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Check out the four page pullout on the progress of the new NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL!



Spring Walk With the North Branford Land Conservation Trust

Join the NBLCT on Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 9:30 to 11:30 am for a family friendly hike at the Harrison Farm Preserve. While walking the red, white, blue, and yellow trails, hear stories about the history of the land; see a mature forest, a vernal pool, and some recently built animal habitat. See the forest as it gets ready for Spring. Meet by 9:15 at the trail sign at 95 North St. Park on the cul-de-sac at the end of North St. Rain date Sunday. Masks are required. As there is a limit of 15 walkers, pre-registration is APPRECIATED.

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.

St. Patrick's Day March 17th

"May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.*

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Matt Chamberlain talks about Life in Professional Baseball



Matt Chamberlain graduated in 2016 from North Branford High School. He was a three sport captain and all-star but baseball was his passion and his strength. Not stymied by a pandemic which took away his senior season as well as his first season in the minors, Matt is now in Jupiter, Florida playing minor league baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals. Matt has agreed to write a column for the Totoket Times letting his hometown friends and family

know what is going on. He is pictured here with his high school coach Billy Mitchell.

Not even a week into moving to Florida and Coach Mentone reaches out to me with a million dollar idea in the middle of the night. So this means I don't have to answer all of my parents questions now, right? Just kidding. Love you, Mom.

I guess I will start by saying driving to Florida alone was a huge mistake. Twenty hours of highway averaging about 75 mph with no traffic and no one to talk to. You better have a good playlist or an interesting audiobook. Or better yet, one of each. I had to stop about every two hours for bathroom breaks or to stretch my legs which didn't help the timing of it all. I would start at about 7 am and drive until 5 pm both days. Each state had less and less snow on the ground, which was reassuring considering North Branford was covered in about 2 feet before I left.

Once you hit southern South Carolina, you run into the occasional palm tree and start to become anxious to feel that warm southern air. The worst part of the trip has to be Florida itself. The Cardinals are based out of Jupiter which is just an hour north of Miami. You realize about two hours through Florida how long the state actually is. It's not like the hour drive straight up I-91 from New haven to Springfield.

Before I went to my hotel, I had to stop at the field. I can't come this far to not see what all the fuss is about right away. My oh my was it worth it. Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium is for the St Louis Cardinals and the Miami Marlins to share. The area of "Abocoa" is what they call it. It is in the middle of Florida Atlantic University Jupiter campus. Filled with restaurants, shops, and activities for people of all ages. There is a country club golf course bordering one side of the facilities with a high school and public park on the other. Thirteen total fields-six practice fields for each team plus the one stadium where they play the games. Rumor has it they are allowing 25% capacity at the game this spring.

The first 10 days here I have to get tested and quarantine to ensure that I am not bringing any unwanted illnesses into the facilities so it has been pretty boring. I can go for walks, workout outside, throw into a wall, swing at the air, but nothing will beat taking the field. The food is salty down here, everyone drives fast, and the roads are a minimum 3 lanes wide at all times.

The countdown continues, 7 days until I can play baseball again.

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June 25	June 18

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“He Always Wanted a third Term”

Dear Editor,

Lately Biden has decided to join civilization, after he sat at his desk right after he was sworn issuing an all time high of destructive executive orders, among them destroying millions of jobs and businesses by stopping the xl pipeline which has already created a spike in gas prices and heating oil prices.

Of course, this was Barrack Hussein Obama’s plan when he was in office.

Well , he always wanted a third term now he has one. Biden is going around saying America is back and

we are going to build back better. Who is he kidding ? Instead of building better he is building us back.

Back in the hands of our enemies.
He is allowing many illegals into our country without being tested for the Covid while Americans are being told they have to shelter and cannot go back to work and school.

Also, he is planning to give more money to Iran not that the billions Obama gave to them was not enough.

He is not putting America first . We are last on his list. After all he has to take care of China first.

Already he has sent our troops over to Syria . Why? Does he want our young men in another war?

At least we could depend on President Trump to put America first

Most of us know who is running the country now. It definitely in not Biden.

He is just a puppet taking orders from the extreme left with Obama leading the charge to making us a socialist country.

Sincerely
Alice W. Lehr

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

A history of broken promises on state aid



Over the last decade or so, the phrase “broken promise” is one that comes up often when Connecticut residents talk about their state government.

Recently, the state’s House of Representatives took up legislation that included a provision aimed at addressing one of those broken promises—a plan that, perhaps unsurprisingly,

sets the stage for a broken promise in the future.

