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## THE STARS WERE OUT!

The North Branford Education Foundation recently held their 9th Annual Shining Star Dinner. This year marked a special time as the Foundation honored Principal Alan Davis by renaming the dinner and award the Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner. Alan was one of the original members of the organization and as president Frank Mentone stated, "He was the Perpetual Shining Star of the Foundation.

The honorees are pictured above being congratulated by Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker (back row). Pictured are Kathy Granfield, Cliff Potter, John Calamita and Lou Paternoster.

The dinner was an enormous success in both celebrating the honorees and raising close to \$3,000 for grant and scholarship funds.

Anyone wishing to join the Foundation Board of Directors is asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

## NORTH BRANFORD

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - 2018

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Northford section of town. The Veterans of North Branford/Northford extend an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. The groups will form at St. Monica's Church on Middletown Avenue, Northford at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off down Route 17 at 10:00 a.m. **sharp**.

The parade line will proceed north on Route 17/Middletown Avenue to the monument at the Northford Village Green.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox, Town Manager's office 203-484-6000 or email address: [executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com) with your information so they can be included in the parade lineup. **Please register NO LATER than Friday, May 18, 2018.** We look forward to another successful year.

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## Learn How to Photograph Nature

On Sunday, May 6, at 1 pm, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) will hold a Photography Hike at the Notch Hill Brook Trail at Ciro Road in North Branford. Patrick Volk from Geomatrix Productions will lead the hike and will give tips on photographing nature, natural land formations and other interesting landmarks.

Hikers should meet at 1 pm on the cul-de-sac at the end of Ciro Road. The hike will begin promptly at 1:15 am. Be sure to bring water, wear layers of clothing, use insect deterrent and wear sturdy hiking shoes. The hike is expected to end around 3:15 pm.

The Notch Hill Brook Trail is well marked and maintained by the NBLCT Stewardship Committee. The property is owned by NBLCT and its use is free and open to the public.

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. If you are interested in helping to preserve and protect open space in North Branford and for more information about NBLCT, go to [www.nblandtrust.org](http://www.nblandtrust.org) or visit us on Facebook. *Recharge, Explore, Discover!*



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## Tractor Pulls are Back!



The tractor pulls are back. On April 28th at the Augur Farm just north of the Police Department on Forest Road.

Weigh in at 8 am pulling starts at 9am. Raindate is April 29th.

Come on down..

Good country fun..

### Publication Date

May	11	May	4
May	25	May	18
June	8	June	1
June	22	June	15
July	6	June	29
July	20	July	13
August	3	July	27

### Deadline

May	4
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June	29
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### We Need a Comprehensive Plan

Dear Editor:

Once again the budget is being presented for the voting residents in both North Branford and Northford at a referendum on May 8, 2018. It should be noted that the TAXES will go up if one third of the voting public do not take it upon themselves to go and vote. Of course if you are in favor there is no need to.

We now see that the usual comments are being put forward :-This will hurt the children if the schools do not have the monies they have requested. ALL sports will be eliminated except

football if the budget does not pass. All services will be affected unless this budget passes, an increase of 4.35 mil.

This is very disturbing for younger parents BUT please take into consideration that many voters are senior citizens on fixed incomes. There are many households that are childless. Where on earth can we find the extra money needed to pay if the taxes go up?

Thanks to those who serve the town BUT without a comprehensive plan to encourage business

into the town we cannot expect to support the ongoing increases put forward every year that we have to shoulder. Blight in our town center should be addressed, the landlord does very little to enhance the area but then he lives in New Jersey.

At the last election in November 2017 there were 9622 voters registered to vote. The usual turn out is approximately 2000 when taxes are involved.

Sincerely,  
 MAIRE PANTANI

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Mid-Term Budget Adjustments



This past week, Republican and Democrats each offered budget adjusted for the 2019 fiscal year. While each party have similar reductions offered, Democrats increase spending by over \$400 million from the Governor's proposal and Republicans did not. The fundamental driver is our rainy day fund. When we passed the original budget, both parties agreed to cre-

ate a "volatility revenue cap" in recognition that our income tax revenue can vary significantly based upon the stock market. The cap draws a hard line at any income tax received above \$3.15 billion automatically gets diverted to our rainy day fund or savings account. Those moneys are required to be used for reducing unfunded liabilities, such as pension liability, or remain in the fund for future emergencies.

The Democrats are proposing to tap into some of that money to offset spending cuts while Republicans fear that the revenue gains over the past six months, which generated the surplus, are only one-time revenues due to federal tax law changes and, thus, should not be used for ongoing expenses. Republicans, therefore, propose dedicating 2/3 of the fund, approximately \$600 million, to our State Employees' Retirement Fund, the Teachers' Retirement Fund and the Retired Teachers' Health Fund. All of which are on life support. These payments ultimately would reduce our debt service payments into the fund by reducing the actuarial payment.

In both parties' budgets, we restore funding to towns that the Governor proposed cutting and we restore funding for the Medicare Savings Plan. We fully fund the Renters Rebate program, where last years' budget shifted the cost to municipalities. We preserve grants for substance abuse treatment and mental health care, fully fund the fire training schools and restore funding for School Based Health Clinics. We increase funding for emergency placements and employment and day services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We also protect the Care 4 Kids program and increase funding for our private providers.

When the Appropriation Committee met last Friday, neither budget adjustment proposal had enough votes to get out of committee. The conversation undoubt-

edly will return to leadership for negotiations. While I look forward to the negotiations and I am hopeful we can continue our bipartisan spirit, these negotiations have different implications than last fall. Connecticut currently has a two-year budget in place, although in deficit. If an agreement is not reach, towns and schools will still receive funding unlike last fall where no budget existed. So while the pressure of municipal aide will not be driving these discussion, I hope the desire to bring fiscal stability to the state will.

## "Where do we go from Here?"

Dear Editor:

Thank you, North Branford, for reminding us that there still *is* an EARTH DAY and for the town's good work in recycling and helping manage the choices we make to live a better life. We all should be totally aware and committed to promoting changes to our everyday routine that can make a difference. North Branford has done an admirable job and their success should be applauded.

