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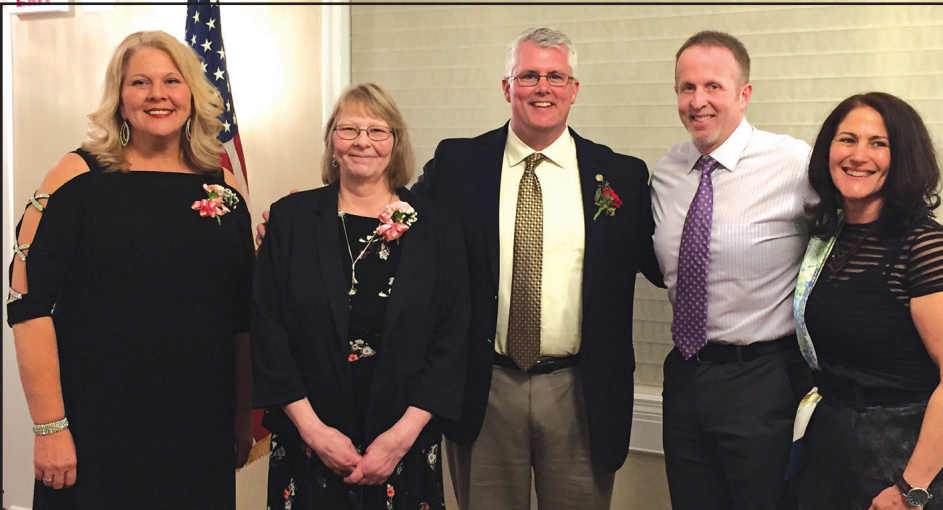
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## Alan Davis Remembered as Perpetual Star

Alan Davis was remembered as a perpetual Shining Star as the North Branford Education Foundation recently held the Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner. The dinner and awards were renamed last year after the sudden death of the long time teacher and principal.

The purpos of the dinner is to recognize outstanding community members as well as raise funds for grants used by teachers to benefit our students.

Pictured above is the class of 2019 from left to right: Liz Hoskins, Fran Murphy Neil Lebeau, Mike Katz Jr. and Liz Caplan

## Tractor Pull Saturday, April 13th.

Well winter is past and it is time for tractor pulls at Augur farm, 298 Forest Road Northford.

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## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

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**When:** Saturday, April 13, 2019  
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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Lieutenant Governor is honoring veterans of the Vietnam War that served from 1965 through 1975. If you reside in North Branford, please contact the North Branford Town Clerk's Office at 203-484-6015 by May 17, 2019.

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Process Is As Important As Substance



Rules are in place for a reason, and no one should have the ability to unilaterally ignore them, regardless of title. In the Connecticut General Assembly, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure is used as a set of rules to maintain order and ensure a smooth process. It is expected that all members adhere to these rules; however, some legislators have blatantly violated these legislative.

Specifically, one set of rules explains that only nine senators will be seated as voting members of the Transportation Committee. But when the Transportation Committee convened on March 20 to debate and vote on thirty-two bills including three that would begin the process for implementing tolls on Connecticut highways, I noticed the committee was constituted with ten senators.

On Tuesday, March 26, I wrote a letter to legislative leaders, bringing to light that there is currently one too many state senators on the legislature's Transportation Committee, and I also asked that they correct this violation by removing a senator from the Transportation Committee. After receiving a response excusing the violation by stating that this is how we've always done it, I brought up the matter again during the legislative session on Wednesday, March 27, when I addressed the House of Representatives. The response I got back this time indicated that House leadership will take this finding seriously, and urge the Senate Leader to uphold the Joint Rules and remove one senator.

On a separate occasion earlier this month, I publicly expressed concern over leaders in the house proposing a new concept eliminating a religious exemption on vaccines after the deadline for proposing bills had passed. I took this stance because the public must be heard before removing rights and privileges from our statutes, and our rules are designed to safeguard from these abuses. But yet our majority leader continues to take the actions they thought were best, while trying to circumvent the legislative process. This issue, however, points to a growing concern of the erosion of process bringing uncertainty to the public and setting a climate of arbitrary and capriciousness.

Why do I continue to raise these procedural issues? Because when our process erodes so does the public's confidence in government. Five years ago, the legislature passed a budget imposing a unitary tax and raising the digital download tax to 6.35%. These two taxes never received a public hearing and, as a result, the legislature failed to realize the real impact. General Electric left the state, and Aetna, along with many other insurance companies threatened to leave. The legislature scrambled eight weeks later

to repeal these taxes. History seems to be repeating itself, but I am hopeful enough legislators will remember and do the right thing.



