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The 5-15-20 issue will be dropped off at our local businesses as well as the full edition being posted on line. This is simply a way of cutting down on postal expenses. When we have done this in the past, many of our readers have gone to the website as well as picked up the papers at the store. ***The 5-29 issue will be back in the mail.***

Papers can be picked up at either one of our town Post Offices, either Patco quick marts, either Townline Wine stores, RV Cafe in North Branford, Chat N Chew in Northford as well as TJ Launderette also in Northford.

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Thank you for your cooperation and together we will see this through and get back to normal.



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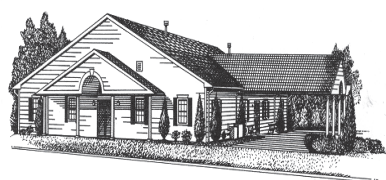
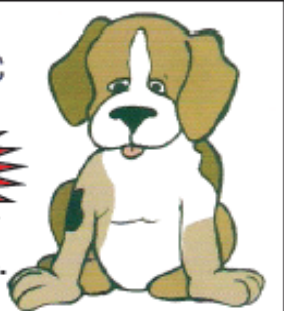
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Legislative Leaders Won't Reconvene the 2020 Session, but there's Work to Do



There are four caucuses in Connecticut's General Assembly—the House and Senate Democrats, and the House and Senate Republicans—and last week the leader of each decided against reconvening the 2020 regular legislative session that had been scheduled to adjourn May 6.

The joint announcement cemented what most legislators knew long ago, that the COVID-19 crisis would zap hundreds of pending bills tackling topics that ranged from assisting victims of domestic violence to commercializing marijuana.

It's likely that we'll hold a special session, perhaps in late summer, to get our arms around completing essential tasks—most important, adjusting the second year of the biennial budget to match state revenues that are declining sharply. That duty has been difficult enough over the last decade, but the economic impact of this sprawling disaster is immense.

The current fiscal year—it ends June 30—will finish with a \$530 million deficit that's likely to be filled through a combination of federal assistance and the state's \$2.5 billion rainy day fund. Already, the governor has said next fiscal year's deficit could at least double this one.

With that in mind, I'm somewhat surprised that Governor Lamont hasn't taken more decisive action on an issue that's gaining attention among both news reporters and residents who are active on social media: state employee raises that go into effect July 1. The pay increases will cost the state roughly \$135 million, and many Connecticut residents have wondered whether we can afford that price tag at the onset of a long spell of financial uncertainty.

Whether you agree with all of his decisions or not, the governor has moved swiftly on many fronts since he closed schools, bars, and restaurants back in mid-March. More often than not, the thrust of his executive orders matched action implemented in other states.

If other states have taken steps on similar salary-related issues, shouldn't Connecticut do the same? We could contemplate delaying these scheduled raises, reviewing the state's financial condition in increments to determine whether our budget is stable enough to release them.

But I'm not sure that will happen. The governor was noncommittal on the subject during a news briefing recently, indicating that he'd think about the raises against the backdrop of the many Connecticut residents whose financial security has been obliterated by this crisis.

Meanwhile, the chief negotiator for state employee unions has, to put it politely, rejected the notion of delaying the scheduled pay increases to divert the money to support nonprofit social services agencies gasping under the weight of this pandemic.

If history is any indicator, state bureaucracy will prevail.

After all, this month Connecticut delivers the first of two "longevity" payments made annually to some government employees. The total price tag? Roughly \$23 million a year.

When it comes to July's raises, I hope the governor can, as he said, "achieve the right balance."

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## Recycling News

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*Please continue to save items for when program resumes.*

### Plastic Film Drop Off Suspended

**Please save plastic film at home until further notice when program resumes.**

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### HazWaste Central 2020

HWC will be postponing the opening of the 2020 season to at least **May 30, 2020**, in accordance with the social distancing recommendations of the CDC to protect the health of customers, employees and HWC volunteers.