Now I know it's quite a leap to go from an Earth Day celebration to my thoughts and concerns that follow. Nevertheless, with a nod to "living a better life," I'd like to make a few comments here about about the appearance of Northford center since, as a Northford resident, this is what I see every day.

For starters, I think part of the problem is there are no sidewalks. I'm not suggesting sidewalks would be a good idea given the layout of the center and types of businesses here. But what is worth noting is that without pedestrian traffic, Northford center is mostly a drive-by or crossroads intersection and, as such, doesn't lend itself to observation from a moving car. Maybe that explains why we don't seem to notice the appearance of our center. However, next time you find yourself stopped at a light or in traffic, please take a moment to look around — what you'll see is a hodge-podge of business signs, vacant store fronts in deplorable condition, a community bulletin board with paint peeling and message too hard to read, and other sites that could use some thoughtful attention. When I drive through town, I am reminded of the TV commercial for Febreze where the announcer states that the person in the room has gone "nose blind" to the odor coming from athletic socks and such. In other words, the inhabitant of the room is so used to it that he doesn't even smell it anymore. Is that what's happening to us? Are we so used to the sorry state of our center that it fails to register with us, that we've gone blind to it? We can do better! We're not talking big-ticket fixes here, just addressing a need for improvement.

Where do we go from here? I don't know, but I do think calling this to our attention is the first step in raising awareness. To that end, I'd like to know what other residents think and urge folks to contribute to this message by writing in to this newspaper with your observations/suggestions about our center and whether you agree or disagree that some improvement is needed. Let's see what kind of interest is generated and what kind of response we get.

In closing and in keeping with the spirit of Earth Day, let's try to come together and commit to a better life (in small or big ways) for ourselves and one another as residents of the same town and planet.

Sincerely,

Maria Ferraro

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD  
BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2018-19 FISCAL YEAF

Budget Referendum Question:

"Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$52,269,377, which will require a mill rate of 33.39 mills, be adopted?"