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## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, my favorite time of year is upon us. I always loved the Spring. It always meant Yankee baseball on the radio and weeks in church preparing for Easter. With Easter, came the great smells of Easter meals. Mom wasn't much of a baker (probably because the oven never worked for anything more than to serve as a bread box, and baking ingredients weren't cheap) but the house was fresh with the windows open and the aroma of ham, artichokes, stuffed mushrooms and a sauce simmering on the stove.

It's different now, as it will be years from now for our kids and grandchildren. Instead of the Yankees the radio, we have television, and I am fortunate enough to still be involved as a high school coach helping out at North Branford. The knee and back are shot but I arrogantly still think I know more than most and I still think I am helping. The kids are great and I am now at the point where I know I do this more for me than for them. Although I can't get out there and physically demonstrate, there is more to life than the physical part of the game and I hope that is what I am helping them with. Despite the pain and the time it takes, I am still having fun and so far we are winning which makes it more fun.

The Easter season was always the best. The preparations not only for the family to get together but for us to reflect and re-dedicate ourselves to Christ. We would spend almost every day of Lent with a visit to church preparing for the coming of Christ on the Resurrection day. There were Stations of the Cross, praying the daily Rosary, reconciliation and penance.

I was also one of the altar boys for all the services which meant I got to help with preparing the palms for Palm Sunday, stripping the altar for, Good Friday and decorating that same altar for the excitement of the ceremonies for the Easter Vigil and Sunday services.

Holy Thursday began with the service and procession at St. Anthony Church. We would then spend an hour of prayer and then take the journey to visit five Churches. Back then churches stayed open all night for prayer, with ushers greeting you at the door and making sure there were no problems.

We would save our pennies for months so we could make the donation for the poor and light our candles and say some prayers. We would walk first to St. Michael, then Sacred Heart, then St. Peter's on Kimberly Ave. and St. John's on Davenport Avenue, before returning to Saint Anthony. A quick google check has that as 7 miles). Even those rare occasions when we had a car, mom would make us walk and tell us to offer the sacrifice up to God. I wasn't carrying a cross or anything but it was still a haul for husky pre-teen kid whose bed time was normally 8:00.

Friday there would definitely be no meat and no eating between meals. We would have the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 and the Veneration of the Cross with the procession of Gesu Morto (the dead Jesus) at 7:00. There was no organ but a cappella singing was allowed. It was very solemn and some more time to reflect on doing things for others and working to be a better person.

Saturday, we would get to church early and decorate the entire church with flowers and white linens to get ready for the Vigil Mass which celebrated the Resurrection of Christ. There were processions, candles, incense and joyful music which I later became a part of when my voice changed. We would celebrate as though it was a special birthday party and then Sunday we would all go to Aunt Tess's house. Her ten, plus their dates and wives and our five and anyone else who had no place to go that Sunday. There were Easter egg hunts in the yard, pizzagaina, wheat pies, rice pies, cream pies, lasagna, baseball and anything else you could think of. Maybe that type of celebrating is why we are all overweight and diabetic.

Now things have changed. There's very little ceremony and a great number of people I know don't even make one of the services. Parents are too busy and kids are even busier. It's a poor excuse and in my old school psychology it's one of the reasons our values, work ethic and passion for life is quickly leaving us.

Well, I'm gonna keep at it and I hope one reader decides to go back and do it again. Happy Easter and I'll see you soon.

### Letters to the editor...

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

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All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

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# NASA

Information is fed to us every day by our federal government. Lately, I’ve noted that one of my most revered sources of scientific fact – NASA – now seems to be faltering in its ability to provide information we can trust.

Back in 2008 NASA told us “in five to 10 years the Arctic will be free of sea ice in summer.” This January the Danish Meteorological Institute published data showing that - since 2005 - the volume of Arctic sea ice has increased by approximately 80 billion cubic meters. Are Danish scientists idiots, did NASA badly bungle this prediction or did they intentionally misguide us? As to Arctic ice, I’ll trust the Danes.

In February NASA claimed that “fire seasons are burning longer” due to global warming. But, at the end of 2018, the National Interagency Fire Center reported that US forest fire burn acreage had declined from 40+ million acres per year in the decade between 1926 and 1936, to less than 10 million acres per year in the last decade. Is burn length more important than burn acreage or is this a convenient twist of fact used to underscore a non-scientific political point?

On Feb. 6, 2019, NASA announced, “melting sea ice is raising sea levels.” We don’t need a science degree to understand this one. The ice melts in our drink, but the level of the liquid doesn’t rise. Sea ice is in the sea/liquid, but NASA tells us that when it melts sea levels rise? Was NASA’s announcement simply badly worded science or intentional misinformation?