Legislative Democrats, prodded by Sen. Martin Looney of New Haven, want to change the formula the state uses to calculate how much money it sends to municipalities to help cover lost revenue from properties they can’t tax—those owned and used by the state. The program is called PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes.)

As it stands, municipalities would get \$613 million if the state were to meet its obligation to fully fund PILOT. Instead, they receive roughly \$160 million.

Under the new formula, each municipality would receive at least the same amount of money they’re getting this fiscal year—some would get more. Proponents say it’s welcome news for local officials who at this time of year are building budgets and find uncertainty over how much state aid they’ll receive an impediment to their process.

Sounds good, right? Problem is, there’s no funding source. Maybe borrowing. Could be federal revenue. Maybe tax increases. Or, perhaps a combination.

Despite that, some municipal CEOs signaled support—albeit with a bit of suspicion. After all, the state has yet to make good on sending hundreds of millions of dollars to cities and towns through a separate revenue sharing program adopted in 2015.

The new legislation creates three tiers of PILOT funding based on a municipality’s net grand list per capita. Aside from Bridgeport, which will receive \$5 million due to a delayed revaluation, no communities are named in the document. In figuring the proposal’s impact, state lawmakers relied on estimates based on the new formula. It wouldn’t affect our community all that much. New Haven, though, would be a big winner. The formula would see many communities lose money, only to be made whole by a special “hold harmless” provision issuing supplemental funds.

Given the state’s track record on promises, however, it would be fair for legislators and local officials to fear for the future of that special provision.

Despite the noteworthy ambiguity over the funding source, you might be surprised to learn that the new formula passed through the House by a wide margin. Why? Because it was packaged with two other unrelated concepts: one, a critical bill that would prevent double taxation of thousands of Connecticut residents who are employed by New York and Massachusetts companies yet have worked at home during the pandemic, and another that would take Connecticut off the list of just two state’s that place liens on the homes of individuals who use state assistance.

For me and many of my colleagues, this tactic to help ensure passage of a controversial bill, while not altogether uncommon, is perhaps the biggest broken promise of all. Residents expect—and deserve—a fair and accountable legislative process. What transpired recently failed to meet that standard.

Rep. Vincent Candelora 86th House District
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Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, for the last month the Mrs. and I have been playing back to the future. Frankie’s fiancée needed hip surgery so they both moved in with us following the surgery so she could recuperate. We thought it would be easier for her and we would be better caretakers than he (although he did impress us with some of the services he was able to provide).

Both of them have been on their own since high school and SueAnn and I have become set in our ways. This combination made for an interesting dichotomy.

At Ana’s (Frank’s fiancée) expense we were lucky to share several milestones with them that we would otherwise have heard from a phone call. Frank successfully completed his CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) program which consisted of passing three tests over a three year period. He aced them all on the first shot and although I am clueless in this area, I am told this is a great accomplishment.

Ana, although on leave from her job received a promotion. It’s ironic, whenever I even took a vacation from my job I often did not have one when I returned.

The final triduum of good news was that Frank has accepted a new job in Miami. Yes I said Miami. We have now spent the better part of a month convincing ourselves that it’s only another two hours on the plane as opposed to the car and ride to New York.

Although they both look a little nervous, to see the excitement in their eyes made us very happy to personally share it with them. We celebrated several times with special home cooked meals as well as the Modern, Sally’s Pepe’s pizza challenge. We had a clear cut winner but I will leave it at that as I am not a food critic (although going by my size I probably could be). We had a good time enjoying our family as adults not children. Now that SueAnn and I are sort of retired, I think there will be some/many trips to Miami. After all, “La Famiglia E Tutto.

During this time, I also got the first leg of my vaccine and my six month blood tests and weight reports were much better than previous results. I was starting to feel pretty good and helping my son and future daughter in law made me feel useful again.

As all this was going on I had a brainstorm one evening in one of my bathroom trips. Matt Chamberlain, a kid I had the honor of coaching in high school, is playing for a minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Matt was a three sport captain at North Branford High School who graduated in 2016. I thought it would be a great idea to have him write a regular column about his adventures in the world of professional sports. Matt started his first column by referring to me as coach Mantone. Imagine, I was part of his high school baseball coaching staff for years and he didn’t know my name is Mentone. So much for feeling proud about my self worth.

Well take care, I’ll see you soon. Don’t worry about me getting a big head without you and dad around to put me in my place. The people around here will keep me humble.