**Any further delay to the opening will be publicized.**

Please reach out to HWC with questions at **203-401-2712**, or email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com)

HWC will also be sharing helpful tips on household hazardous waste management on RWA's Facebook page: [facebook.com/scctrwa](https://www.facebook.com/scctrwa)

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### Keep Your Neighborhood Cleaner and Safer

***Please store totes away from street and sidewalks after pickup.***

### Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder

**Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material), propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside. These items will not get picked up; please dispose/recycle properly.**

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### NEXT BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)

**Week of November 9th on your scheduled pickup day**

**\*No home cleanouts\***

### Town's 2020-21 Budget Under the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Town Council concluded their budget deliberations and were able to reduce the 2020-21 Proposed Budget increase of 1.30 mills down to a mill rate increase of .12 mills in recognition of the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mill rate for the 2020-21 fiscal year will be 33.58. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order # 7 I, section 13, the Town Council also voted to forego the budget referendum process for this year and have formally adopted the budget. In this period of social distancing, a public vote cannot be safely conducted. In addition, asking our taxpayers to come out to the polls is directly contradictory to the message of Stay Home/Stay Safe. Other options were explored – online voting for example, but these are not allowed per our State Election Laws. The legal notice detailing the 2020-21 Town Council Budget is found in this edition of the Totoket Times. As always, if you have questions regarding the budget, please call the Finance Department at 203-484-6002.

Executive Order 7 S allows our taxpayers to submit a request for an additional 90 days (without interest) to pay tax/sewer obligations to the Town that are due between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020. The fillable version of this form is available on the Town's website ([www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)) under Latest News. The deadline to file this form is July 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 203-484-6011.

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### Letters to the editor...

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

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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



# Take a Deep Breath

For a century we have survived epidemics and pandemics without destroying our society in the process. We understand and accept this natural order by mourning the deaths of thousands, redoubling our precautions and taking solace in the fact that the survivors will make us stronger. The CDC’s statistics reveal the give and take between life and death in this annual battle, reminding us that between 30 and 60 thousand Americans died from influenza during our latest “flu season.”

In contrast to the past century of perseverance against the flu, as of April 8, the US economy has been shut down for three weeks because of 12,911 lives lost to the Coronavirus. These drastic changes in our lives give us sound reason to pause and question why these measures were necessary for the Coronavirus but never for Influenza. More yet, why doesn’t the ingenious “social distancing” that supposedly thwarts the Coronavirus affected our annual Influenza epidemic?

The global economic shutdown now holds my 86-year-old mother hostage in her building, threatening to put her in a 2-week lockup if she leaves, all the while allowing deliveries from Amazon by men who wipe their nose with latex gloves as they deposit packages at her door. She peers through an 8x12 computer screen for eight+ hours each day, a two-dimensional portal to the outside world as Coronavirus hysteria denies her religious worship and contact with her family and friends. Meanwhile, our children’s education is suspended and many of us have lost their ability to earn a living.

Unlike our battle against Influenza and other infectious diseases, we seem to be convinced we can hide in our homes until medical science saves us from the Coronavirus. This notion seems to exist without regard for the starvation, rioting and carnage that will come over time from our isolation and the destruction of the global economy. In light of big brother’s inability to stop the ravages of Influenza with a magic “flu shot” for the past 50 years, is it utter hubris to expect medical science to save us before our economy and social fabric disintegrate?

We have no choice but to be vigilant and resourceful, to arm ourselves with information and understanding of the real dangers at hand. We must go about the brave business of survival, but always err on the side of caution. I urge us all to have confidence in our record of extricating ourselves from similar recurring predicaments.

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## “Discouraged at ...attempt at humor...”

Dear Editor:

Recently, I was discouraged to see an unfortunate attempt at humor on public display between two elected officials. Senator Christine Cohen and Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff of Norwalk exchanged tweets earlier this week, openly mocking their constituents who are concerned about Governor Lamont’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The “COVID-19 Lock-down Protestor” wallet card Senator Cohen shared states “to demonstrate my commitment to my freedoms and to compensate for the extra burden I am putting on the U.S. medical system, I hereby decline medical treatment for COVID-19 related medical conditions.” The card also shockingly continues “P.S. this is also my DNR authorization.” Duff replied that he found the card “handy and wallet size!”