NASA produced temperature data graphs in 1999 that differ substantially from those it published in 2016. Its changes conveniently fit the global warming narrative. Was NASA wrong then or are they wrong now?

In 1958 we charged NASA with the study of both earth science and space science. So, it pointed its probes both into space and back at Earth. Then, in the ‘80s, NASA’s primary charge became Earth. It launched 15 earth-science satellites to monitor things like forest fires, rainfall and sea ice. But NASA’s attention to actual science may have dwindled a bit in 2010 when Obama puzzlingly reset it’s primary mandate to: “reach out to the Muslim world ... help them feel good about their historic contribution to science, math and engineering.” Then, in 2013, the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act gave the federal government authority to directly propagandize US citizens, whereupon NASA’s stream of earth science publications has seemingly devolved into the type of politicized hyperbole noted above.

These are but a few examples of NASA’s mingling of fact, disinformation and politics. Has Earth become so politically charged that – to paraphrase Ocasio-Cortez - moral correctness is more important than actual science? Maybe NASA should stick to space stuff. Fortunately we have other scientists and our own common sense to help guide us.

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## “...A Massive Tax Hike...”

Dear editor,

I think it goes without saying that Connecticut residents are well aware of the negative financial impact of the governors, 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, Edward J Boughton

## “...Tolls are not a tax...”

Dear Editor; Tolls are not a tax. Tolls are a user fee. It is no different than when you go to New Haven or Hartford and pay to use a parking meter. You are paying a user fee. We don’t whine about it. We just drop in our coins and pay it.

As far as I’m concerned, it is a welcome thought that all of those people who pass through Connecticut on to somewhere else in New England or New York, will also pay this user fee - finally. Especially those people who pass through without even stopping for food or gas.

In addition, tolls might even curtail the use of our highways for the quick on and off the next exit, that so many of us our guilty of.

Let’s back our Governor. It’s about time we started thinking statistically.

Sincerely, Cecelia Martin

## Writer Explains Focus

To the Editor:

I’d like to thank the Totoket Times readers and Frank Mentone for allowing me to have a dialogue, especially one that gets intelligent response.

If you have been reading my articles, here’s a quick reveal about them. They try to examine issues that aren’t widely recognized, well-known subjects in new light, and prominent peoples’ actions when they haven’t been called to task. That’s why I won’t say much about the Mueller Report, Trump’s hair or health care. But I will: call out the tens of thousands of covert drone bombings Obama ordered through the CIA; point out the puzzling problem of the Green New Deal’s carbon footprint; question the lockstep Corporate Media in light of the 2012 federal pro-propaganda law; spotlight the perplexing fixation on Russian hacking in contrast to China’s more profound spying campaign; question why Obama so swiftly demonized Russia after his “Russian Reset” and being Vlad’s BFF and; the popular trend toward infanticide. I try not to use right-leaning publications as sources to avoid knee-jerk criticisms. For instance: the statistics for Obama’s drone bombings came from CNN news; the Green Footprint used data from a prominent Stanford professor; Snopes has been the source by which I’ve verified facts ranging from Charlottesville to HRC, BHO and Bernie quotes; Bloomberg Business-Week was the source of Chinese spying and other computer information. Those that continue to chew the Corporate Media’s fodder will commonly put other views in ad homonym cross hairs. No matter. Otherwise unseen facts and the questions and answers that flow from them will continue to by my focus.

D. Kirt Westfall 3/30/19

# Recycling News

## SAVE THE DATE

### NORTH BRANFORD’S EARTH DAY EVENT at WALL FIELD

**SATURDAY APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm**  
**(Rain date same time Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>)**

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

If your business promotes eco-friendly products or services (locally or globally)

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For more information please contact:

**Bill Savastano – 203-484-2784**

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**Volunteers Needed:** help place Yard Signs around town for the upcoming Earth Day event.

Meet at the Public Works Garage on Sat 4/13 at 9am to pick up signs & instructions.

For more information call Bill Savastano– 203-484-2784

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## North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Spring: **April 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**

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## North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>

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**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**

## SPRING TEA PARTY

### to send scouts to Summer Camp!



April Showers bring May flowers! Celebrate Spring and the return of warmer weather at our 4th annual Spring Tea Party.

The menu will include: Seasonal Salad, Scones, Tea Sandwiches, Desserts, Black, Green, & Herbal Teas, Coffee.

The event will take place on Saturday April 27, 2019. Seating & serving will be from

12:00 to 4 pm. Reservations requested. Walk-ins accepted. Reservations required for gluten free & vegan.

