan. It simply makes no financial sense whatsoever. As if the financial impact wasn’t going to be bad enough, one has to keep in mind that with proposed costs of traveling down interstate 95 costing upwards of \$10 a trip, where will people go to escape that kind of commute cost?

The answer of course, is secondary roads. Roads like Route 80, Route 22, Route 17, and Route 139. These roads, having no tolls, will become the main alternatives by where Connecticut’s overtaxed drivers, and commerce transporters, will go to escape the heavy tax burden. As A town that is uniquely impacted by these tolls, via the secondary roads that pass through our community, we will get both edges of the knife. Massive tax hikes, and traffic nightmares. This is why I am supporting our Town Council, Republicans and Democrats alike, to publicly resolve, to oppose the governor’s proposed toll bill. This is a no-brainer! We should pass a resolution of opposition, and it should enjoy bipartisan support among our council. This may be a political issue at the state level, but at the local level, these tolls will have a serious negative impact on our community.

Sincerely,
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Meet at Totoket Valley Park, Route 22, Northford in the Public Works parking area. The hike will run approximately two hours. Otto Schaefer, NBLCT member, will lead the hike and point out interesting landmarks. Rain date: March 31, same time and place.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about the hike, email

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I purchased a Toyota Sienna from Lee J's on 10/19/18 and I am very pleased with it. The car is as advertised/described, and I was able to drive it off the lot with full registration the same day. I would recommend this smaller dealership if you need a car in a more affordable price range and you need to know the price up front rather than having fee after fee tacked on as other places commonly do. I was allowed to bring my mechanic in to verify the car before purchasing, and that was important to me. I look forward to many years driving my sweet minivan, and will send my friends and family to Lee J's if they need a quality used car. Therese Dillon.

Thank you for 20+ Years!

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It's St. Anthony's Society
42nd Annual Card Party & Raffle
In Memory of Ken Tullo

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Come Join Us For All the Fun! Spread The Word!!!
Fun to be had! Prizes to be won!

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
Place: St. Anthony Parish Center
70 Washington Ave, New Haven, CT
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00 p/p. **Includes coffee, Italian pastry & door prizes**
Available: Hot Dogs, Pizza, Soda & Water \$1.00 each
Raffle Tickets: 5 for \$5.00

For Admission or Raffle Tickets Call:
Anna Simeone 203-710-5004
Or contact the Parish Office at 203-624-1418
Or Joan Kuchinski at 203-234-9161

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No admission tickets will be sold after Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Mineral Club Offering Scholarship

The New Haven Mineral Club is offering a \$1,000.00 Scholarship in the greater New Haven area, (New Haven, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford; Guilford, Hamden, Orange, Woodbridge, Bethany, Milford, Stratford, Seymour, Derby, Ansonia, Shelton, West Haven, and Wallingford).

The scholarship is designed to assist a student who is going to attend an accredited college or university who wishes to pursue an academic study in science, (geology, mining, chemistry • Physics, metallurgy, material science, engineering, and other related science fields). These are just a smattering of the overall sciences that can be pursued. The last three winners were from Branford High School, Jonathan Law High School and Lyman Hall High School

Applications must be received by the Mineral Club by April 20, 2019. To receive an application send a written request to:

New Haven Mineral Club, Frank Karsmarski, 69 Woodvale Dr., Northford, ct 06472



Wee Care Really Cares

“The Preschoolers at Wee Care of North Branford collected over 50 toothbrushes as part of their ‘Helping Hands’ initiative. The toothbrushes were donated to DCF and will be distributed to children in need. The Wee Care students have been documenting their good deeds and look forward to displaying them at their Graduation Art Show on June 6, 2019.”

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Abigail Esposito was named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2018 Semester at Lafayette College in Easton, PA.

Michael Keinz was named to the baseball team at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Sean Halligan and Zachary Jamieson were named to the Dean’s List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

Sydney Hogan & Erin Sheehan will be playing Lacrosse for Eastern Connecticut State University.

Hypnotic Hoopla at April 16th

The public is invited to attend the Tuesday, April 16th meeting of the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC at 7:00pm at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Hypnotic Hoopla will run a 30-minute hoola hoop class at the beginning of our meeting. Come and have some fun with us!