2015-16 ACTUAL	2016-17 ACTUAL	2017-18 BUDGET	@ 1/31/18 ACTUAL	2017-2018 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2018-2019 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2018-2019 MANAGER PROPOSED	2018-2019 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$39,361,506	\$39,303,360	\$41,263,193	\$38,683,925	\$40,960,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$43,727,272	\$43,157,486	\$41,599,701
\$242,630	\$327,198	\$207,200	\$95,573	\$229,400	FEES	\$204,200	\$204,200	\$204,200
\$110,780	\$313,572	\$85,000	\$89,005	\$105,000	OTHER TAXES	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
\$1,102,701	\$1,115,676	\$1,195,716	\$1,157,716	\$1,186,544	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,246,981	\$1,246,981	\$1,091,823
\$154,924	\$46,837	\$150,000	\$42,242	\$75,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
\$158,515	\$222,653	\$151,350	\$135,322	\$200,000	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$151,350	\$151,350	\$151,350
\$127,327	\$126,048	\$108,800	\$72,989	\$100,897	CURRENT SERVICES	\$110,400	\$110,400	\$110,400
\$142,392	\$133,175	\$155,080	\$23,521	\$23,522	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$154,688	\$154,688	\$154,688
\$8,550,209	\$8,210,129	\$5,898,280	\$3,505,866	\$7,230,280	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$6,812,173	\$6,812,173	\$7,605,127
\$340,620	\$347,419	\$463,418	\$96,926	\$403,310	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$89,319	\$89,319	\$89,319
\$66,402	\$47,814	\$31,500	\$4,430	\$41,000	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
\$143,432	\$154,449	\$32,530	\$100,216	\$145,530	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$32,130	\$32,130	\$32,130
\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$150,677	\$143,455	\$66,236	\$0	\$66,236	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$65,017	\$65,017	\$65,017
<u>\$50,652,115</u>	<u>\$50,491,784</u>	<u>\$50,558,303</u>	<u>\$44,007,730</u>	<u>\$50,766,719</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$53,210,030</u>	<u>\$52,640,244</u>	<u>\$51,720,255</u>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE BOE APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$149,122
<u>\$50,652,115</u>	<u>\$50,491,784</u>	<u>\$50,558,303</u>	<u>\$44,007,730</u>	<u>\$50,766,719</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$53,610,030</u>	<u>\$53,040,244</u>	<u>\$52,269,377</u>
\$59,105	\$63,097	\$61,082	\$58,428	\$64,383	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$65,834	\$65,834	\$65,834
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$210,648	\$215,304	\$217,585	\$116,423	\$217,426	TOWN MANAGER	\$218,774	\$218,774	\$218,774
\$374,166	\$372,727	\$398,197	\$211,022	\$387,923	FINANCE	\$406,211	\$406,211	\$406,211
\$174,637	\$172,681	\$176,713	\$87,962	\$169,153	TAX COLLECTOR	\$176,026	\$176,026	\$176,026
\$170,156	\$159,993	\$167,234	\$97,383	\$161,452	ASSESSOR	\$169,628	\$169,628	\$169,628
\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,500	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$255,839	\$257,401	\$281,883	\$170,542	\$278,129	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$293,516	\$288,516	\$288,516
\$184,188	\$187,291	\$193,831	\$111,768	\$190,338	TOWN CLERK	\$195,799	\$195,799	\$195,799
\$49,823	\$44,124	\$43,615	\$24,048	\$39,559	ELECTIONS	\$65,956	\$65,956	\$59,506
\$90,103	\$82,173	\$106,700	\$72,569	\$88,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$110,100	\$110,100	\$110,100
\$739	\$203	\$609	\$0	\$0	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$1,293	\$1,293	\$1,293
\$34,641	\$25,684	\$35,563	\$28,925	\$33,400	TECHNOLOGY	\$41,451	\$41,451	\$41,451
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,605,543	\$1,582,177	\$1,684,712	\$979,070	\$1,631,363	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,746,288	\$1,741,288	\$1,734,838
\$3,138,430	\$3,175,564	\$3,226,656	\$1,811,483	\$3,226,492	POLICE	\$3,888,660	\$3,426,585	\$3,490,557
\$653,439	\$642,810	\$725,331	\$502,193	\$726,800	FIRE	\$770,789	\$770,789	\$760,788
\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	AMBULANCE	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$150,000
\$215,946	\$233,101	\$238,735	\$237,000	\$233,095	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$238,452	\$238,452	\$238,452
\$495,168	\$470,381	\$570,147	\$302,884	\$544,111	COMMUNICATIONS	\$556,513	\$556,513	\$556,513
\$17,379	\$22,793	\$20,310	\$6,734	\$19,223	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$20,330	\$20,330	\$20,330
\$111,481	\$111,062	\$114,387	\$114,279	\$114,387	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$117,812	\$117,812	\$117,812
\$4,631,842	\$4,655,711	\$5,020,566	\$2,974,574	\$4,989,108	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$5,767,556	\$5,305,481	\$5,334,452
\$886,949	\$900,107	\$955,924	\$876,330	\$955,924	REFUSE REMOVAL	\$947,830	\$947,830	\$947,830
\$1,807,313	\$1,928,953	\$2,099,155	\$1,257,815	\$2,073,044	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,170,081	\$2,082,020	\$2,082,020
\$136,092	\$139,205	\$142,905	\$65,080	\$144,000	STREET LIGHTING	\$135,914	\$135,914	\$135,914
\$2,830,354	\$2,968,265	\$3,197,984	\$2,199,225	\$3,172,968	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,253,825	\$3,165,764	\$3,165,764
\$465,609	\$459,340	\$601,744	\$285,814	\$605,144	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$647,392	\$641,035	\$620,963
\$2,321	\$5,561	\$9,650	\$0	\$8,750	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,650	\$9,650	\$9,650
\$24,000	\$25,500	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$25,500	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$26,100	\$26,100	\$26,100
\$0	\$438	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$646,473	\$678,420	\$698,439	\$375,519	\$669,100	LIBRARY	\$696,707	\$696,392	\$683,472
\$1,138,403	\$1,169,259	\$1,337,833	\$688,334	\$1,308,494	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,381,349	\$1,374,177	\$1,341,185
\$112,914	\$115,979	\$120,522	\$120,522	\$120,522	HEALTH	\$126,404	\$124,404	\$124,404
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$67,177	\$69,500	\$70,066	\$37,532	\$69,213	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$101,722	\$96,244	\$96,244
\$6,777	\$5,965	\$4,600	\$0	\$5,000	PROBATE COURT	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$13,007	\$14,923	\$19,267	\$17,948	\$19,070	HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$21,389	\$21,389	\$21,389
\$199,876	\$206,367	\$214,455	\$176,002	\$213,805	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$254,515	\$247,037	\$247,037
\$99,049	\$101,373	\$102,728	\$54,947	\$102,728	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$104,702	\$104,702	\$104,702
\$28,300	\$40,222	\$40,870	\$21,072	\$44,067	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$45,393	\$45,393	\$45,393
\$3,639	\$1,355	\$2,763	\$1,043	\$2,713	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,713	\$2,713	\$2,713
\$2,107	\$6,659	\$36,450	\$5,674	\$14,536	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$41,355	\$41,355	\$36,605
\$114,641	\$122,310	\$124,918	\$72,328	\$124,610	ENGINEERING	\$127,341	\$127,341	\$127,341
\$10,842	\$2,971	\$4,057	\$3,177	\$4,057	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,057	\$4,057	\$4,057
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$770	\$1,527	\$0	\$1,375	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$126,268	\$131,268	\$137,427	\$76,903	\$136,827	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$138,763	\$138,763	\$138,763
\$384,846	\$406,929	\$450,840	\$235,145	\$431,013	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION	\$465,951	\$465,951	\$461,201
\$32,102	\$20,183	\$476,335	\$22,297	\$125,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$248,443	\$248,443	\$291,397
\$287,858	\$278,943	\$334,079	\$197,370	\$300,250	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$239,135	\$239,135	\$239,135
\$1,881,441	\$2,084,274	\$2,014,226	\$1,493,892	\$2,041,420	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,416,777	\$2,416,777	\$2,481,817
\$2,201,401	\$2,383,400	\$2,824,640	\$1,713,559	\$2,466,670	TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE & OTHER	\$2,904,355	\$2,904,355	\$3,012,349
<u>\$1,015,583</u>	<u>\$519,619</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$340,901</u>	<u>\$225,901</u>	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
\$14,007,848	\$13,891,728	\$14,881,030	\$9,306,809	\$14,439,322	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$15,923,840	\$15,354,054	\$15,446,826
\$30,381,660	\$30,640,636	\$30,998,053	\$16,431,732	\$30,998,053	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$32,386,538	\$32,386,538	\$31,647,175
\$0	\$0	\$390,000	\$0	\$390,000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$829,277	\$829,277	\$705,000
<u>\$5,515,038</u>	<u>\$5,763,672</u>	<u>\$4,289,220</u>	<u>\$4,210,703</u>	<u>\$4,289,220</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$4,070,376</u>	<u>\$4,070,376</u>	<u>\$4,070,376</u>
\$49,904,546	\$50,296,036	\$50,558,303	\$29,949,245	\$50,116,595	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$53,210,031	\$52,640,245	\$51,869,377
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>\$49,904,546</u>	<u>\$50,296,036</u>	<u>\$50,558,303</u>	<u>\$29,949,245</u>	<u>\$50,116,595</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$53,610,031</u>	<u>\$53,040,245</u>	<u>\$52,269,377</u>



May 8th: Vote NO!

Dear Editor;

On May 8th the registered town voters have the opportunity to vote on the budget proposed by the Town Council. We moved our family here 3 years ago for both a better educational opportunity and because we fell in love with the amazing “small town” community that has such a huge heart. It has never ceased to amaze me how extraordinary it is to be a part of the community and the positive difference we make when we come together. That was until seeing that our Town Council has a majority which does not support investing in our future by approving the Board of Education budget.