We will all be there at Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main Street Branford, CT 06405. Suggested Donation: \$15 per person Tickets and Reservations: [teabycrew@gmail.com](mailto:teabycrew@gmail.com) or text/call 203-376-2819 nut free event.

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## Wildflower Walk at Dudley Farm

You are invited to join Lauren Brown, botanist, on April 28th for a Wildflower Walk and Work at The Dudley Farm. We will be looking for early spring wildflowers while pulling up and discarding the invasive garlic-mustard plant. Please note ticks are out.

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**Chocolate Cream Pie \$15.50 - Coconut Custard Pie \$14.50**

**Chocolate Lemon Pie \$14.50 - Lemon Merinque Pie \$15.50**

### DESSERTS

**Assorted Mini Cannoli Platter** - 2 Dozen of Pastry Fusions' handmade mini cannoli shells and cannoli cream. \$30 includes chocolate dipped and regular cannoli shells.

### Assorted Italian Pastries

#### Breads

**Italian Sweet Bread** with a sugar frosting \$10.00

**Cheese Babka \$12.00 Cinnamon Babka \$10.00**

**Snowflake Dinner Rolls \$5.25/doz**

#### Assorted Stuffed Breads:

**Antipasta - \$12.50. Brrese \$12.50**

**Pepperoni & Cheese, Spinach & Cheese, Eggplant Parmesan or The Veggie. \$11.50 Each**

Full Stuffed bread menu is also available to order.

**To ensure availability, please place all orders by Thursday April 18th.**

#### • Holiday Hours:

Friday, April 19th, 7:00 - 5:00. Saturday, April 20th 8:00 - 3:00  
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, April 21st, 22nd & 23rd Closed

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Ashley Stephens was named to the Dean’s List at UCONN. She was also recognized with the New England Scholar Award.  
Zachary Jamieson was named to the Dean’s List at Western New England University.  
Stephanie Hogan was inducted into the Leadership Honor Socitty at ECSU.

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT ART SHOW 2019

OPENING AT THE ATWATER LIBRARY NORTH BRANFORD WED. MAY 1ST 3-5PM

ARTWORK FROM ALL AGES - LIVE MUSIC REFRESHMENTS



McGrath Receives “Fund For Teachers Grant”

Press Release NBHS: NBHS World Language Teacher Ms. McGrath (pictured center) was informed recently that she is a grant recipient for the Fund For Teachers Grant Program for the summer of 2019. The Fund for Teachers national program award grants to teachers for professional development opportunities during the summer months. Pictured below with Jen, from the left, Linea Koehler, Jennifer Diaz, and Debbie Hoffman (second in from right) along with her colleagues at NBHS who are past recipients, Ms. Dodds, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Polemeni, and Mrs. Redman. As a member of the NBHS World Language Department, Ms. McGrath will be traveling to Italy to complete 2 professional development courses in a three week period this summer. Submitted by Princial Todd Stoeffler



The Nursery on Notch Hill recently visited Big Y for a tour of the store. Thank You Big Y and Reba for a fun afternoon of learning about each department and the treats along the way.



ENGAGE EDUCATE ENTERTAIN

Atwater Memorial Library 1720 Foxon Road North Branford, CT 06471 203-315-6020  
Edward Smith Library 3 Old Post Road Northford, CT 06472 203-484-0469  
www.nbranfordlibraries.org

APR 16	2:00-5:00	Teen 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+
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
APR 23	6:30PM	Friends of the Library. Please join us for a meeting of our new Friends of the Library group. We will be discussing our next book sale scheduled for May 18th. New members welcome!
	SMITH LIBRARY	
APR 25	1:00PM	Join the International Film Club presented by Pat Cochrane for a viewing of the 1985 British film, Room with a View
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
APR 27	3:30PM	Cookbook Club. Pick and cook a recipe from Ron Silver's Bubby's Brunch Cookbook. We will sample the dishes made while discussing ingredients and cooking techniques
	ATWATER LIBRARY	
APR 16	5:00PM	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
	SMITH LIBRARY	
APR 17	10:00-7:00	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!
	SMITH LIBRARY	
APR 24	10:30AM	KIDS! Earth Day storytime and craft. Preschool fun to learn about the importance of taking care of our planet! Enjoy an Earth Day story and craft. For ages 2-5. Register at 203-315-6020
	ATWATER LIBRARY	

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is a concept to promote reading by exchanging books. It began in Wisconsin in 2009 by Todd Bol. Now there are Little Libraries in 88 countries. Look on the world map to locate a chartered one nearest to you(even when you travel) and exchange your book for another to read and enjoy. You can find Pewg’s Pickings (a chartered Little Free Library at 29 St. Monica Drive in northford. Bring a book....take a book.