The responsible position to hold is that we can simultaneously care about this threat to public health, the short and long-term effects on our state’s economy, and the potential for government to get too comfortable with its newfound ability to govern by decree instead of by consent. It is discouraging to see constituent concerns treated with contempt. Differences on policy should be discussed and debated, not derided and berated.

Sincerely, Joe LaPorta

Republican Candidate for State Senate, 12<sup>th</sup> District  
Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison, and North Branford



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## “...Full Support for buiding a New High School...”

Dear Editor:

I am writing to voice my FULL support for building a new high school in North Branford. I cannot imagine that this is a question, or even up for debate, based on the condition of the current building. It would be a great injustice to our community if the Town Council does not do everything in its power to move this project along as quickly and smoothly as possible.

My husband and I moved to North Branford in May of 2011; our daughter was then 15 months old. I grew up in Guilford, where I have taught English since 1999. My husband grew up in Wethersfield and is a School Administrator in New Haven. As Educators, we chose to move to North Branford because we valued a small community with strong values. I knew the High School in North Branford was an old building, but I was naive in my assumption that it was in similar condition to the old Guilford High School. I also assumed, in 2011, that with the new GHS being built and almost all high schools in the state being upgraded, that it was safe to believe that NBHS would be a new building by the time my infant daughter was headed into high school. She is now in 4th grade and I am gravely concerned that that may not be the case.

When I toured NBHS earlier this year, it was only my second time in the building. From the outside, it looks similar to the old GHS. What is going on inside makes the **old** GHS look like a top notch building, and that is outrageous. I was expecting a leaky roof, older windows, and difficulty in temperature control. I was NOT prepared for a fully flooded basement, windows sealed shut with duct tape, a library that is trapped in the late 20th century, bathrooms flooded with sewage, a second floor that cannot be accessed by anyone on crutches or in a wheelchair, locker rooms that are an insult to our student athletes and classrooms falling apart. This is not a should or should not situation; It is a must.

I have done some research into the NEASC reports provided to the North Branford BOE. I have served as a Chair on two NEASC committees at GHS and we are also currently going through a NEASC evaluation. North Branford has been told via this accreditation process since the year 2000 that the facilities at NBHS were sub par. The Town Council has had more than enough time to resolve this issue.

A family member of a Town Council member, a woman who does not live in North Branford (she lives in Guilford) was on one of the North Branford community pages touting the idea that North Branford should not bother building a new high school and should instead, send all of its students to surrounding high schools. This is an outrageous suggestion for many reasons, but it worries me that this person, who is not a town resident, is vocalizing an idea that a Town Council Member might share. North Branford students have a RIGHT to an education in a safe and healthy building with the peers they have grown up with and in a community they can call their own.

My daughter attended the FRC Pre-K 3 and 4 program and will be proud to graduate with students she has been friends with since she was three years old. I have been impressed with all the educators we have worked with throughout this system. I am proud to live in North Branford and I do not regret our thoughtful decision to move into this community. I believe the right decision will be made and the plans for a new high school will move forward. The faculty and our students deserve a new building that will support them well into the 21st Century. The time is now.

Sincerely, Allison H. Camarco

## Mayor Happy with Budget

Dear Friends:

I would like to say the N.B Town Council did a great job keeping the budget as low as possible. I felt because many citizens of No Branford are suffering financially we had to keep the budget as close to zero as possible. I feel we did that. I would like to thank the members of the council also town manager Mike Paulhus and finance director Anthony Esposito for doing a great job also Dep. Mayor Tom Zampano for filling in for me through this process. Good Great job people.

Sincerely, Mayor Bob

## “Clear and Present Danger to this Country”

Dear Editor:

Each day I sit here and listen to a man say things I never thought I hear a president of the United States say. The man I can forgive because he’s an ignorant despot-want-to-be. What I’m having trouble forgiving is the group of men who support and cheer him on when he says things that are well beneath what any president should ever say. It seems all these staunch Republicans think it’s OK to follow this man who clearly has only his own interests in mind. The person in the White House wants to become the first American Dictator, and 47% of the population think that’s alright. Why they are still allowing this, I don’t know. This man represents a “clear and present danger to this country”. This is not the America I was brought up in. We are so clearly less and less great. Other countries are reluctant to move forward with us till this guy is voted out.