For more information about the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC, contact Stephanie Thaller at StephanieThaller@gmail.com, visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

Recycling News

SAVE THE DATE
NORTH BRANFORD’S EARTH DAY EVENT
at WALL FIELD
SATURDAY APRIL 27th 9am – 2pm
(Rain date same time Sunday, April 28th)

The North Branford Solid Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee is inviting local businesses & groups to our 2nd annual Earth Day event.

For more information please contact:
Bill Savastano – 203-484-2784
or
Hank Petroskey – 203-484-9002

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 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Spring: **April 6, 13, 20 and 27**. 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 15th through April 19th

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**



NBIS Spelling Bee Winners

On February 21, 2019 students from NBIS competed in the 10th annual Scripps Spelling Bee, held in the Library Media Center. Congratulations to all of the participants for their hard work!

The winner was Gianna Gassira (center). Gianna’s winning word was “sibilant”. Coming in at second place after 28 rounds was 8th grader Emily Hortillo (right) and in third place was 6th grader Natalia Proto (left). Our winner, Gianna is a dedicated speller - she came in 3rd place as a 6th grader, 2nd place as a 7th grade, and in 1st place as an 8th grader! Her hard work has paid off!





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
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

Openings currently available.

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



Know a Senior or an 8th Grader?

Send them congratulatory 17" mylar balloons that will be delivered to their house with your personalized note!

Purple balloons for seniors, white for 8th graders.

Balloons are \$5.00 each and are inscribed with a North Branford Graduate logo

All funds raised will help support the

North Branford High School Girls Soccer Team

If you do not know a graduate, please consider making a donation so that all graduates can have a balloon during this special time.

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 5/30

WHY WAIT ORDER TODAY!!!

Sender Name and Email

Address _____

Sender Phone # _____

Graduate's Full Name _____

Check off which grade – Senior _____ 8th Grader _____

Donation _____

Graduates Address – Street and Zip Code _____

Note to Graduate (limit 3 lines) _____

Total Balloons Ordered _____ Total Due (# of Balloons x \$5.00) _____

After you fill out the form

Make checks payable to North Branford Girls Soccer
c/o Patricia Sarmiento,

21 Doral Farm Rd. North Branford, CT 06471

If you have any questions, please call/text 203-214-5368

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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>

"Never Go Through Life Without Goals"

Like us on Facebook: North Branford Soccer Club | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

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

Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



OUR LOOK IS CHANGING!

We are excited to introduce our new and improved website on April 1st! We need your help to update our records, please log on and create your new household account!

www.nbcreation.com

ACTIVITIES

TODDLER TIME ART - #16100

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: April 9 - May 7 (Skip April 16)
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will create craft projects based on seasons, holiday, characters, or books. A variety of materials are provided for the children to explore and create their masterpieces!

ABC'S FOR 3'S - #16101

Who: Age 3
When: April 9 - May 7 (Skip April 16)
Time: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will be introduced to letters and numbers, days of the week, seasons, and holidays through hands-on activities. They will participate in art, sensory play, songs, science and movement. Designed to foster independence for the child not yet enrolled in a preschool or child care center.

SIZZLING SCIENCE - #16102

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: April 9 - May 7 (Skip April 16)
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will become junior scientists with our engaging hands on experiments. Each class features a different experiment, some experiments will have an eruption component!

DRONE FLIGHT SCHOOL - #12116

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 13 - April 27
Time: Saturday, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: FREE
Instructor: Skyline Aerial Images
Description: Bring your drone! This course will teach you how to make sure your drone stays safe while it's in the air. You will learn how to properly take off and safely land your drone, hover, do 360° shots and more. Participant is responsible for bringing drone to class and responsible for loss or damage of drone during flying.

DRONES 101- #12115

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 16
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: FREE
Instructor: Skyline Aerial Images
Description: Learn all the basics of using your drone. This class will include how to register your drone, safety regulations, what is legal and what is not, and when and where it is okay to fly your drone. No flying will be done during this program, it is strictly informational.