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:

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- 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





## Evening of Arts at TVES

TVES held their annual Evening of the Arts last week. The event celebrates art by showcasing artwork, sculptures, and creations of over 400 students on display in the gym for families and community members to observe and appreciate. In addition, our performing artists (chorus and band) perform during the evening in the gym. The cafeteria is also set up as an art station for students to create, color, doodle, and participate in a photo booth. Refreshments and snacks are also served to visitors of the event. The Friday night event welcomed over 400 visitors to TVES to celebrate the arts. Also, showcased at the evening was the TVES collaborative mural in the cafeteria (pictures included). All students and staff members participated



in the painting of this mural under the direction of art teacher, Mrs. Mortensen. There is no doubt that the arts are alive and thriving at TVES.

The event is a reflection of the hard work of educators Mrs. Mortensen (TVES art teacher), Ms. Rizzo (TVES band/music teacher), and Mrs. Franklin-Biggs (choral teacher). Together their efforts included hours of planning, preparation, and set up. The event and celebration is really a great way to kick off spring! And an evening like this reminds us all how the arts give students a place to be creative, to feel successful, and to have an important niche in their

school, not to mention adding to their overall academic and social development. Collectively the parents and visitors were so complimentary and happy with the evening, the artwork, the chorus, and the music. Principal Welch stated "thank you to all for building a great community night all about the arts and for allowing our students to shine in so many ways", and "to our students, you should be very proud of your many talents and we hope you continue to develop them and showcase them throughout your school community and beyond".

*Submitted by Principal Carter Welch*

## 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

## Hypnotic Hoopla at April 16<sup>th</sup>

The public is invited to attend the Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 hoopla 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](mailto:StephanieThaller@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.northfordwomensclub.org](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org) or check us out on Facebook.

## TVES "Reads Across America"

Students at Totoket Valley Elementary School were greeted on their March Community Day Assembly by 50 North Branford High School students who lined the halls to celebrate Read Across America Day and to motivate a continued love of reading. These high school students, known as the Dream Team, are a group of mentors who work with TVES throughout the school year. They support classrooms with small group instruction, character education lessons, whole school events, and generally motivating and inspiring our elementary students. At Read Across America Day, in partnership with high school teacher and Dream Team leader Mrs. Nicole Lacroix, these students took the lead after welcoming students.



The day opened with a whole school assembly/reading rally in the morning where Dream Teamers led students in a pledge to commit to reading. They also showed a video they created at their high school that introduced the "My Reading Life" campaign and inspired reading. The assembly went on, under the direction of the Dream Team, to include poems and student presentations from TVES classes. The assembly concluded with another video detailing an original song created and produced by the Dream Team around Dr. Seuss. Students and staff were impressed by the work of the Dream Team in leading the assembly.

The second part of the day included all 50 Dream Team students partnering with their TVES classes to teach lessons about how reading enriches your lives and how reading can improve academic and social success throughout school and life. These lessons were interactive, student-led and designed to get students interacting around reading.

Finally, Read Across America Day at TVES ended with a whole school quiet sustained reading for 30 minutes. Students lined the halls and got comfortable with their books as did all staff members. It was a thing of beauty to see the whole school engaged with a book of their choice for 30 minutes, and it was a great way to honor Read Across America Day.

Principal Welch offered some words about the day at TVES. "I am simply blown away with the amount of time and preparation that went into today by Mrs. Lacroix and NBHS high school senior Julia Pietrogallo, who through her IPP developed, planned and led this event. The commitment to our school by the Dream Team continues to impress me, their service to their NB community is amazing, and their poise, leadership, and professionalism is second to none. Welch continued, "that the day was about learning and community and is a special event due to the connection among our students and the opportunity to have our high school students teach and mentor our elementary students." I am truly honored to be part of the learning, passion, and district collaboration by so many and our students are so lucky to be influenced by a community focused on care, collaboration and learning."



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*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 \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## T-Bird Baseball off to a Good Start

The NBHS baseball team has come out of the gate swinging and the pitchers are shutting down the opponents to start the season at 3-0. The T-Birds defeated East Hampton 17-0, Valley Regional 16-7 and Portland 11-1.

North Branford has combined speed and power to score 44 runs in three games. The offense has been led by Nick Mancini, Steve Galluba, Johnny (Flame) Pollack, Carl Jacobson and Colin Baxter. All have had multiple hit games as well as plenty of extra base hits.

The pitching has been lights out. "Flame" didn't allow a run in his outing against East Hampton, while Bret Fee only allowed two earned runs against Valley and sophomore Jadon Cannelli only allowed two hits against Portland.

Coach Billy Mitchell has continued to keep his arms fresh by bringing in senior captain Tyler Sibley in several relief appearances.