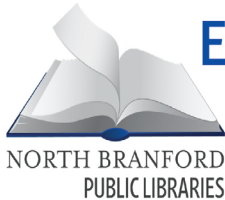
So, what is it going to be? - Four more Months- or- Four more years?

Sincerely,  
Charles W. Atmore

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR								
2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 BUDGET	@ 1/31/20 ACTUAL	2019-2020 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2020-2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2020-2021 MANAGER PROPOSED	2020-2021 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$41,248,117	\$41,846,797	\$42,283,146	\$39,464,824	\$42,160,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$44,588,302	\$44,471,548	\$42,989,606
\$218,139	\$264,835	\$229,200	\$161,050	\$228,650	FEES	\$229,200	\$229,200	\$229,200
\$149,640	\$174,925	\$90,000	\$85,885	\$120,000	OTHER TAXES	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
\$1,186,552	\$1,180,033	\$1,501,277	\$1,479,371	\$1,506,637	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,561,406	\$1,561,406	\$1,507,909
\$91,641	\$553,316	\$200,000	\$159,066	\$175,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
\$240,675	\$274,767	\$201,050	\$138,130	\$225,560	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$210,300	\$210,300	\$210,300
\$124,408	\$123,433	\$86,725	\$88,264	\$135,124	CURRENT SERVICES	\$115,240	\$115,240	\$115,240
\$23,521	\$18,748	\$145,303	\$19,543	\$19,543	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$4,188	\$4,188	\$4,188
\$7,284,891	\$7,860,959	\$7,252,311	\$3,726,922	\$7,521,844	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325
\$408,417	\$168,616	\$158,978	\$153,601	\$155,878	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$155,678	\$155,678	\$155,678
\$41,178	\$45,503	\$35,500	\$44,988	\$60,500	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$41,500	\$41,500	\$41,500
\$335,661	\$214,813	\$62,170	\$42,144	\$102,900	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$60,020	\$60,020	\$60,020
\$0	\$0	\$1,273,975	\$0	\$1,073,975	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$650,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$66,236	\$65,063	\$63,798	\$33,798	\$63,798	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$62,579	\$62,579	\$62,579
<u>\$51,419,078</u>	<u>\$52,791,808</u>	<u>\$53,583,433</u>	<u>\$45,597,586</u>	<u>\$53,549,409</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$54,949,738</u>	<u>\$54,832,984</u>	<u>\$53,597,545</u>
\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$294,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE BOE APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>\$51,419,078</u>	<u>\$52,791,808</u>	<u>\$53,983,433</u>	<u>\$45,597,586</u>	<u>\$53,549,409</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$54,949,738</u>	<u>\$54,832,984</u>	<u>\$53,891,545</u>
\$65,249	\$65,238	\$65,334	\$58,279	\$65,219	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$66,334	\$66,334	\$78,334
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$217,938	\$224,919	\$224,884	\$130,479	\$229,725	TOWN MANAGER	\$228,097	\$228,097	\$228,097
\$371,810	\$386,395	\$344,813	\$199,732	\$334,424	FINANCE	\$344,181	\$344,181	\$344,181
\$160,616	\$161,173	\$177,580	\$92,866	\$164,120	TAX COLLECTOR	\$177,531	\$177,531	\$177,531
\$167,782	\$174,829	\$184,234	\$101,670	\$175,802	ASSESSOR	\$185,457	\$185,457	\$185,457
\$1,500	\$1,811	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$256,848	\$262,398	\$293,232	\$161,641	\$294,203	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$311,545	\$311,545	\$311,545
\$188,379	\$187,091	\$205,275	\$111,877	\$195,967	TOWN CLERK	\$205,541	\$205,541	\$205,541
\$38,697	\$63,408	\$51,516	\$22,593	\$64,519	ELECTIONS	\$75,537	\$68,887	\$70,853
\$111,265	\$105,069	\$112,600	\$86,691	\$95,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$130,100	\$130,100	\$120,100
\$0	\$214	\$1,487	\$0	\$0	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$1,721	\$1,721	\$1,721
\$33,218	\$38,567	\$46,451	\$38,546	\$40,270	TECHNOLOGY	\$46,067	\$46,067	\$46,067