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The Editor

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NORTH BRANFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PERIOD II HONORS

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Albrecht, Noelle
Allen, Noah Patrick
Amendola, Ashley
Anderson, Kyle Walter
Aneiro, Christina
Ardito, Lily Evangeline
Artaiz, Mercedes Marie
Cahill, Olivia
Chopus, Justin Blake
Colantonio, Cassidy
Cosgrove, Jason Daniel
D’Albero, Matthew
Danner, Nathan Thomas
DeLucia, Ryan Anthony
Dion, Gabrielle Marie
Durkin, Kaleigh Rae
Esposito, Benjamin
Esposito, Shane
Falcioni, Alexa Jai
Ferraro, Samantha
Frost, Kevin
Galasso, Gregory
Graver, Kara
Hannan, Catherine
Higgins, Joshua Francis
Hills, Adriana Marie
Kamienski, Daytona
Krebs, Marley Mae
Lamot, Joanna
Mann, Julia Rose
Manske, Griffin
McCullough, Giana
McMillen, Erin Shea
Melillo, Karma Angel
Melillo, Samantha
Mercuriano, Edmund
Montesanto, John Paul

Nesto, Juliana Marie
Nuzzo, Megan
Onofrio, Julianna
Ozoria, Arianna May
Patel, Preet Chirag
Pitcher, Madison
Riggione, Michael
Schmidt, Alivia Gina
Segui, Gioia Cipriana
Spanier, Sofia Bean
VanDerMaelen, Sophia
Vongher, Miles

Grade 7 High Honors

Aiken, Bree Addyson
Apuzzo, Joseph Frank
Beecher, Zachary Scott
Bliven, Alyssa Jean
Bliven, Gary Taylor
Brustman, Leah Abigail
Carbone, Santino
Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Chase
Cioffi-Smith, Riley
Connelly, Tyler John
Crane, Abigail Keep
Cucchiarelli, Jack
DePino, Payton Hope
Evans, Ariana Ann
Falcigno, Nico Matteo
Falconi, Jair Alexander
Gage, Skylar Lynn
Haeckel, Jason Edward
Heffernan, Tyler John
Intravia, Luca
Kuczynski, Madison
Lacroix, Cameron
Landino, Luca Joseph
Longo, Brandon John

Marino, Alyssa Charle
Nastri, Jamie Love
O’Brien, Charles
Papa, Samantha Marie
Pienkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob Logan
Riordan, Zachary
Ryszczyk, Ava Diana
Saulino, Luca Aniello
Schreiner, Jakub
Sherman, Aiden Heath
Sigel, Anthony Joseph
Traill, Gavin Ian
Venturini, Leo Patrick
Vitarisi, Lauren
Westefeld, John David

Grade 6 High Honors

Anderson, Matteo
Angiollo, Luca
Aucapina, Isabella
Blotney, Cole Hunter
Brown, William Everett
Carbone, Armani
Chasanoff, Ella Rose
Dalip, Taylor Nicolette
Dolzani, Steven
Dowson, Marina
Esposito, Mason
Famiglietti, Gabriela
Francisco, Connor
Frost, Adrienne Olivia
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden
Gauvin, Cameron
Gierla, Gavin
Gildersleeve, Daerik
Graham, James
Guerrero, Gabriel
Harper, Mia

Jacobs, Jonathan
Jerew, Abigail Luz
Johnson, Samantha
Keil, Brianna Rae
Kleckner, Kayla Anne
Kwalek, Mia Rose
LeBeau, Autumn Rae
LeMay, Peyton
Macauley, Kate Joan
Magazzi, Marcus
Maher, Lillian
Martone, Alia
McCullough, Joseph
Meizies, Tyler James
Miller, Craig Clyde
Montero, Justin Joel
Page, Ava Leigh
Paolini, Natalia Faith
Park, Adam Jong
Patel, Vedi Nilesh
Pearson, Luciano
Pereira, Alexander
Peterson, Leif
Plano, Matteo
Podzikowski, Siena
Ramage, Mae
Sharkey, Robert Jude
Sheridan, Evan
Sigal, Alexandra
Spinelli, Valentina
Stakaj, Daniella
Stewart, Savanah Rae
Trudeau, Camden Paul
Weld, Aubrey Drew
Wojciechowski, Emma
Wright, Carly Evaline
Yarnall, Dylan Parker
Zulawski, Katheryn

