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Northford/North Branford Throw Blanket Displayed

The new Northford/North Branford throw blanket was on display at the most recent general assembly meeting of the Northford Women's Club, GFWC. The women's club is currently taking orders. The blankets are 100% cotton, machine washable and made in the U.S.A. The color choices are purple, cranberry, hunter green or dark gray. If ordered by April 20th, the price is \$45. After that date the price will be \$50. Additional photos

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“Knox Box” Ordinance Requirements

On March 1, 2018 North Branford Town Council enacted Ordinance # 252, which amends Chapter 40 of the Code of the Town of North Branford. The following is a summary of the new ordinance. A copy of the entire ordinance, Chapter 40 is available in the Town Clerk's Office or on the town website.

All Commercial occupancies are required to install key lock boxes, containing keys to their premises

Multi-family residential structures that have restricted access and have a common corridor for access to the living units are required to have a key box.

These boxes will allow for rapid entry without the need to cause excessive damage to doors and windows in the event of an activated fire alarm or incident during non-occupied hours.

Affected property owners have 6 months to comply. Failure to comply will result in penalty of \$100 per month.

Forms for the lock box can be obtained at Town Hall. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for information. 203-484-6016

Commission to Highlight Businesses

The North Branford Economic Development Commission would like to hear from businesses that have been in Town for more than 20 years. We want to highlight your success in a future article for the *Totoket Times* and provide recognition for your longtime service to the community. Please contact the Town Planner at townplanner@townofnorthbranfordct.com with your business name, email, and phone number.

Let's Be “Frank”

Well brother, it's been a while since we spoke. I've been pretty busy and I figured you might be tired of hearing from me. High school baseball has started and it's been a bit crazy with this terrible weather. We have more than 30 kids in the program and it's hard to take care of them all in indoor facilities as we wait for a break in the weather. Yes, I know every year I say it's my last year, but I am back again. Last year I felt like crap and this year I feel better so I figured I'd give it another shot. I'm even hitting infield again.

As I write this letter I am preparing for our Palm Sunday Mass and then dinner. It's amazing how many so-called Catholics look at me with confusion and say “Palm Sunday, what's the big deal?” I just shrug and walk away. If mom were here they would certainly get an ear full. She would tell them of the processions honoring Christ, the Holy Thursday visits to five and later three (as she got older and couldn't make the walk) churches. She would then explain the good Friday reflections and prayers and the Holy Saturday celebrations. She would then tell them about the Palm Sunday and Easter visits to all the family to celebrate the risen Christ.

Now many of the processions are cutdown as some priests claim it's needless ceremony and time consuming. Many churches close early on Thursday (When we were kids they would open till Friday services), and the visits are limited as the remaining family members don't have the time.

Yesterday, we took the grandchildren to the cemetery to put up the Palm Crosses. Johnnie (call me John) was very impressed and interested as we told him about the lives of his great grandparents, his uncle Anthony, and he told us about his aunt Mary. It was a way of teaching him where he came from.

Speaking of his aunt Mary, It was her birthday last week and your son put a great message on Facebook. Here is a copy of it as he honored his aunt. I thought you might like to hear this and take a break from me.

“I had a bad day yesterday and missed an important occasion. Whenever I would ask my father when Aunt Mary's birthday was, he would say “Remember the Ides of March.” (For a guy with no college degree, he was always teaching.)

In life, Aunt Mary Mentone was the most generous person I knew. As the innocence of youth faded into the cynicism/realism of adulthood, I started to realize it was generosity to a fault. She would figuratively give the shirt off her back to someone she loved, especially her parents, brothers, nieces, and nephews.

In death, Aunt Mary (with an assist from uncle Frank) was able to once again make life just a little bit easier for her three nephews and two nieces. But that's not why I will never forget her.

Her funeral last summer was a bittersweet day. While sad that she was gone, I took a little measure of happiness in finding out from my uncle's eulogy that my birth may have changed her life. She apparently went from someone struggling to find herself to someone with an identity that would last the rest of her days - she became Aunt Mary. Happy Belated Birthday to the woman with the biggest (if not the healthiest) heart I ever knew.

I couldn't have said it better. Well, the Palm crosses are up and still the stone crusher, I gave you a purple flower because I know how you use to tease about the North Branford purple.

Well, that's all for now. Enjoy the celebration of Christ with the rest of the family and I will celebrate with the few that are still left here. I am soon becoming the oldest at the holiday table.