After finding out that a majority of the Council voted to not approve the BOE budget we joined many parents who are outraged by the vote and the decrease of funds available for investing in our future. I have personally attended the last 3 meetings and at the meeting on 04/23/18 the Deputy Major proposed an additional \$500,000 to help “cover” the gap of what they appropriated without increasing the mil rate. Where was this \$500,000 before? This convenient knee jerk reaction appears to be in response to the volume of parents who attended the last meeting and for those of us who have shared their views on social media.

The spending per student is the lowest of our neighboring towns. This is NOT something to be proud of. While our amazing schools do an incredible job despite the poor decisions of a majority of our Town Council they could be doing more IF THEY HAD APPROPRIATE FUNDING.

In addition the Town Council conveniently proposed and allocated money for side walk and curb repairs as well as a few other capital projects at the 04/23/18 meeting. This should of already been included in the budget as part of maintaining the town property. Amazing how they found more money to invest without increasing the mil rate and rather timely as IF this would pacify the parents of students whose future is at jeopardy.

My son who is under the age of 10 is now worried if his school will be able to do art projects next year or if they will have instruments for music. He is worried if the library will get new books. He is worried that some teachers or staff won’t return. A child should not have to worry about those things.... yet some of the children spoke at the last meeting because they are worried too. With the majority of our Town Council not supporting the BOE budget they have every reason to be. It is a shame.

To the representatives on the Town Council who voted NO you have our support and will have our votes. We appreciate your advocacy for our future!

On May 8th my husband and I will be voting NO on the budget. In addition we have paid attention to “who voted how” on the budget and you can be sure those members will not have our family’s vote for their presence on the council in the future. We need representatives who are vested in our children!

Please vote NO on May 8th! It is important for our future. It is important for our community. Above all, it is important to our children.

Respectfully,  
Amy Conroy

NBIS Recognized as an “Exemplary School”

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) offers several awards and recognition programs to member districts and schools throughout the school year. One such program, *The CAS Exemplary School Climate Practices Recognition Program*, identifies Connecticut schools that are exemplars in creating a positive climate and culture for the students, staff, parents and communities they serve. In the entire state, only twenty-six schools have received recognition by this program.

During this site visit, the committee toured NBIS and had the opportunity to meet with various stakeholder groups, including students, faculty, administration, and parents. The committee was looking for evidence that NBIS is a safe and inviting school where the decision-making process promotes collaboration, academic and social expectations that are clear and consistent, and stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, administrators, the community, etc.) that are involved in the school.

Following an extensive review, North Branford Intermediate School was granted *Positive School Climate Status* by the CAS committee! This puts the school in exclusive company as there are only six other middle schools in the state of Connecticut with this distinction!

“This wonderful recognition is a validation of the efforts as a staff as well as that of our students and parents in support of the PRIDE expectations, The Davis Way initiative, community-building efforts, and the safe and positive environment we have worked hard to nurture at NBIS. As a school selected for this recognition, we will now serve as a model for other middle schools to follow, and accommodate inquiries and visitors from other schools and districts looking to improve their school climate” explained a proud Keith O’Rourke (NBIS Interim Principal).

“Becoming a school considered to be an exemplar of positive climate does not happen overnight. The course we are on now was established years ago by many of our veteran staff members, former students and parents, and the leadership of Principal Alan Davis. This is truly a moment for everyone that is part of the NBIS community (past or present) to be extremely proud of, and one that we know Mr. Davis would have enjoyed thoroughly!”

Residential Burning Permits

- 1) 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)
- 2) **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.**
- 3) 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.**
- 4) A copy of the form will also be faxed to the North Branford Police Department.
- 5) **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.**
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) **Applicants must follow all guidelines and requirements.**
- 9) **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.**
- 10) Chimineas and fire pits less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit.

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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.

Call the Fire Marshal’s office with any questions: 203-484-6016

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2008 Toyota Corolla 4DR SDN Auto LE	\$5,995
2002 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD Ext. Cab	\$6,995
2006 Lexus IS 250 Loaded	\$6,995
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2008 Toyota Avalon 4DR SDN Limited	\$7,995
2006 Lexus RX 330 4DR SUV AWD	\$7,995
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**HH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Albrecht, Rae-chelle  
Bookman, Sydnie  
Calabrese, Nadia  
Candelora, Christopher  
Colavolpe, Matti  
Criscuolo, Sarah  
DePalma, Sierra  
Despres, Ethan  
Dewitt, Julia  
Esposito, Abigail  
Fama, Jenna  
Fillion, Katelyn  
Galdenzi, Zeld  
Gibilaro, Cheyenne  
Guadagnino, Theresa  
Hammond, Brianna  
Hammond, Brooke  
Harrison, Makayla  
Jamieson, Jared  
Johansen, Alex  
Madoule, Michael  
Mattson, Lydia  
McKosky, Kayla  
Molnar, Nicolette  
Monge, Carly  
Murphy, Hayley  
Norton, Emilia  
Ouellet, Courtney  
Powers, Brooke  
Roof, Evan  
Sauro, Cole  
Scell, Amanda  
Smola, Zachary  
Streeto, Joselyn  
Violette, Morgan  
Vitarisi, Sarah  
Walters, Alyssa  
Wilkinson, Emilie  
Wilson, Madeline  
Zumbo, Paul

**HH 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Anastasio, Colby  
Annunziato, Brianna  
Augur, Alessandra  
Buffone, Rachel  
Callender, Christopher  
Chan, Alvin  
Chironno, Jenna  
Conboy, Jeremy  
Cristante, Alexina  
DiMartino, Bella  
Evon, Samantha  
Frandsen, Logan  
Katz, Lindsay  
Kilburn, Jessie  
May, Caitlin  
McLay, Ian  
Miconi, Patrick  
Pavic, Ana  
Phabmixay, Joanna  
Pietrogallo, Julia  
Raccio, Brianna  
Sabetta, Rebecca  
Slubowski, Ashley  
Souza, Kaitlin  
Taylor, Noah  
Testa, Ashley  
Torgerson, Mary-Kate  
**HH 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Blomster, Lily  
Bureau, Karlee  
Cavalier, Sofia  
Cirivello, Jennifer  
D’Aria, Vincenzo  
DeBarros, Charles  
Diaz, Enrique  
Galdenzi, Ava  
Gall, Jenna  
Gargano, Jesse  
Helff, Marisa  
Huisman, Victor