Defensively, the middle infield of Enrique Diaz and Matt (Grover) Cosgrove have been joined by some great defense with Galluba in left, Mancini in center and (Pizza Man) Gio Parillo in right.

At presstime the boys were preparing for Morgan, H - K & Couginchaug.

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# North Branford Soccer Club

**SPRING 2019 In-House Starts Saturday 4/27**

### SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

**TINY FEET JR & TINY FEET SR**

**8 CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS 4/27-6/15**

**EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION**

**SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM**

**NORTHFORD PARK RT 17 FRONT FIELD**

### IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

**JUNIORS & SENIORS**

**8 CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS 4/27-6/15**

**EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION**

**SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM**

**NORTHFORD PARK RT 17 FRONT FIELD**

**7 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS 5/2-6/13**

**EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION**

**THURSDAY: 5:30PM-7:30PM**

**JUNIORS 5:30PM-6:30PM | SENIORS 6:30PM-7:30PM**

**North Branford Soccer Club starts it's new season on Saturday, April 27th**

**With the New Season Under Way We are Looking For Parents to Volunteer in the Several Open Positions to Help Carry the NBSC into the Future**

**Contact NBSC's President Al Johnson @ [president@nbsoccer.com](mailto:president@nbsoccer.com) for volunteering opportunities**

**"Never Go Through Life Without Goals"**

**Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nbsoccer/> Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub**

**Visit Us On The Web @ [www.nbsoccer.com](http://www.nbsoccer.com)**

# North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford  
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017  
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



BUS TRIPS

**FROZEN ON BROADWAY**

**When:** Wednesday, June 26th  
**Cost:** \$120  
**Description:** Frozen is the timeless tale of two sisters, pulled apart by a mysterious secret. As one young woman struggles to find her voice and harness her powers within, the other embarks on an epic adventure to bring her family together once and for all. Come see the magic of the Disney film brought to life on stage.



ACTIVITIES

**ARCHERY**

**Who:** Grades 4 - 8  
**Time:** Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Who:** Grades 9 - 12  
**When:** April 24 - May 29  
**Time:** Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$50  
**Instructor:** Debbie Gibilaro  
**Description:** Learn and hone the basic skills as you develop using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a safe and supportive environment.

**RECHARGE YOGA**

**Who:** Ages 13+  
**When:** April 29 - June 24 (skip 5/27)  
**Time:** Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$75  
**Instructor:** Bhogah Yoga Staff  
**Description:** A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will use yoga poses, breathing techniques and meditation to help students build a strong flexible body while creating a platform for balanced energy throughout the day. Appropriate for all ages and levels.

**BALLET & TAP**

**Who:** Ages 3 - 6  
**When:** May 4 - June 15 (skip 5/25)  
**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.  
**Where:** STW Gym  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Instructor:** Brittini D'Urso, Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance  
**Description:** Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus.

**AAA: TEEN DRIVING PREP COURSE**

**Who:** New Teen drivers and their parents  
**When:** May 7  
**Time:** Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** Free  
**Instructor:** AAA  
**Description:** Learning to drive is an important rite of passage for many teens and one of the many ways they gain independence as they become adults. While it is exciting, this transition to more responsibility can be scary for teens (and their parents)! Let AAA prepare both teens and parents as we discuss the steps to becoming licensed, as well as important facts about the developing teen brain. We will focus on helpful tips you need to know about the licensing process, driver preparedness, and risk factors such as impairment from drugs and alcohol, distractions, drowsy driving, and more!



**Register and be paid in full by April 26th 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.**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**We are looking for Summer Camp Counselors for Kidz Kamp!!**

*Looking for a summer job?*

Stop by the STW Community Center and pick up an application or visit [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) and download the form from the Employment section.

*Kamp begins June 17! (Must be 16+)*

**Please submit applications by April 19th**

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](http://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

**Mystic Village**

**When:** Friday, June 7  
**Time:** Departs 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$3 res/ \$5 nr  
**Description:** Spend a casual day of shopping and enjoy lunch with friends. Once we are at the Village this trip is on your own. We will provide a list of eateries and stores for you to enjoy.

**Aqua Turf/Celebrate Italia**

**When:** Tuesday, July 16  
**Time:** Departs 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$45 res / \$50 nr  
**Description:** Sophisticated, versatile and polished; FIRST KISS ORCHESTRA will be the perfect fit to celebrate Italia! Your meal will be salad, penne ala norm, chicken parmesan, veal & peppers, vegetables, potato and spumoni.