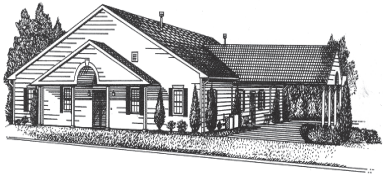
Take care and I'll see you soon... But not too soon.

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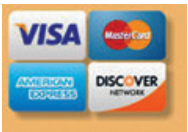
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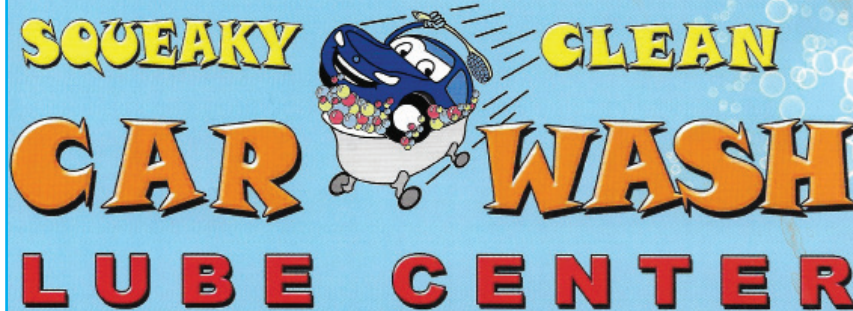
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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Dual Arrest Policy in Connecticut Domestic Violence Laws



Domestic violence is a complex aspect of life that involves a lot of grey – so to speak. Not only is this matter difficult for all parties involved, but it has proven to also be difficult for law enforcement. This legislative session I co-sponsored a bill that would eliminate Connecticut's dual arrest policy. About three years ago, a law enforcement constituent of mine approached with the idea for this proposal in an effort to protect victims of abuse. I have raised

this concern every year since. Connecticut needs to change its existing intimate partner violence dual arrest law to add a 'dominant aggressive' provision.

Current statistics show that Connecticut has a 20 percent dual arrest rate, which means that 20 percent of the time law enforcement arrests both aggressor and victim in a domestic violence incident after police intervention and investigation. These statistics are alarming because Connecticut's dual arrest rate is double national rates.

The intent of Connecticut's mandatory dual arrest policy was to remove discretion at the incident scene. However, the reality is that this law was followed by many unintended consequences—victims were being arrested too. As you can imagine, the arrest of a domestic violence victim can have detrimental effects as these individuals are struggling to find a way out of the abuse. To say the least, victims of domestic violence have experienced first-hand the unintended consequences of dual arrest when they make the call to have police intervene—small children who just witnessed a parent being abused are traumatized when both parents are carted away in police cars, public reporting of the arrest result in 'quiet' gossip among neighbors, and many feeling victimized all over again.

Due to the ubiquitous nature of the Internet, victims of abuse now have access to information and services at the tips of their fingertips, and can access these services anonymously without the fear of calling the police, and what repercussion doing so may entail.

It is evident that this law is now antiquated, and is consequently doing more harm than good. As time has passed and we as a society have evolved, we've have found that there are many complications and issues surrounding the dual arrest policy.

If the current law pertaining to dual arrest changes, I do believe that law enforcement would benefit from training that would assist them in properly evaluating who the aggressor is in order to make an arrest. We need to ensure that our officers have the skills needed to conduct their job effectively. Right now they are caught between a rock and a hard place when it comes to addressing domestic violence cases. I certainly understand the concern expressed by some law enforcement around the liability that can come when an arrest is not made, especially when our statutory language dictates an arrest in response to an incident of family violence. These are emotionally charged situations; however, asking the state to allow police officers some discretion in handling the incident by adding a 'dominant aggressive' provision will help reduce the harmful impact on victims and their families."

This call to change Connecticut's family violence arrest law aims to clarify complexities associated with current law.

When receiving complaints from two or more opposing parties, law enforcement must determine which party is the dominant aggressor. Similar laws exists in 27 other states and guide law enforcement in determining which party is the most significant aggressor or poses the most serious ongoing threat.

It's time for the legislature to finally approve this proposal.

The Lone Gunmen

The Parkland Florida school murder story: Cruz arrived in an Uber car at 2:19 p.m., was inside shooting 1 minute later, ran from the school after only 9 minutes, shot 2 people outside as he ran "towards the tennis courts, turned south, crossed fields and ran west, trying to blend with the students" and an hour later was identified and arrested at McDonald's based on a description of his clothing. This quote, from Sheriff Israel to the Washington Post the day after the shooting, indicted Cruz as the lone gunman before any investigation or review of surveillance video. The Sheriff's narrative remains virtually unchanged despite conflicting eyewitness accounts.