Grade 8 Honors

Brezicki, Adrianna
Dievert, Larson
Forslund, Brianna
Giardina, Jayden
Godoy, Noah Tomas
Hannan, Mary Susan
Hoskins, Mallory
Izzo, Tanner James
Kundrath, Kyle Mark
Monde, Jack Robert
O’Connor, Jason
Onofrio, Isabella
Papa, Anthony
Sadlon, Ana Carol
Salani-Bathija,
SameerScalia,
Matthew Ryan
Sinski, Kyla Lynn
Tagliatela Aiden
Torok, Caitlin Mary
Tropiano, Dante Gianni
Brittell, Avery
Grade 7 Honors
Brockett, Jack
Budd, Michael
Burke, Madelyn
Cantore, Taylor
DeAngelo, Tyler
DeFelice, Madelyn
DiStefano, Madison
Foley, Caden Joseph
Fowles, Kaelyn Jean
Fries, Alana Danielle
Gage, Sebastian
Gildersleeve, Damien
Goodmaster, Michael
Gwiazda, Austin

Klouman, Matthew
Leone, Gavin Philip
Ludington, Sofia
Mansi, Giavana
Navarrete, Cassidy
Page, Alden Patrick
Sarenas, Benjamin
Savo, Myrissa Avery
Tang, Meghan
Urbina, Mateo

Grade 6 Honors

Ahmed, Afran
Annunziato, Lorenzo
Balliu, Jayden
Biehler, Aiden Louis
Cameron, Peyton
Duffy, Alana Rose
Duggan, Finn Pdraig
Harper, Mallory James
Havens, Myles
Humphries, Sophia
Ianniello, William
Kundrath, Brianna
Landau, Brian
Martin, Jake Tyler
Martone, Santino
Meneo, Makayla
Pinette, Eliza Christine
Rish, Aesop Orion
Romano, Emmarose
Rosado, Aliyah Marie
Salvati, Nicolas
Seward, Madelynn
Trammel, Cole
Troche, Gian Josee
Wang, Natalee
Wright, Christian

Scholarship Applications
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Applications for the NBSA scholarship awards can usually be picked up at the Atwater and Smith Libraries in town. This year because of covid the libraries may not be open. If they are not open please call Lars Selander at (203) 483-1311 and leave your name and mailing address and we will mail you an application. These awards are for students who live in town and graduating from high schools in surrounding towns as well as in town. Your high school 3 1/2 transcript must accompany your completed application. Applications must be returned by April 1st.

North Branford Public Schools
Food Service Department

This is a reminder that as of October 9, 2020, the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) extended its offer for all students to receive free breakfast and lunch meals for the entire 2020-2021 school year. This is an unprecedented action, and its goal is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain nutritious meals during the nation’s struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our food service department continues to provide exceptional meals while following state and federal nutritional guidelines. Please take advantage of this opportunity being offered during this current school year by the USDA which provides ALL students with free lunch. For those students who are remote, a family member may pick up the free meals at the North Branford Intermediate School and Totoket Valley Elementary School from 10:30 a.m- 11:30 a.m. daily.

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History of the Project

The leadership of the Town of North Branford commissioned QA+M Architecture to study the North Branford high school building and site with the goal of transforming the existing facility into a 21st Century future-ready facility that would prepare students to succeed in a global market. The project team consisting of the Ad Hoc Committee, Board of Education, high school administrators, teachers and staff, worked with QA+M Architecture to establish a program that reinforced both higher education and career technical pathways.

QA+M's goal is to create an environment that inspires North Branford High School students to excel and provides the faculty spaces that facilitate teaching and learning. Natural light, enhanced ventilation, thermal comfort, and acoustical isolation complemented with a safe and secure facility are a few of the design imperatives embodied in the building. Sustainable building and site strategies are utilized throughout the grades 6 through 12 campus that creates appropriate indoor and outdoor learning zones to be enjoyed by students and educators and may also be shared with the entire community.

Multiple Options Considered

The project team considered several design concepts that were developed and evaluated for program optimization, enhanced and flexible learning opportunities, schedule, and cost. Ultimately the Town leadership and the community at-large coalesced around a new facility that will provide students with the greatest opportunity for success.

New Facility Constructed Overlapping the Existing High School Footprint

To attain the best configuration and meet the program and educational objectives, a new facility built in multiple phases has been designed adjacent to the existing Performing Arts Facility. The new facility is "right sized" for the forecasted student enrollment yet allows for future expansion should it be necessary. Disruption to teaching and learning will be minimal.

Building Concept

Building imagery is intentionally traditional, reminiscent of the agricultural and mill buildings from the Town's history. Conceptually, the form calls for two efficient, linear buildings linked by a connector and bent to accommodate the site and the environmentally sensitive wetlands.

Specialty program spaces such as art and science project from the linear academic buildings and are emphasized by a change in exterior faced materials. Unique academic classrooms, the media center, cafeteria, gymnasium, and fitness center are similarly identified.