Kwalek, Rachel  
Lawson, Brian  
LeBeau, Avonlea  
Malavasi, Ariana  
Marcarelli, Calley  
McIntyre, Carlie  
Mott, Izabella  
Norton, Melanie  
Olsen, Emily  
Pappolla, Jordan  
Patel, Krish  
Pearson, Annika  
Pedersen, Katy  
Powers, Jetta  
Ricardo, Julia  
Schreiber, Emma  
Sorrentino, Carly  
Teodoro, Amanda  
Vitarisi, Rachel  
Waligroski, Alyssa  
Wang, Allison  
Wheeler, Christopher  
**HH 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Anastasio, Sophia  
Armin, Jessica  
Burwell, Mackenzie  
Cappelli, Kristina  
D’Aversa, Shawn  
DeWitt, Daisy  
Didiano, Roberto  
Dow, Catherine  
Fabish, Paige  
Fiondella, Ariana  
Fortier, Isabelle  
Garrett, Jillian  
Geist, Griffin  
Gibilisco, Gabrielle  
Iuteri, Brianna  
Jassil, Karina  
Kendall, Riley  
Kendrick, Alyssa

Leete, Conor  
LeMere, Alex  
Manner, Kaila  
McCormack, Emily  
O’Neil, Kylie  
Olson, Emily  
Ouellet, Sophia  
Pesticci, Gabriella  
Piercey, Erica  
Preiss, Mallory  
Raymond, Ava  
Razouki, Yousif  
Riggione, Christina  
Sabetta, Ethan  
Sarenas, Elizabeth  
Serenson, Emma  
Shadman, Caroline  
Sorrell, Alexis  
Stoner, Aidan  
Vecchio, Krista  
Votto, Sofia  
**HONORS 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Amendola, Robert  
Beardsley, Britney  
Blythe, Natasha  
Bonaldo, Kayla  
Bryden, Jenna  
Carr, Gloria  
Castelan, Bianca  
Coleman, Jasmine  
D’Amico, Marisa  
DiEdwards, Hanah  
Ernest, Hayley  
Fair, Bayley  
Fee, Jonna  
Godfrey, Britney  
Goeman, Sahdalia  
Hunt, Colby  
Jamieson, Zachary  
Korn, Meridith  
Leone, Anthony  
Little, Grace  
Mingione, Ryan  
Muller, Kaitlyn  
O’Neil, Thomas  
Odell, Michael  
Palma, Francesca  
Prodotti, Michael  
Ramada, Danielle  
Rashid, Jaiah  
Stephens, Ryan  
Sullivan, Madison

Sullivan, Sarah  
Wall, Denise  
Zampano, Marie  
**HONORS 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Anderson, Ashley  
Ash, Jason  
Astrom, Arianna  
Augur, Hannah  
Constantinidi, Sydney  
Cook, Sarah  
Cosgrove, Matthew  
Cove, Nicole  
DeAngelo, Samantha  
Diaz, Alyssa  
Gambardella, Alexxus  
Mahon, Stephanie  
Mancini, Nicholas  
McKee, Sean  
Montanaro, Jacob  
Neubig, Emily  
Oliverio, Kaley  
Opie, Candice  
Pacelli, Laura  
Reed, Makayla  
Russo, Erika  
Santiago, Davianna  
Adalina-Reyna  
Sellitto, Anthony  
Stone, Kai  
Velez, Kaylee  
**HONORS 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Aiken, Mairead  
Allgood, Tatyana  
Bonaldo, Nicholas  
Camp, Gerald  
Capasso, Tyler  
Cirivello, Emily  
Cole, Emily  
Cucinotta, Sally  
D’Onofrio, Bianca  
Dautaj, Briana  
DeLucia, Joseph  
DeSisto, Isabella  
Despres, Kayla  
Fassett, Connor  
Ferraiolo, Gianni  
Gildersleeve, Britny  
Little, Frederick  
Lucibello, Sean  
Mone, Sabrina  
Montesanto, Marissa

Pompano, Janessa  
Rispoli, Hanna  
Roof, Erika  
Sarmiento, Gabriella  
Schanz, Isabella  
Schimelfanick, Kara  
Smola, Ava  
Spayd, Jenna  
Stoddard, Paul  
Sudusky, Stephanie  
Tomaso, Christian  
**HONORS 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Amendola, Ashlee  
Archer, Sachin  
Beardsley, Bryce  
Becker, Nadia  
Blythe, Nathan  
Brezicki, Brianna  
Bunnell, Jeremy  
Cacopardo, Adrianna  
Colavolpe, Bella  
Criscuolo, Charliana  
DaCunto, Jonathan  
Didiano, Felicia  
Didiano, Giacomo  
Duffy, Dylan  
Erickson, Kelly  
Evans, Summer  
Frandsen, Justin  
Gott, Onna  
Graver, Summer  
Hughes, Zoe  
Jacobson, Kelli  
Melillo, Brooke  
Melillo, Landon  
Miconi, Jada  
Nuzzo, Amanda  
Podoloff, Jake  
Rice, Dalton  
Sellitto, Andrew  
Tranquilli, Nicholas  
Valentino, Alessia  
Wessoleck, Shelden



## NBIS Teachers Receive Fellowship



Carrie Sabetta and Tia DePalma have been accepted for the Woodrow Wilson HistoryQuest Fellowship Program during the 2018/2019 school year. The Woodrow Wilson HistoryQuest Fellowship Program is aligned to the C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards and focuses on game-based pedagogy for the teaching of American

history. Teachers who are selected as Fellows learn how to apply game design principles to foster inquiry-based learning and will learn to tie games to the curriculum, integrate them into the classroom, create their own games, and assess learning outcomes.