**Norman Rockwell Museum**

**When:** Friday, July 26  
**Time:** Departs 9:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$20 res  
**Description:** Founded in 1969 with the help of Norman and Molly Rockwell, the Norman Rockwell Museum with 998 original paintings and drawings is dedicated to the enjoyment and study of Rockwell's work and his contributions to society, popular culture and social commentary. Lunch on your own at the museum's Terrace Café.

ACTIVITIES

**Books on Wooster Square, Thursday, April 18, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Free** - 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.

**Cards w/ the TVES 5th Graders - Wednesday, April 24, 10:30am**

5th grade students from TVES will be coming for their monthly visit to play cards! Any senior who participates in this program will receive a free lunch.

**Healthy & Active Aging, Friday, April 26, 10:30am, FREE**

Join George Norden, exercise physiologist and owner of Joint Effort Exercise, as he shares his knowledge and experiences in the fitness industry. Learn about the best practices to stay as healthy and as active as possible during your aging years!

CLASSES

**AAA Driving Improvement Course**

**Who:** Drivers 50 and over  
**When:** May 8  
**Time:** Wednesday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** Free—bring driver's license to class  
**Description:** Classroom instruction teaching preventative measures to use when driving. Learn how aging affects reaction time, hear tips to sharpen driving skills, review the new state laws and regulations, refine existing skills, and develop safe defensive driving techniques that save lives. *Pre-registration is required. You will be eligible for insurance discount after completion.*

**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.nbrecreation.com](http://www.nbrecreation.com)

**Community wide Tag Sale**

**JUNK  
IN YOUR  
TRUNK**

**Saturday May 4th  
9 am - 1 pm**

**Rain Date May 5th**

**Sell your tag sale items from  
the trunk of your car!**

**Register in advance  
\$10 per parking space**

**BYOT - Bring Your Own Table  
To display your goods  
STW Community Center Parking Lot**

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](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”.** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://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](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto: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](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)

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

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

**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, 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 Chruch trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at [zionepiscopalchurch.com](http://zionepiscopalchurch.com).

**Hope Christian Church** 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. ‘Real People, Real Hope, Real Life’ [www.hopeag.com](http://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!

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., April 19-20, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 21, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

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

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church).

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.

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.

Holy Week Easter Services

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford

St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford

St. Ambrose Parish invites you to join us for any or all of the following:

**DAILY MASS:** Stop in for daily Mass when you can on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9:00 A.M. at St. Monica Church .

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE:** The Light is on for you! Every Monday during Lent from 6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M. at St. Monica Church (during Adoration).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 P.M. at St. Monica Church.

Rosary will follow, you’re welcome to stay when you can!

**ADORATION:** Mondays during Lent from 6:00—7:00 P.M. at St. Monica and Friday, April 5th from 6:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. at St. Augustine in the Chapel.

**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES:** Join us in singing the praises of God throughout the Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday. St. Monica Church, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 14<sup>th</sup> 9am at St. Monica, 11am St. Augustine

Holy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Augustine

Good Friday Liturgy – April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm St. Augustine

Holy Saturday Vigil – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm St. Augustine

Easter Sunday Masses – 9am St. Monica, 11am St. Augustine

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.

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. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). Email address: [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Like us on Facebook.

Hope Christian Church Invites the Community to the “Come Alive” Holy Week Series

NORTH HAVEN CT – Everyone in the community is invited to attend HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH for a three-service series on Palm Sunday,

Good Friday and Easter Sunday, at

Sunday April 14 - 10:00 am (Palm Sunday)

Friday April 19 - 7:00 pm (Good Friday)

Sunday April 21 - 10:00 am (Resurrection Sunday)

This season is a time of reflection, remembrance and celebration. Everyone is welcome to join us. The reason we celebrate is that more than 2,000 years ago, God’s plan of redemption altered the world forever. On Palm Sunday, we will focus on the significance of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, and what his journey means for our own today. On Good Friday, we will not look down in fear or defeat, but hold our heads high as we focus on the cross and coming alive to the ultimate sacrifice for our sin that brings us life. And then on Easter, we will celebrate the resurrection and coming alive with the power to change our lives. We will be highlighting testimonies of real people who have experienced God’s transforming grace in their lives in a water baptism service.

**Real People, Real Hope, Real Life!!!** That is the vision of Hope Christian Church; Easter Sunday will be a day of celebration for the entire family. This is the perfect opportunity for families throughout the community to come together to celebrate this special season.

Hope Christian Church is located at 211 Montowese Ave in North Haven CT. For more information, visit [www.hopeag.com](http://www.hopeag.com) or call 203-234-7328.

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 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.