The media center and cafeteria are two-story vibrant, modern, sunlit spaces adjacent to the main entrances and visually linked across student corridors on the first and second floor with access for community use. The fitness center sits on the second floor overlooking an ample gymnasium facility with easy access for the community via the athletic center entrance.

Media Center and Café

This double volume space will be the hub of the school and is designed to promote interaction between faculty and students and to stimulate innovative and creative learning both in individual and group settings. The furniture selections will offer much flexibility. The media center and café serve as a junction to access multiple places in the school, with the most exciting feature being the connectivity with the second floor academic corridor where one can look down into both spaces from either side of the passageway. The outdoor classroom space can be seen on the rendering, just beyond the windows.

Gymnasium

The gym will accommodate 650 people and will have two full size courts. The fitness center will overlook the gym.

Science Program

Plans call for science program classrooms designed for optimization and collaboration.

Creating Protected Outdoor Spaces

Canopies are furnished to identify protected entrances for students, staff, and visitors.

Patios are planned for protected dining and outdoor classrooms, allowing students to gather, relax, and learn while safely enjoying sunlight and fresh air. Green roofs and access to wetlands and meadows are offered for environmental education and outdoor learning. A generous plaza at the gymnasium entrance is provided to accommodate the hosting of large athletic and community events.

Community Use

The new high school will continue to be utilized as a community asset with the gymnasium, fitness center, and other assembly spaces available to the community for afterhours use. The building has been designed to maintain a separation between the community and academic spaces; appropriate security measures have been integrated into the design. To enhance the sense of school spirit as well as expressing the Town's spirit, an opportunity exists at the athletic facility to hosts events that welcome many visitors.

Schedule

Construction is scheduled to start this Summer 2021 with the initial demolition of a part of the existing school where the three-story academic building will be constructed with occupancy for the Fall semester of 2022. The second phase comprised of the gymnasium, fitness center and, career technology programs will be completed by the summer of 2023 with occupancy for the Fall Semester of 2023. The remaining site work, parking, fields, and landscape for the new school will be completed by the spring of 2024.

OUTSIDE VIEWS

Court Yard Outdoor Dining



Community Entrance



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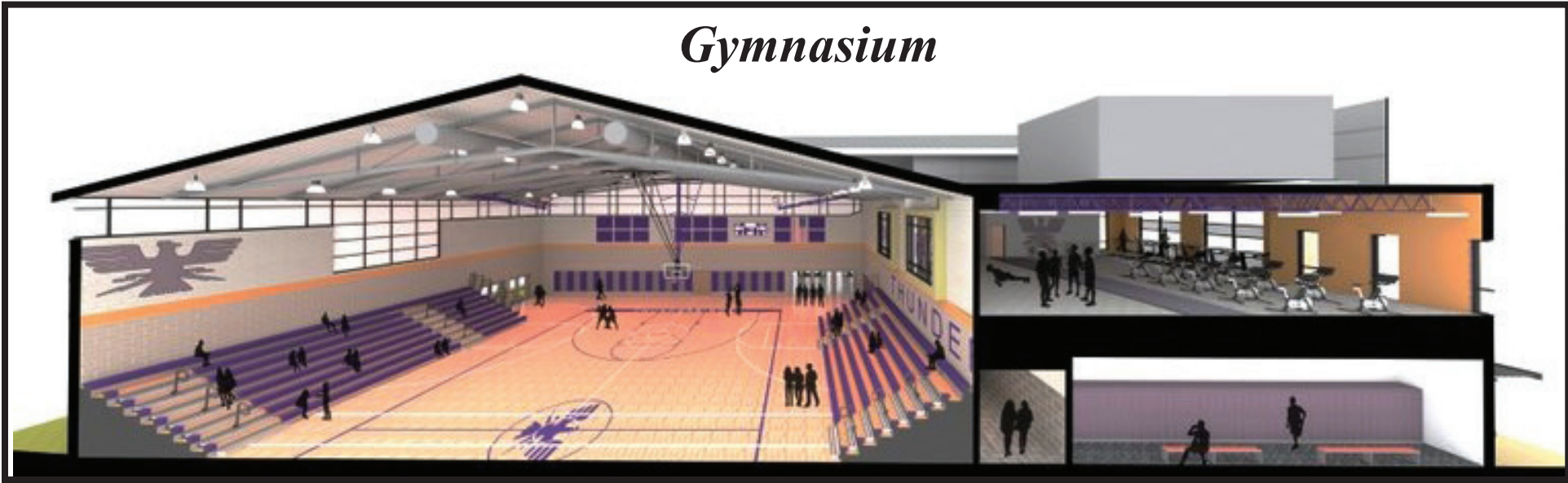