“This fellowship is a wonderful opportunity for Carrie and Tia to provide an innovative and fresh approach to teaching Social Studies, and I believe our students will greatly benefit as a result,” stated NBIS Interim Principal Keith O’Rourke. “It is my hope and expectation that Carrie and Tia will be able to share new learning with their colleagues at both NBIS and NBHS” he added.

“The fellowship itself is expense free to the district and offers over 50 hours of professional development for Carrie and Tia. I would like to commend Carrie and Tia for their commitment as professionals to better themselves by taking on a fellowship of this nature. They are clearly dedicated to both their students and the profession. I know that they will represent NBIS and North Branford very well!” stated their proud leader.



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### ***Violette & Senerchia Sign Letters for College***

Two North Branford High School Athletes, recently signed letters to continue their education and athletic careers on the college level. Morgan Violette (Soccer - Albertus Magnus College - D3) and Sydney Senerchia (Softball - St. Peter's University). The two are pictured with NBHS Athletic Director Trevor Brown, Principal Todd Stoeffler and Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker.



### **Thank you for supporting North Branford Field Hockey**

As the NBHS Field Hockey team celebrates their State Championship, they wish to thank the community as well as Scott Schoonmaker, The BOE, NBHS Administrators, The NB Police and Fire Departments, Matt's Mission Local Businesses and the North Branford Education Foundation for their huge support.



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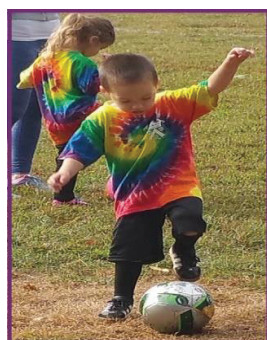
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**Saturdays (4/28-6/16) 9:00AM - 9:45AM)**

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**Saturdays (4/28-6/16) 10:00AM - 11:00AM**  
**U8: Thursdays (5/3-6/14) 5:30PM - 6:30PM**  
**U10: Thursdays (5/3-6/14) 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

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**Fee:** \$77 resident / \$82 non-resident  
**Description:** Enjoy a tour of the Fidelco Guide Dog Facility where dogs are trained to assist the blind. See the many demonstrations of guide dogs, puppy training, K9 Police demonstration and the option to be blindfolded and have a dog guide you. Includes lunch at the USS Chowder Pot IV.

**Royalty Wine Sampling & Tour - #59001**  
**When:** Monday, June 4th  
**Fee:** \$30 res / \$35 nr  
**Description:** Enjoy over 2 hours of sampling award winning, local, handcrafted wines while learning about the wine making process at Royalty Wine Making Group. Each person will have the opportunity to fill, cork, cap and label their own bottle of wine to take home. Light appetizers will be served.

**Mystic Village - #59002**  
**When:** Friday, June 8th  
**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.

**Boston Red Sox VS. Chicago White Sox - #19001**  
**When:** Saturday, June 9th  
**Fee:** \$85 resident / \$90 non-resident  
**Description:** Visit Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox, and watch them take on the Chicago White Sox. Watch this afternoon game from great seats in the Right Field section 7. Includes motor coach transportation. Take me out to the ball game!

**The Lion King on Broadway - #19004**  
**When:** Wednesday, June 27th  
**Fee:** \$150 resident / \$155 non-resident  
**Description:** Your favorite Disney movie is brought to life in the form of an award winning musical! This show is truly magical with music brought to you by Elton John and Tim Rice. There will be time to yourself beforehand to enjoy all the restaurants and shops NYC has to offer! Price includes motor coach transportation.

ACTIVITIES

**Recharge Yoga - #12105**  
**Who:** Ages 13+  
**When:** April 30 – June 18  
**Time:** Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 res / \$80 nr

**Sizzling Science - #16102**  
**Who:** Ages 4 - 10  
**When:** May 8 - May 29  
**Time:** Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$55 res / \$60 nr

**Gentle Yoga - #12108**  
**Who:** Ages 13+  
**When:** May 2 – June 20  
**Time:** Wed., 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 res / \$80 nr

**Toddler Time Art - #16100**  
**Who:** Ages 3 - 4  
**When:** May 8 - May 29  
**Time:** Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$55 res / \$60 nr

**Yoga to Release the Week - #12106**  
**Who:** Ages 13+  
**When:** May 3 – June 21  
**Time:** Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 res / \$80 nr

**ABC's for 2's and 3's - #16101**  
**Who:** Ages 2 - 3  
**When:** May 8 - May 29  
**Time:** Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$80 res / \$85 nr

**Kids Yoga - #16112**  
**Who:** Ages 5 - 12  
**When:** May 5 – June 23  
**Time:** Sat., 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 res / \$80 nr

**CPR/AED Certification - #12011**  
**Who:** Ages 16+  
**When:** May 12th  
**Time:** Saturday, 10:00 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$65 res / \$70 nr

**Ballet & Tap - #16110**  
**Who:** Ages 3 - 6  
**When:** May 5 - June 16  
(No class May 26)  
**Time:** Saturday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$35 res / \$40 nr

**Adult Self Defense Workshop- #12107**  
**Who:** Ages 16+  
**When:** May 18th  
**Time:** Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$45 res / \$50 nr

**\*\*NEW\*\* Cupcake & Canvas Child Paint Night - #16103**  
**Who:** Ages 8 - 14  
**When:** May 25  
**Time:** Friday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$35 res / \$40 nr  
**Instructor:** Kidscapades  
**Description:** A fun way for your child to have a night out, create a painting and enjoy a treat. Class is led by a professional artist. All supplies and refreshments included.

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

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

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

Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

\*Please call by 9am\*

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**AAA Driving Improvement Course - Wednesday, May 2, 1– 5pm, FREE**  
Please bring your drivers license to class. 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.