# North Branford Fire Department

## Residential Burning Permits

Forms shall be available for residents to pick-up at the Fire Marshal’s office and Town Manager’s office located at Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road. Forms are also available on the Town’s website [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)

**Completed forms must be returned to Fire Marshal’s Office. Applications must be received by the Fire Marshal’s office three days prior to burning.**

Upon receipt of a completed signed form, the Fire Marshal’s office may physically inspect and photograph the site where the brush is to be burned. **Only brush can be burned. No limbs over 3 inches in diameter. No stumps or leaves. Permits are issued for 30 days. Burning can only take place between 10am and 5pm.**

A copy of the form will also be faxed to the North Branford Police Department.  
**The resident will be instructed to contact the North Branford Police Department @ 203-484-2703 on the day they wish to actually conduct the burn.**

If complaints are received, police officers will be dispatched to determine if a nuisance exists. If deemed necessary, the appropriate fire company will be dispatched and the fire will be extinguished.

If the resident does not have the appropriate approval to burn, at the discretion of the local burning official or the incident commander, police intervention may be required. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute sec. 22a-174, failure to obtain the necessary approval to burn is a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by fine of \$ 200 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

**Applicants must follow all guidelines and requirements.**  
**You are required to have a 50 foot buffer from any structure or property line. You are required to have a water supply, capable of extinguishing the fire.**

Chimineas and fire pits less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit.  
“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.

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

## SPRING IS HERE.....BE SAFE

Safety Tips for Outdoor Grilling:  
**Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents or garages, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.  
Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot “safe zone” around the grill.

Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Charcoal Grills  
Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.

**Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited,** and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Gas Grills  
**Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks** before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame:

Turn off the gas tank and grill.  
If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.  
If the leak does not stop, **call the fire department.**  
If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers’ instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

**Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.  
Call the Fire Marshal’s office with any questions: 203-484-6016

# Branford Compassion Club Honors Moms

It’s Mom’s day with a Mama Meow Italian Buffet benefit, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at Pompeo’s Restaurant, 485 W. Main St. Doors open at 5:30 for the yummy event, which includes a silent auction, a raffle for a Dooney & Bourke handbag, some delectable edibles for Mother’s Day gift-giving and cash bar.

Tickets are \$35, available by e-mail at [bccspecialevents32@gmail.com](mailto:bccspecialevents32@gmail.com) or by calling 203-444-0653. A limited amount will be sold at the door. Tickets are also available Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at BCC’s Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Proceeds benefit the nonprofit which cares for area homeless felines both in its North Branford facility, and in several area colonies, where BCC volunteers feed ferals deemed unadoptable. All food, medicine, supplies and veterinary bills for both the shelter and colony cats are funded through the generosity of those who donate or support BCC fundraisers which include bake sales, a Comedy Night, tag sale, the annual Animal Awareness Day on the Branford Green and other events (see [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org)).

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## VENDORS WANTED/TAG SALES

**A Giant Tag & Craft Sale** will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.  
**TAG SALE, DUDLEY FARM, GUILFORD APRIL 27Tth, 8:30 TO 2:00 RAIN DATE, MAY 4th Vender space \$20.00. call: 203-457-0770 or 203-457-0047**

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## Branford Compassion Club Holds “Just For Kittens” Food & Supply Drive



NORTH BRANFORD – Springtime is not just about daffodils, tulips and warm weather. It’s also about the many kittens born homeless; in need of food, veterinary care and shelter. Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center will hold its first Just for Kittens food and supply drive Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

BCC’s wish list for the kittens include cans of Fancy Feast Kitten Tender Turkey or Chicken pate, Wellness Complete Health Chicken, Blue Buffalo Kitten, KMR Kitten Formula (powdered), Earthborn Primitive Feline Cat & Kitten Dry Food, Yesterday’s News Cat Litter, toys, tunnels and scratchers. Monetary dona-

tions for veterinary care are always greatly appreciated.

BCC Feline Rescue & Adoption Center is located at 2037 Foxon Road.

For more information: [branfordcompassionclub.org](http://branfordcompassionclub.org) or 203-483-6369.



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## *Knights of Columbus Active in our Community*



*Knights of Columbus Council 6801 busy preparing trays of lasagna for their St. Joseph's Dinner*

Since January 2018 the Knights of Columbus Council 6801 has held multiple fundraisers; our annual cruise, flea market and wine tasting. Most recently St. Joseph's Dinner with a result of over \$5,000 being donated to St. Ambrose Parish. Additional donations have been made to the Saint Gianna Center and the High School Scholarship Fund.

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus contact Wayne Humphrey at 203-410-3885



*Above: Knights presenting a donation to Saint Gianna Center.  
State Rep. Vincent Candelora with Frank Carrano preparing zeppoles for dessert.*



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