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Media Center

Gymnasium



Second Floor Fitness



Academic Building



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NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERIOD II HONORS

GRADE 12
High Honors

Amendola, Ashlee
Anastasio, Sophie
Appicelli, Allie
Archer, Sachin
Barile, Alyssa
Becker, Nadia
Brezicki, Brianna
Burwell, Mackenzie
Butler, Carly
Cacopardo, Adrianna
Colavolpe, Bella
Coyne, Connor
D’Aversa, Shawn
DeLoughery, Mia
DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Felicia
Dow, Catherine
Evans, Summer
Fabish, Paige
Fiondella, Ariana
Fortier, Isabelle
Frandsen, Justin
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Iuteri, Brianna
Jacobson, Kelli
Jassil, Karina
Karsmarski, Marlena
Kendall, Riley
LeMere, Alex
Manner, Kaila
McCormack, Emily
Melillo, Landon
Nero, Alyssa
Nuzzo, Amanda
O’Connor, Jeffrey
O’Neil, Kylie
Ouellet, Sophia
Piercey, Erica
Podoloff, Jake
Preiss, Mallory
Provencher, Hunter
Raymond, Ava
Rice, Leslie
Riggione, Christina
Sabetta, Ethan
Santiago, Ilyanna
Sarenas, Elizabeth
Shadman, Caroline

Sorrell, Alexis
Stoner, Aidan
Valentino, Alessia
Vecchio, Krista

GRADE 11
High Honors

Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Camejo, Genesis
Cavalier, Christopher
Chittenden, Zachary
Chopus, Jake
Christiano, Jonathan
Danner, Jacob
Esposito, Joseph
Gomez, Nichole
Iuteri, Mila
Langlan, Charles
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan
Levine, Taylor
Marcarelli, Lexi
Melillo, Kate
Norman, Delaney
Nuzzo, Ryan
Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pinto, Gabriella
Reynolds, Benjamin
Ricardo, Marissa
Rivera, Sheyenne
Rossicone, Jalen
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Saldutti, Jake
Senerchia, Hanna
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna
Virginelli, Michael
Yarnall, Paige

GRADE 10
High Honors

Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella
Beardsley, Alyssa
Betzner, Bridget
Bogardus, Grant
Brindisi, Dradon
Bureau, Shelby
Burwell, Dylan
Candelora, Ava
Carroll, Spencer

Chasanoff, Ryan
Cotton, Alexa
Cucchiarelli, Patrick
D’Amico, Cecelia
Defaranos, Elias
DeSisto, Nicolas
Falcioni, Nico
Gallagher, Stephanie
Gambardella, Ava
Gambardella, Sophie
Garrett, Cameron
Heffernan, Carolyn
Higgins, Nathan
Ianniello, Alexandra
Johnson, Charles
Juniver, Tessa
Kamienski, Payton
Katz, Avery
Mansi, Heather
Martone, Isabella
Molleur, Anastasia
Park, Mia
Raymond, Maiah
Riordan, Mea
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Schmidt, Gabriella
Serenon, Tyler
Shadman, Alexander
Sorrell, Jaiden
Teodoro, Alexa
Tranquilli, Nathan
Ulak, Aaron
Vincent, Vada

GRADE 9
High Honors

Aguiar, Evyn
Augur, Collin
Barrett, Logan
Blomster, Luke
Cappetta, Aidan
Carusone, Christiana
Criscuolo, Keana
DePino, Lucian
Dodge, Lauren
Jacobs, Joseph
LeBeau, Patrick
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack
Miller, Tiffany
Mone, Patricia
Mullins, Kiley
Nuzzo, Giana
Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay

Peterson, Lars
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Sigal, Elizabeth
Yacono, Mia

GRADE 12 HONORS

Aguiar, McKayla
Armin, Jessica
Brown, Dylan
Campagna, Luke
Canelli, Jadon
Carofano, Gabriella
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
Didiano, Giacomo
DiMeo, Dylan
Duffy, Dylan
Dunphy, Kyle
Esposito, Alena
Graver, Summer
Herassme, Christopher
Holzer, Trevor
Hughes, Zoe
Laucella, Kelsey
Leete, Conor
Maroulis, Vasilios
Miller, Zoe
Mullen, Patrick
Nuterangelo, Dominic
Nuzzo, Amanda
O’Brien, Jamison
Olsen, Emily
Raffone, Anthony

Selitto, Andrew
Serenon, Emma
Stanford, Jason
Sullivan, Leigha
Tranquilli, Nicholas