"I suddenly saw the shooter about twenty feet in front of me standing at the end of the hallway actively shooting... just a barrage of bullets, and I'm staring at him thinking why are the police here, this is strange because he's in full metal garb, helmet, face mask, bulletproof armor, shooting this rifle that I've never seen before." This account, to ABC news from teacher Stacy Lippel, describes the events in her 1st floor hallway. Teacher-eyewitness Earnest Rospierski also saw an unidentifiable, masked gunman shooting students in his 3rd floor hallway.

"Alexa," a Parkland student interviewed immediately after the shooting by KHOU-11 television (covering Astros spring training) said she walked and spoke with Cruz while being evacuated in the school hallway. She had known him as a troubled student for years but wasn't afraid because he was unarmed and gunshots were being fired elsewhere. In a KPRC channel 2 news interview another student definitively described simultaneous shooting in 3 different parts of the school.

Corporate News and law enforcement seem to ignore these eyewitness accounts. None has asked how and when Cruz could have put on, taken off or disposed of the tactical gear described by Lippel as he riddled three floors with bullets in 9 minutes. None have questioned how Cruz's semi-automatic AR-15 (pop, pop, pop) transformed into the unrecognizable fully automatic rifle Lippel described spraying a "barrage of bullets." All avoid mentioning that any shooter wore a helmet, mask or body armor or that any such things were recovered at the scene. How did the police arrest Cruz based on his clothing if he was this masked, military-clad mystery man? Did ANYone see Cruz with a gun? How did Cruz shoot 2 people outside while managing to mingle with students? No one seems to have followed up on the multiple shooter lead.

The fact that 17 people were killed in cold blood in another gun free zone should trigger a profound desire to thoroughly investigate and solve these riddles. Instead, within minutes of the murders, the public eye focused solely on a single subject, a myopic, tired story of a mentally unstable, lone gunman that forecloses real investigation. While reality may converge on Cruz, 55 years of this lone-gunman narrative brings this quote to mind: "Power concedes nothing without a demand... Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them. (Frederick Douglass)

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Recycling News
Please note: Bulky Waste Pickup*

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*No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules

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 3:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays this Spring: April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.

Please Note: RESIDENTS ONLY may bring brush to the leaf drop off site on April 7th and April 14th. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the leaf drop off center.

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

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April 16th through April 20th

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There is always something new with What's In & What's Out recycling.

Winners for 8th Annual "Puzzle Off"

Congratulations to the Tie Dye Team for winning the 8th Annual "Puzzle-Off" at the Edward Smith Library! This is the third win for this team (they won in 2015 and 2016 as well!) They completed their puzzle in one hour and 44 minutes- absolutely amazing teamwork!

Competition was ramped up quite a bit this year as new faces joined this event. There were 84 contestants spread out over 14 teams working on an identical 1000 piece puzzle. This year featured a "Neon signs" puzzle which had an incredibly challenging border according to the teams. Thank you to each one of you who "puzzled" your way through this fun day with us!

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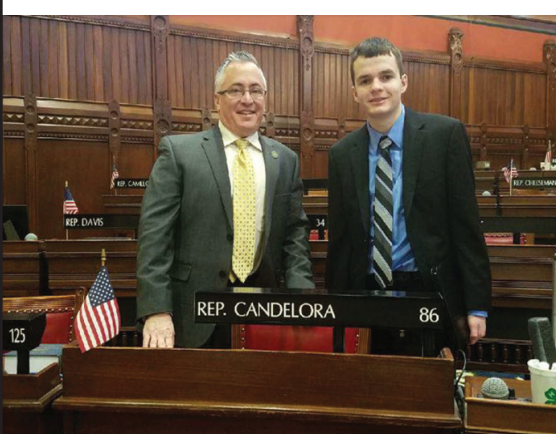
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NBHS Student
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Norton a Finalist in Model Contest



Red Door Boutique and Walt Jedziniak Photography, want to congratulate Emmy Norton for being chosen as a finalist in the 2018 Red Door Prom Model Contest!