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

BUS TRIPS

Magic Wings/Yankee Candle Village - Wednesday, April 10

Time: Departs 9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$18 res / \$23 non res
Description: Enjoy a tour of the 8,000 sq. foot glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation. Then head over to the Yankee Candle Village aptly named the "Scenter of the Universe". Lunch stop to be determined.

Nelson Hall/Music of Van Morrison - Friday, April 5

Time: Departs 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$40 res/\$45 nr
Description: Rock and roll doesn't get any better than Van Morrison. Moondance captures the Van Morrison concert experience like no other. You'll hear classic tunes- "Brown Eyed Girl," "Moondance," "Domino," "Tupelo Honey," "Wild Night," and more. The show is packed with one Van Morrison classic after the next. Lunch at Vespucci's prior to the show, on your own.

CLASSES

Live Well with Diabetes Program

When: Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7
Time: 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Instructor: East Shore Health District Nurse Educators
Description: This class is for people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, or those who live with or care for someone with diabetes and may help you make better nutrition and exercise choices. Small changes can make a happier, healthier life!

Books on Wooster Square

When: Thursday, April 18
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Presenter: Rich Biondi
Description: Join local author and member of the Wooster Square Italian American community, Richard Biondi, as he shares his strong passion for the famous New Haven neighborhood. He will discuss his series of books in this interactive presentation and will have books available for purchase.

Potato & Corn Festival has eyes and ears for you!

Come see how you can be part of this
great community event!



Thursday April 11, 6:00pm
at the STW Community Center



Seed Packaging for the North Branford Sunflower Project



Thursday April 4, 12:30-2:00p and Thursday April 11, 12:30-2:00p
Please call to sign up! (203) 484-6017



Includes before care, after care,
lunch and the trip of the week.

**Register and be paid
in full by April 26th
to be entered in a
raffle to win a free
week of camp!**

GET FIRED UP! FOR SPRING BREAK

Thursday, April 18th - \$20
10:30 a.m. - STW Community Center
*Seating is limited please register
By Friday April 12*

Join us for your Spring Break or perhaps you have the day off...
This activity is fun for EVERYONE!
Fired Up! of Branford is bringing the fun of painting ceramics here to the Community Center! There will be a few different items to choose from, be creative and have fun!

Parents, please accompany your
child during this activity
www.nbcreation.com

WHO HAS THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN?

PIZZAWARS
TUESDAY, APRIL 23
6:00-8:30 PM

FIRST SEATING 6:00 - 7:00
SECOND SEATING 7:30 - 8:30

STW COMMUNITY CENTER

Limited Seating
Reservations Recommended
\$5 presale/ \$10 at the door
Ages 3 and under - FREE

FUN, FOOD, RAFFLES and MORE!

One lucky winner will be chosen as a guest judge for the specialty pizza category!

Must purchase a presale ticket to qualify

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 zionaepiscopalchurch.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

70 Washington Ave., New Haven, CT 06519,

Spaghetti and Clam Friday, April 5, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. A meat free Lenten Dinner. \$9.00

Please call Sandy 203-387-1935l.

Military Whist Card Party

Sponsored by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Women ‘s Club will be held on Friday, April 26 at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd.North Haven.

Ticket Cost is \$10 per person which includes playing the game, coffee and desserts. Coffee and will begin at 6:30pm and game will start at 7pm.

Raffles and a door prize will be available and instructions to play the game will be given. Please call 203-239-5378 during daytime weekdays or 203-234-0215 on weekends to reserve a spot. Teams of 4 persons will be made up for the game.

If you don’t have 4 for a team, we can put you on one. This is a easy and fun interactive card game and proceeds support the Women’s Club charitable endeavors.

All are welcome for a fun evening!

Send your Easter Service Schedules to
Totokettimes@comcast.net



Easter Bunny to help at Annual Flower/Plant Sale

The Easter Bunny will be helping Northford Congregational Church. “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” with their Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church. Rain or shine on Apr. 19-20 from 10-5, and Apr. 21 from 9-1. 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.

Food & Firewood Box

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” has put a food box and a firewood stand in front of the church to help people in need. Non-perishable food is in the food box and firewood is on racks in the stand. People can “take what they need, and leave what they can.” Please do not leave items with expired dates in the box. Since it is still cold and spring temperatures can be below freezing, no canned food, jars, or bottles that could freeze or expand should be put into the box. Items that contain liquid will need to wait until warmer weather. Donations of items such as rice, pasta, cereal, and diapers are welcome.