GRADE 11 HONORS

Ackerman, Lauren
Adamczyk, Lauren
Aguiar, Sarena
Anderson, Ryan
Brustman, Nolan
Bunosso, Isabella
Burke, Saoirse
Caso, Maissa
DePino, Gianna
DeSena, Dane
Ford, Zechariah
Hills, Isabella
Jarmie, Aubrey
Monde, Ryan
Nye, Morgan
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Pollock, Catherine
Proestakis, Nikolas
Pujols, Cynthia
Sorrentino, Liam
Stakaj, Franceska
Teodosio, Demetrios
Toto, Olivia
Vaspasiano, Ryan
Waldron, Cailey
Yacono, Emma

GRADE 10 HONORS

Aiken, Aislinn
Ananiatis, Dayna
Capasso, Chelsey
Collins, Jason
Dolzani, Robert
Esposito, Alexander
Farrell, Ally
Geist, Aidan
Girardi, Drew
Herassme, Ryan
Hoskins, Nathaniel
Izzo, Eric
Johnson, Alec
Lacroix, Molly
Langelo, Dominick
Luciano, Eduardo
Manning, Ashley
McIntyre, Cameron
Meehan, Jack
Nero, Antonio
Onofrio, John
Podoloff, Pete
Powell, Carly
Provencher, Mason
Rispoli, Jake
Serrano, Jeramy
Sim, Paulynna
Stegina, Benjamin
Wessoleck, Christin
Wray, Dana

GRADE 9 HONORS

Brustman, James
Carofano, Joseph
Carter, Gianna
Cepeda, Destiny
D’Aria, Samantha
Dion, Joshua
Ferrucci, Te’a
Gott, Samuel
Herassme, Joelle
Karpel, Brooke
Lin, Sabrina
Lucibello, Morgan
O’Brien, John
O’Brien, Mikella
Pinette, Leah
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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; 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

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us!

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). St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry (MACM) Network, along with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum. Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-in Charge at St. Andrew’s. Due to the COVID pandemic, services are currently held on-line via Zoom, and may also be viewed on St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT Facebook page. St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford, located on the lower level of the church’s parish hall. And, the Community Dining Room utilizes our kitchen and parish hall to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound in Northford and North Branford. These are 2 vital community resources serving families in need in our community. 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 located in the church parking lot. Like us on Facebook: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT. For more information contact Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; or MACM Network office, 860-345-0058; or Rev.Spinks, 860-304-5266.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

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. 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.



Flower Plant Sale to Benefit the 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 2-3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 4, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

Masks and social distancing will be required for everyone’s safety. 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. Email address: northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

Lenten Walk-The Way of the Cross

Join us as we pray, reflect and walk *The Way of the Cross* at All Saint Cemetery at 3:00 pm (the hour of Mercy) beginning every other Tuesday during Lent. Mark your calendar for the following dates:

, March 16th, March 30th

All are welcome to meet by the Mausoleum main entrance located at 700 Middletown Ave. CDC guidelines safe distancing will be followed. Please dress accordingly for the weather. If inclement weather, we will cancel. Please check our website often for scheduling updates or call our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara at 203 780-8418 or email her: bgode@ccacem.org.

North Branford Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

1680 Foxon Road North Branford Ct

March 10 – Taize Service at 7pm live streamed on Face book

March 24 – Taize Service at 7pm live streamed on Face book

March 28 – Palm Sunday at 10am will be an outdoor service

April 1 – Maundy Thursday at 7pm in church service

April 3 – Decoration of the Cross please bring cut flowers for our outdoor decorating of the flower cross from 9am until noon.

April 4 – 9am Outdoor “mini” Easter Service and 10am Indoor Easter Sunday Service

DEATH NOTICE



Amalia L. Noth Zaehringer, 87, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 14th, 2021 at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Karl Zaehringer. Amalia was born in Niederrotweil, Germany on May 4, 1933 and was the daughter of the late Hermann and Anna Hoffschneider Noth. She had worked as a private housekeeper and cook. Amalia was a member of the Harugari Singing Society for over 50 years and sang in the choir at St.

Monica’s Church for over 25 years. She loved gardening, bird watching, sewing and singing. Her cooking and baking were enjoyed by family & friends. Mother of Barbara Z. Pokora and Peter K. Zaehringer (fiancé MaryEllen Dilella). Grandmother of Mary E. Pokora. Sister of Brigitte Lang and Hanneiore Ulmann (Claude).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harugari Singing Society, 66 Highland Street, West Haven, CT 06516 or the CT Hospice, Inc., 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. www.northhavenfuneral.com

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MULTI-SPORTTOTS

Ages 2 - 5 - STW Community Center

Saturday, March 27 - May 1

Rookies 2-3 yrs: 10-10:45 a.m.