**Summertime Supper Club - Tuesday, May 15, 4:30**  
It's back! For our first summertime supper club we will be going to the popular—Café Fiore in Branford. They offer a wonderful Happy Hour menu that includes \$5 appetizers and \$12 dinners! Please sign up by May 11 as we need to finalize our reservation!

**Nelson Hall /Triple Espresso - Friday, May 11th, Departs 11:30**  
**\$40 res/ \$45 nr—** Triple Espresso tells the story of three guys whose bid for showbiz fame and fortune ended in 4-minutes of magnificent failure on national television. It is a highly caffeinated comedy with high energy, vaudeville-inspired comedy for all ages and good clean fun! The irresistible, clean humor crosses generations, and will keep you in stitches! Early sign up required.

**Nelson Hall /Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Thursday, July 26th, Departs 11:30**  
**\$40 res/ \$45 nr—** Join us for *Changes In Latitudes*, a Jimmy Buffet tribute. Complete with a full tropical stage set-up of palm trees, surf boards and tiki-totems! Lunch on your own prior to the show. These tickets sell out fast, early sign up required.

COMMUNITY WIDE TAG SALE  
**JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK**  
**Saturday May 5th**  
**STW Community Center Parking Lot**  
**1332 Middletown Ave.**  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
**Rain Date May 6th**  
**\$10 per parking space**  
*Please register in advance*  
**Sell your tag sale items from the trunk of your car!**  
*For additional space*  
**BYOT - Bring Your Own Table**

Fuel up with delicious food from Shoreline Prime!



Flowers for sale from **JC Farm and Greenhouses**

SAVE THE DATE  
**Touch -A-Truck**  
**Sunday May 20th - 11:30-2pm**  
STW Community Center Parking Lot  
This year's Charity Spotlight  
Food trucks on site including  
   
**FREE ADMISSION**



## 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). Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)  
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill, in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.  
**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at [zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://zionepiscopalchurch.org).



## How YOU Can Make A Difference

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT, Inc.) is participating in **The Great Give** again this year. **The Great Give**, created by the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, is a 36 hour on-line fundraising event uniting donors and non-profits in the Greater New Haven area. Last year the NBLCT raised over \$1,500 during this event. Can you help make a difference this year?

Why should you give to the Great Give in support of the NBLCT? The NBLCT protects open space in North Branford by acquiring and maintaining land in North Branford so that families and hikers can enjoy what makes our town special – a green environment. In order to do this, we need tools to maintain the properties, clearing them of invasive species and do outreach to involve the community.

A little can go a long way. Although the minimum donation is \$5.00, we encourage people to contribute what they can. Contributions can be made by credit or debit card and are tax-deductible.

**You can make a difference. Visit THEGREATGIVE.ORG between 8 am on May 1 and 8 pm on May 2** and choose to donate to the North Branford Land Conservation Trust. Advanced gifts can be made beginning April 23. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** Thank you for your support.

*Photo of Bonnie Symansky talking with Students at TVES.*

## High Tea at Trinity Church

BSA venture crew 424 is raising funds to attend venturing fest, the 20th anniversary of venturing, at summit Bechtel reserve high adventure base. This will be an international event in the crew is working hard to raise funds to go. Thank you, Sharon Ellsworth, advisor crew 424 High Tea in celebration of spring and mothers! Saturday, May 5th 1 PM to 3:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main St., Branford. Menu: seasonal soup, scones, tea sandwiches, desserts, black, green, and herbal teas. Gluten-free and vegan upon request. Suggested donation \$20 per person; \$70 for group of four. Senior discount upon request. RSVP: 203-376-2819 or [teabycrew@gmail.com](mailto:teabycrew@gmail.com) Help send BSA venture crew 424 to the 20th anniversary international event in celebration of venturing.

## Military Whist Card Party

A Military Whist Card Party sponsored by the St Ambrose Ladies Guild will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 in the church hall at St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The doors open at 6:15 for coffee and desserts and the card game will begin by 7:00. The price is \$10.00 per person. For tickets, call the parish office at 203-484-0403. No tickets will be sold at the door. Join us for a game that's easy to learn and fun to play

## Church Belles Help Mission for Foster Children

The latest mission at Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," is sewing bags for foster children in the Covenant to Care Adopt a Social Worker Program. The Church Belles, the women's fellowship group, are taking the lead and sewing the first twelve bags which will be given to children who are removed from their homes. The bags will contain basic hygiene items in addition to a few other items. The opioid epidemic has increased the number of children removed from their homes, and most of the children leave their homes with literally nothing. Earlier this month, members of the church made up Easter baskets containing oral hygiene items along with socks and other needed items for some of the foster children.

Other missions that the church participates in are: the food bank, Midnight Run (jointly with North Branford Congregational Church), manufacturers coupons for a military family, can tabs for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and reaching out to the community to show thanks and appreciation to various groups of people.

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

## North Haven Churches Unite for Community Prayer Breakfast

The Churches of North Haven are uniting together to host a Community Prayer breakfast on The National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 3, 2018.

We will start promptly at 7:30 am at the Best Western Hotel located at 201 Washington Ave, North Haven CT.

We look forward to the opportunity to gather together as a community to ask God's blessings upon our great town and its dedicated leadership.

On April 7, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Ronald Reagan amended the law in 1988 designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. We are privileged to honor that tradition here in North Haven, with a non-denominational community gathering to lift you up in believing prayer that you might have strength, integrity, wisdom and Divine guidance.

RSVP for us to adequately prepare, at <http://hopeag.com/national-day-of-prayer-breakfast.html>

The Theme for this year's NDOP is UNITY.

May His abundant grace and peace be yours today and everyday throughout 2018.

Pastor Jim Detweiler ~ Hope Christian Church  
 Pastor Scott Morrow ~ North Haven Congregational Church  
 Pastor Michael Carbaugh ~ Pond Hill Baptist Church  
 Pastor Jim DeAngelo ~ City Church, North Haven Campus  
 Pastor Don Rivers ~ Mt Carmel Christian Church .