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NCC Holy Week Schedule

The Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will hold a **Palm Sunday** traditional service at 10 a.m. on Sun., Apr. 14, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual **Maundy Thursday** service with communion on Apr. 18 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. 19 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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Sorrow into Light

Bring your ‘*Sorrow into the Light*’ is a bereavement support group to help anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. If you feel you would like to join us, please think of it as a safe place for you to share your feelings and your sorrow. Even if you decide to attend our group only one time, know that sometimes by sharing and listening to others it can be a most helpful and rewarding way along your road to healing.

This journey will begin on Wednesday, April 24th and our meetings will take place each Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 PM through May 29th in the chapel of the NBCC church.

Gerry Borgerson will be the facilitator of the group. If you have any questions feel free to call her at 203-483-1116.

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 3rd at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:15 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area. For tickets or more information, contact Elissa at 203-793-7180. Check us out on Facebook: Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

Bats: The Myths and the Facts



On Tuesday, April 23, North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) is sponsoring a program, *Bats: The Myths and Facts*, at the Old Town Hall (TotoketTV), 999 Foxon Road (Rte. 80), North Branford. Maureen Heidtmann, a licensed wildlife bat rehabilitator, will dispel the myths and extoll the benefits of these small, fuzzy, insect-gobbling marvels.

Fact or fiction: Bats are mice with wings; vicious, blind creatures that get tangled in your hair. “If you hold any of these things to be true, you’re wrong - but you’re not alone,” said Heidtmann. “In fact, bats are timid. They are not blind. They feed on a number of insect pests and are a viable alternative to using pesticide. The once common little brown bat can consume thousands of mosquitoes in an evening, including those that carry disease.” Over the past 25 years, Heidtmann, a biologist and Master Wildlife Conservationist, has helped injured bats and conducted voluntary field research with Bat Conservation International. As part of this program, Heidtmann will include bat artifacts and live educational bats. This popular, not to be missed family friendly program will start at 6:30 pm. Parking is available across from the Old Town Hall at the North Branford Congregational Church. For more information, contact Bonnie at 203-605-5509.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. *Recharge, Explore, Discover!*

Photo: Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) an endangered species. Photo courtesy of Bat Conservation International.

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and have Lunch with us!**

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY!

*Come join us for a Sunday Lunch and
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**Sunday Afternoon April 7 2019 at
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Seating is at 2pm.

**Menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Ham, Italian Style
Roasted Chicken Breast, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Bread
and Dessert.**

**This will be FREE to non members who join and
Members who bring someone to join. Seating by
Reservation only before 3/30/19!**

Please contact

**Lenny 203-234-0215 or Sue 203-239-2999 or
email nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com**

Military Whist to
Benefit Relay for Life
NBIS Cafeteria

654 Foxon Road (Rt. 80) North Branford
Friday April 12, 2019
Starts 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:15 pm
Baskets, Refreshments and Treats
Donation of \$10 per person
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Part-time Account Clerk II - The Town of North Branford is
accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of
Account Clerk II to assist in the Tax Department. Works with the
general public, banks, receives tax payments & validates bills, helps
with collection of delinquent taxes. Starting wage \$22.94/hr. plus
benefits. (5 days a week, 5 hours per day)
(Monday-Friday 9 am – 3 pm). Full description can be obtain at Town
Manager’s Office.
Application and questionnaire are available at Town Manager’s Office,
909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business
hours or on-line at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com. Applications due
to the Town Manager’s Office by April 12, 2019 no later than 4:00
p.m. (No faxes or emails). EEO/AA

VENDORS WANTED

A Giant Tag & Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 from
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28
Church Street, North Haven, CT. Spaces are available outside on the
church lawn as well as a limited number of spaces inside the building
(first come, first serve). \$25.00 prepaid to reserve a space. No refunds.
Bring your own table. Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Please call the
church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to sign up. No rain
date. Ample free parking, handicapped accessible.

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516-801-0888.