All-Stars 4-5 yrs: 11-11:45 a.m.

\$70 res/ \$75 nr



Instructor: SuperTots Sports Academy

Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This baseball and basketball class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.

SOCCERTOTS

Ages 2 - 5 - STW Community Center

Tuesday, March 23 - April 13

Cubs 2-3 yrs: 4-4:45 p.m.

Bears 4-5 yrs: 5-5:45 p.m.

\$70 res/ \$75 nr



Instructor: SuperTots Sports Academy

SoccerTots is our flagship program! These soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun, fun, fun! Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.

SAVE THE DATE For The Bunny Trail!

Saturday, March 27th, 10:00—12:00pm

This drive-thru event is co-sponsored by the North Branford Rotary Club and North Branford Parks and Recreation



Get EGG-cited for a Drive-thru event at the STW Community Center parking lot! Stop along the trail and pick up Easter treats and more from the comfort of your car!

Register how many children will be in your vehicle at www.nbrecreation.com - *Registration Required*

COOKIE DECORATING

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\$25/kit

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Pick up St. Patrick's kits on
March 11th & 12th.
Between 9:00am—4:00pm at STW
**All orders need to be placed
by March 8th.**

Pick up Easter kits on April 1st.
Between 9:00am—4:00pm at STW
**All orders need to be placed
by March 29th**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 17th

\$5.00 per person

Pick up from 12-1pm

Kindly register by March 8th

Menu Includes:

Ol' Fashion Corned Beef

Cabbage

Potatoes / Carrots

Irish Soda Bread

Dessert:

Pistachio Cupcakes



ZOOM BINGO!

Friday March 12th & 26th 10:00am - FREE

Please register at nbrecration.com
we will send the link and bingo cards.

LAKE GALLIARD SPRING WALK

Friday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the end of Great Hill Rd.

Opposite RT 139 for a guided lake walk.

\$5/per person—Register online nbrecration.com

VIRTUAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 17 - \$15

Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades



St Patrick's Day Celebration!

Ages 3-4, 10:00-10:30am

A little art, a little science and a little sensory mixed into one class to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A Zoom link and materials list will be provided for you to gather supplies prior to class.



Leprechaun Science

Ages 5-8, 4:30 -5:00pm

Children create and investigate their own clouds, rainbow paper and a special Leprechaun potion eruption! A Zoom link and materials list will be provided for you to gather supplies prior to class.

Mary's Culinary Classes

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

Ages 5-14

STW Community Center • Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

March 16, 2021

Leprechaun Traps & Chocolate Mint Trifles

March 23, 2021

April Fools Trick Foods:

Cookie Hamburgers & Meatloaf Cupcakes

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Recycling News

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 6, 2021 9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Please do not leave e-waste (including TVs, computers, printers) curbside; these items will not get picked up!

*****Mattress and Box Spring collection & recycling*****

Drop off your old mattresses and box springs at **no charge**; items should not be wet or excessively soiled.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane tanks* and batteries (rechargeable and alkaline).
Helium tanks no longer accepted.

Propane Tank Fees*	
1 lb (camping), 5 lb, 20 lb (std gas grill)	\$2
10 lb	\$5
30 lb	\$8
40 lb	\$10

All Items for drop off need to be accessible in vehicle trunk or truck bed.
Please remain in vehicle while at the recycling event.
Keep safe distance between vehicles.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents to bring electronics for recycling.

Located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury; no charge.

Hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call (203)286-5757 or visit their website: take2recycle.com

Simple Recycling Pink Bag Weekly Curbside Collection Will End on April 6, 2021

**Residents must call and schedule curbside pickups at
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or email Info@SimpleRecycling.com now through end date

Backyard Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale

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conserve water**

Reduce Contamination and Wishecycling

Help our town reduce the contamination of our recycling to avoid fines!

- Do not mix designated recyclables with trash
- Leave metal caps and lids on glass jars and bottles
- Empty and rinse all containers
- Do not shred, box, bag or bundle recyclables
- **Reduce** the single-use items you bring into your home and try to reuse or donate them where they can be used.
- Learn what can and cannot be recycled.

If in doubt, **“check before you chuck”** using the **RecycleCT Wizard: <https://www.recyclect.com>**

Type in the name of an item to learn how to recycle or dispose of it properly.

Please put these common non-recyclable items in the trash:
aerosol containers (deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)foil tops from yogurt containers,single-use coffee containers, water filters

**Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly)
Next pickup is week of April 19, 2021
Please do not place curbside until that week**