For more information contact call (203) 234-7328 [www.hopeag.com](http://www.hopeag.com) [office@hopeag.com](mailto:office@hopeag.com)



TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD  
TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM  
MAY 8, 2018

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

“Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$52,269,377 which will require a mill rate of 33.39 mills, be adopted?” Those desiring to vote in favor of said budget should fill in the oval next to the words “I accept the budget”. Those desiring to vote against the budget should fill in the oval next to the words at **either** “I reject the budget because it is too high” **or** “I reject the budget because it is too low”.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:  
District 1 Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Road – Route 80  
District 2 Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at twelve noon (**12:00 p.m.**) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the evening (**8:00 p.m.**).

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

In accordance with section C8-5 of the North Branford Charter, only registered voters are eligible to vote at the Budget Referendum.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC  
North Branford Town Clerk

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Sylvia Patterson, Reverse Mortgage Specialist, Guilford Savings Bank. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford Women’s Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 4th at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford,. CT. Doors open at 6:15 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. The club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in Northford and surrounding towns. A limited number of tickets are being sold. For tickets or more information contact Rachel at 203-915-7573 or email [rodell130@gmail.com](mailto:rodell130@gmail.com) . The Northford Women’s Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women’s Clubs. <http://www.northfordwomensclub.org>.

Public Stargazing at Young’s Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a stargazing event on Saturday May 5th at sunset at Young’s Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at Venus setting in the west and then Jupiter and Hercules rising in the east. The moon will coming up late so it will be a good night for viewing deep sky objects. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, [www.asnh.org](http://www.asnh.org) or call 866-808-ASNH. The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified  
1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00  
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run, after 20 words  
Lost and Found ..... FREE  
Business Classified Ads & Real Estate  
3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00  
\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words  
Payment MUST accompany all ads. The advertiser must notify this newspaper of any errors.

Send ad along with your check to:  
Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472  
For more information call 203-410-4254


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HELP WANTED

Counter Help Wanted. Day time hours. Must have computer skills. Also, time to start thinking about Mother’s Day Drivers. Apply within at Petals2Go Florists in the Central Plaza, North Branford, or call 203-484-7800  
Twin Lake Children’s center is growing and is currently looking for a full time preschool teacher and a part time toddler teacher for the afternoons. Monday through Friday 1-6. Please email your resume or send your letter of interest to [Carol8615@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carol8615@sbcglobal.net). I look forward to hearing from you.

TAG SALE INFO

A Giant Tag & Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Up to twenty spaces are available outside on the church lawn and a limited number of spaces will be offered inside the building (first come, first serve). The cost is \$25.00 for a space (bring your own table). Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to sign up. No rain date.  
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish/St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave. North Haven will be having their annual Carnival on June 20-23, 2018. This year we are happy to announce we will be looking to add craft vendors on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23from 6-10pm. We are offering a 10’x10’ outdoor space for \$100 fee. A tent and some lighting as well as a table and chairs will be needed by each vendor. If you are interested in renting a space at the Carnival, please contact the office at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity at 203-239-5378 for a rental contract.

Totoket Historical Society Tilcon Tour

The TOTOKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry at the corner of Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 20. The cost of the tour is \$20. Checks should be made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. and mailed to Box 491, Northford, CT 06472. For further information and reservations, call Florence at 203-484-5072; or Cappy at 203-484-2133 during the day. **Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment.**



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**email - selzholz@snet.net**  
**203-488-8649 (FAX) 203-488-1970**

**Matt's Mission**  
**5k**  
**MAY 20**



**MAY 20, 2018**  
**9:30AM @ North Branford High School**  
*Awards, Food & Beverages, Entertainment, Tech Tees to First 800 Entrants!*  
*Questions? Call Lynn Riordan (203) 506-7577 or John Bysiewicz (203) 481-5933.*



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To register, visit [www.jbsports.com](http://www.jbsports.com).

THE ATWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS

**Spring Floral Design Workshop**

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH @ 6:00PM



**Maple + Mum**  
FLORAL DESIGNS

Join Maple & Mum Floral Designs Owners  
**Nancy Hilton and Kate Young Brunson**

for a spring floral design workshop. Students will learn how to elevate a market bouquet into a stunning centerpiece using all locally-grown spring blooms and branches. A perfect Ladies' Night Out as we approach Mother's Day!

Register either in person or by phone at 203-315-6020.  
1720 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471



**Recycling News**  
Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of each month:

<b>May</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Aug</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
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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 3:00 p.m. on the following final Saturday this Spring: **April 28**. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.  
For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**  
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**The ReCONNstruction Center is looking for your old windows, doors, appliances, cabinets, sinks, lighting, paint, hardware, etc.**  
This is a non-profit "Green Charitable" organization with a mission to reduce the waste of natural resources through re-use of building materials. Drop off items or call to arrange for pickup of your donations:  
731 New Britain Ave, Newington, CT (Twin City Plaza) 860-597-3390  
Check their website for more information at: [www.ReCONNstruction-Center.org](http://www.ReCONNstruction-Center.org)



**ALL THE KINGS HORSES**  
*Equine Rescue*

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS ~ BEDDING PLANTS  
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FUNDRAISER

Horses, flowers and donuts... the trifecta for happiness!

All The Kings Horses Equine Rescue is a 501c3 charity located in Northford, CT that is focused on the rescue, rehabilitation and placement of equines in need. We will have an Open Barn on the day of the fundraiser order pick up. Visitors will be able to meet about the horses that currently reside at the rescue barn. We'll also have information on the other horses that are currently in foster and those that are looking for sponsors. Volunteers will be available to answer any questions.

**All pre-orders must be received by May 2, 2018**  
**Order Pick up at the rescue during our Open Barn Saturday, May 12 10-2**

Pre-order is strongly recommended as we will only have a few extra plants and donuts available for sale on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be sent via U.S. mail with check or by email and paid via PayPal.

Please see our Facebook page for the order form and more details.  
[www.facebook.com/allthekingshorsesequinerescue](http://www.facebook.com/allthekingshorsesequinerescue)

Please share with your friends and family as 100% of the profits help the horses!