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Branford Compassion Club Holds Annual Spring Bake Sale



NORTH BRANFORD – Branford Compassion Club will hold its annual Spring Bake Sale Saturday, April 13, to benefit its shelter and feral kitties. A delicious selection of home-baked cakes, cupcakes, pies, cookies and breads can be purchased from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at BCC Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road. Come early for best selections!

For more information: branfordcompassionclub.org or 203-483-6369.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Help the Epilepsy Foundation




The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 recently presented a check to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut. This donation was from the proceeds of Lodge 2805's annual Golf Tournament and the Summer Bocce League.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut is dedicated to improving the lives of people with epilepsy and their families, and is Connecticut's only affiliate of the national Epilepsy Foundation.

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is a local branch of the National Order Sons of Italy in America. The Lodge is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to perpetuate cultural identity and solidarity within the Italian- American community. Please visit the website for additional information: www.northhavenlodge2805.club/.

Photo being submitted by denise Krause: A check is being presented to John Wood, Project Manager of Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut. Pictured left to right is Mya Fernandez, Michael Mooney (Golf Tournament Chair), and John Wood.

Hammonasset Beach Earth Day 2019 Celebration



When: Saturday, April 27, 2019 10:00am to 3:00pm
Where: Meigs Point Nature Center, Hammonasset Beach State Park, 1288 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT 06443
What: A Celebration of Earth Day 2019 and the arrival of Spring, sponsored by the Friends of Hammonasset with fun events for the whole family.

Admission is free and events will run from 10am -3pm. Activities are scheduled for the Meigs Point Nature Center (MPNC) and at other locations around the Park.

Events and Exhibitors include:

- The Archeology Road Show and Open House at MPNC – Please feel free to bring your artifacts for identification!
- Atlatl Demonstration with Gary Nolf.
- The Connecticut Audubon Society.
- Beach and Trail Maintenance; *Pitch In Pick Up* – Volunteers to assist with this important activity should visit the Table at MPNC at any time between 10:00am and 3:00pm, to register and obtain gloves/trash bags. Preregistration is not necessary, but larger groups should email Jim Mazur: jamesemazur@gmail.com, or call 860-227-1083, so sufficient supplies can be ensured.
- Friends of the Office of the State Archaeologist.
- Guided Geology/Nature hike honoring the memory of noted geologist Sid Horenstein, led by Don Rankin and beginning at 1pm.

Additional information may be found at the Meigs Point Nature Center Website: <https://www.meigspointnaturecenter.org>. Or call 203-245-8743.

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| APR 11 | 6:00PM ATWATER LIBRARY | Black bears in Connecticut. Join us as Paul Colburn discusses the natural history of black bears in CT, their population, diet, behavior and habits. Call to register 203-315-6020 |
| APR 16 | 2:00-5:00 ATWATER LIBRARY | Gaming Day. Come play Nintendo Switch games on the Library's big screen projector! Bring your own Switch controllers if you like. Snacks and drinks provided! Ages 11+ |
| APR 24 | 6:00-7:30 ATWATER LIBRARY | Ask-a-Lawyer. Have a legal question? Get a free consultation with an attorney. Consultations last 10-15 minutes. People are seen on a first-come, first-served basis |
| APR 9 | 6:30PM SMITH LIBRARY | KIDS! Clean up the water! Science educator Prof. Sepoc teaches us about water pollution through hands-on experimentation. Ages 5 & up. Register at 203-484-0469 |
| APR 16 | 5:00PM SMITH LIBRARY | KIDS! Pizza & Movie night. It's April vacation! Let's celebrate with Mary Poppins Returns. Pizza served at 5:00pm, before starting movie at 5:30pm. Bring a blanket, pillow and treats |
| APR 17 | 10:00-7:00 SMITH LIBRARY | KIDS! Sunflower Project - Open House. Stop by the library to plant sunflower seeds to take home in a small greenhouse until it is safe to plant them outdoors. All ages welcome! |
| MONDAYS | 4:30-5:30 ATWATER LIBRARY | KIDS! Chess Club for Kids! Whether a beginner or intermediate player, learn the strategies that will make you a better chess player. Starting April 22. Grades 2-6. Register at 203-315-6020 |