Emmy is a senior at North Branford High School and will pursue exercise science as a field of study in her next few years at either Syracuse University or University of Connecticut. She spends much of her time playing three sports: Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, and

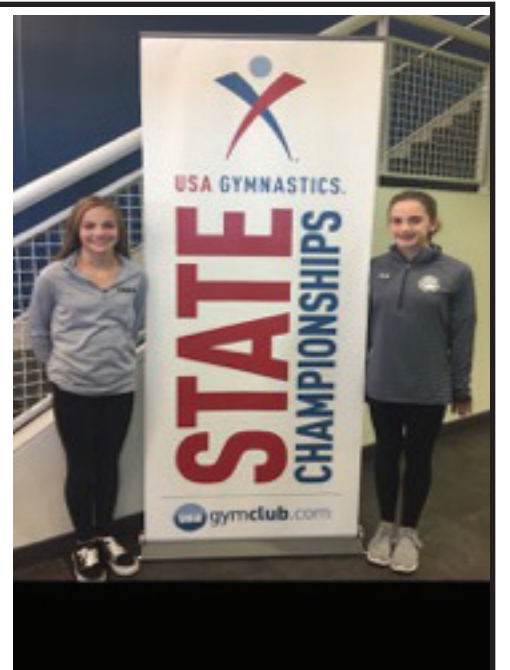
Lacrosse. She is the captain of all three of her sports and in her four years has earned All State honors in each. Emmy is a high honors student and president of North Branford's National Honor Society. Emmy also enjoys skiing, art, traveling with her family, and shopping in search for new and unique trends. She is honored and humbled to be participating in The Red Door's Prom Model Competition and the opportunity to work with a talented make up artist, hair stylist, and photographer.

Contributing to Emmy's amazing look for her photo session were Blowouts by Abbe of Glastonbury providing hair styling, and Beautifully Yours By Liz of East Hampton providing the makeup!

NBIS Students to Compete in Springfield

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Location: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55 res / \$60 nr
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 2's and 3's - #16101

Who: Ages 2 - 3
Session: April 3 - May 1 (no class 4/17)
Time: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Location: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80 res / \$85 nr
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. Also, for the child who needs an extra day of structured activities.

Sizzling Science - #16102

Who: Ages 4 - 10
Session: April 3 - May 1 (no class 4/17)
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Location: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55 res / \$60 nr
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!



Register and be paid in full by **April 27th** to be entered in a raffle to win a free week of camp! Includes before care, after care, lunch and the trip of the week!

FIRE UP! FOR ALL AGES

Friday, April 20th

10:30 a.m. - STW Community Center

\$15 to be paid day of

Join us for your Spring Break or perhaps you have the day off...

Fired Up! of Branford is bringing the fun of painting ceramics here to the Community Center!

This activity is fun for EVERYONE! There will be a few different items to choose from, be creative and have fun!

Seating is limited please register by Friday April 13

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

As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Stop by the community center and pick up a copy of our monthly Senior newsletter for upcoming trips and activities!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Sittercise - Mondays, beginning April 9, 12:45 - 1:45, \$17 res/\$22 nr
Increase muscle strength and improve flexibility, gait and balance to prevent falls. Can be done standing or in a chair. A specially designed program for those 50 and older.

Watercolors w/ Karen - Monday, April 16, 11:00, FREE

Karen is back for another series of watercolor painting! Join her for a 1 hour class. All materials provided.

Diabetes Workshop - Mondays, April 16 - May 21, 11:00 - 1:00, FREE

Join us for a **6 week program** to learn how to self-manage diabetes. The program will include symptom management, medications, fitness tips and nutrition. Break at 12 noon for lunch. You can purchase lunch at the center in advance or bring your own.

East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, April 18, 1:00, FREE

Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.

Nature Walk w/ Hank - Thursday, April 19, 12:45, FREE

Hank will guide you down the paths behind TVES and he will discuss the lands history. Please meet at TVES side parking lot, this walk is rated a 2-3 for difficulty.

WHO HAS THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN?

PIZZA WARS

TUESDAY APRIL 24

6:00-8:00PM

STW COMMUNITY CENTER

\$5 presale/ \$7 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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, 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; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

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.

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.org.

NCC Holy Week

The Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," an annual Maundy Thursday service on Mar. 29 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 Mar. 30 at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, Apr. 1, there will be an 8 a.m. reflection time followed by breakfast with a free will donation. 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. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

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

Bereavement Sessions

North Branford Congregational Church
1680 Route 80 in North Brnaford Tuesday, April 3 & April 17 @ 7:00 PM
in the Church Chapel

Have you or someone in your family experienced a loss. Let us remember that loss comes in many forms. It may be the loss of a loved one, but it could also be the loss of a beloved pet, a job, a friendship, relationship or marriage, or even the loss of good health.

Please join us and see how the Holy Spirit is guiding and inviting you to examine new pathways through your grief! If you would like more information please call Gerry Borgerson, Christian Counselor, at 203.483.1116 or email: gerry@borgerson.com

Flower/Plant Sale to Benefit 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., Mar. 30-31, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., Apr. 1, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.



Due to the cold weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

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Irish Feast Helps Bell Tower Fund



The Northford Congregational Church kitchen was a busy place on the weekend of March 10. Many church members and members of the Bell Tower Committee prepared a terrific corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser for both sit-down and take-out diners. Publicity chair and dinner organizer Nancy

Miller of North Haven prepares to help serve the meal.

The dinner was a great success. The next fundraiser is the annual flower/plant sale to be held on Easter weekend; that event will benefit the church.

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North Branford Boy Scout Troop #453 EASTER PLANT SALE

On Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st, Boy Scout Troop 453 will be holding their annual Easter Plant Sale to help raise funds to offset the costs of upcoming camping trips and activities. The Easter Plant Sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30th and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. Event is held rain or shine.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: JOAN FURR (203) 484-2278

The North Branford Libraries Present:

Military Whist Card Party

Tickets \$10 - Friday, April 27th

Preview: 6:15 - Games Start at 7 pm

Light food and raffles J

Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT.

For tickets, contact a staff member at either library.

****Due to the popularity of this event, tickets MUST be purchased in advance. ****

Lyme Life

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- What will help?
- How can we support each other?

Facilitator:
Jennifer Vander Wyk RN
jvanderwyk@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 25th
6:30-7:30 pm

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Northford, CT

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**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET - 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR**

The North Branford Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the North Branford Intermediate School Cafeteria – 654 Foxon Road, North Branford on the proposed budget as submitted by the Town Manager and Board of Education for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Edward Smith Library, Atwater Library, Town Clerk’s Office, Town Manager’s Office and Town Website.

Dated in North Branford, Connecticut, this 30th day of March, 2018
The North Branford Town Council

Last Dudley Farm Winter Farmers’ Market

Guilford: Support your local farmers and artisans at the **Last Dudley Farm Winter Farmers’ Market** taking place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at the Dudley Farm, corner of Routes 77 and 80. Special feature: Needle-Felting. Liz Rinaldo, of Flat Brook Farm, will demonstrate making felted soap, using soap made from her own goats’ milk. Free needle-felting lessons will be offered to the public, first-come first-served. Other items: All natural and organic meats, eggs, maple syrup, honey, salsa, kettle corn, beeswax candles, soap, natural body products, salsa, and a stunning array of hand-made crafts. Meet several new vendors! The Summer Market will open May 19 with a special event: Planting Day. For more information, visit dudleyfarm.com or call 203-457-0770.

NARFE Association Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 9th, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. Please note the date change to April 9th. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Lynne Rosenthal, a certified group exercise instructor.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org.

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VENDORS WANTED

A Giant Tag & Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Up to twenty spaces are available outside on the church lawn and a limited number of spaces will be offered inside the building (first come, first serve). The cost is \$25.00 for a space (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.

Story Hour for Preschoolers

The North Branford Women’s Club, Inc., conjunction with the Atwater Memorial Library, presents a story hour for preschoolers. The theme is “Spring”. This event will include a craft and refreshments. The contact person for this event is Ginny at 203-488-8259.

It will take place on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Atwater Memorial Library Community Room, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the subject will be Spring.

The event is free and open to the public.

SMOKE DETECTOR RECALL

Kidde Recalls Dual Sensor Smoke Alarm Due to Potential Safety Risk

Brand Name, Model of Affected Product: Kidde Dual Sensor (Photoelectric and Ionization) Smoke Alarms – Models PI2010 and PI9010. **Hazard:** A yellow protective cap in limited instances may have been left on one of the two smoke sensors in affected products during the manufacturing process, which could compromise the smoke alarms’ ability to detect smoke. **Remedy:** Replace affected smoke alarms that contain the yellow protective cap.

For more information <http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/>

Any Smoke Detector issued by North Branford Fire Department is NOT subject to this recall. Any questions call 203-484-6016.