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,613,303	\$1,671,113	\$1,709,106	\$1,004,475	\$1,660,949	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,773,811	\$1,767,161	\$1,771,127
\$3,159,180	\$3,435,927	\$3,609,456	\$2,095,252	\$3,683,921	POLICE	\$3,970,809	\$3,970,809	\$3,874,474
\$720,281	\$762,685	\$808,880	\$628,512	\$815,239	FIRE	\$919,122	\$907,047	\$894,547
\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	AMBULANCE	\$200,000	\$175,000	\$150,000
\$236,911	\$241,291	\$253,944	\$253,000	\$257,423	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$267,063	\$267,063	\$267,063
\$477,896	\$511,781	\$571,030	\$340,208	\$616,496	COMMUNICATIONS	\$616,725	\$616,725	\$611,725
\$17,262	\$19,404	\$20,330	\$6,014	\$19,547	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$20,138	\$20,138	\$20,138
\$121,827	\$131,032	\$117,812	\$0	\$130,813	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$131,029	\$131,029	\$131,029
\$4,733,356	\$5,102,120	\$5,531,452	\$3,322,985	\$5,523,439	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$6,124,886	\$6,087,811	\$5,948,976
\$952,359	\$957,973	\$979,120	\$310,625	\$979,120	REFUSE REMOVAL	\$987,925	\$987,925	\$987,925
\$1,996,856	\$1,963,824	\$2,172,484	\$1,356,592	\$2,198,395	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,359,180	\$2,304,769	\$2,252,468
\$149,375	\$117,956	\$117,383	\$57,748	\$115,000	STREET LIGHTING	\$114,129	\$114,129	\$114,129
\$3,098,590	\$3,039,753	\$3,268,987	\$1,724,965	\$3,292,515	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,461,234	\$3,406,823	\$3,354,522
\$500,349	\$563,471	\$595,479	\$288,249	\$489,413	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$616,303	\$616,303	\$612,883
\$9,687	\$9,652	\$9,650	\$0	\$9,750	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,750	\$9,750	\$9,750
\$25,500	\$26,100	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$28,500	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$29,100	\$29,100	\$29,100
\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$689	\$1,500	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
\$699,569	\$681,494	\$751,465	\$421,236	\$730,052	LIBRARY	\$769,411	\$766,411	\$764,411
\$1,235,105	\$1,280,717	\$1,385,094	\$737,173	\$1,259,215	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,426,064	\$1,423,064	\$1,417,644
\$120,397	\$124,528	\$128,750	\$127,970	\$128,750	HEALTH	\$136,743	\$134,143	\$134,143
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$68,357	\$74,940	\$98,423	\$41,104	\$77,446	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$73,456	\$73,456	\$73,456
\$5,821	\$5,405	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,500	PROBATE COURT	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
\$15,992	\$18,421	\$24,663	\$19,181	\$21,789	HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$25,476	\$25,476	\$25,476
\$210,566	\$223,295	\$256,836	\$188,255	\$233,485	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$241,675	\$239,075	\$239,075
\$100,875	\$103,845	\$107,712	\$62,042	\$107,669	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$108,061	\$108,061	\$108,061
\$42,295	\$42,751	\$46,499	\$16,608	\$46,428	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$46,499	\$46,499	\$46,499
\$1,094	\$715	\$2,417	\$1,054	\$2,217	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,417	\$2,417	\$2,417
\$12,696	\$35,179	\$40,140	\$21,551	\$40,380	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$45,354	\$37,336	\$37,336
\$131,449	\$142,287	\$102,142	\$57,482	\$101,779	ENGINEERING	\$102,371	\$102,371	\$102,371
\$3,766	\$3,590	\$4,107	\$3,065	\$4,072	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,112	\$4,112	\$4,112
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$1,527	\$0	\$0	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$128,674	\$134,137	\$144,082	\$86,398	\$142,572	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$154,531	\$149,531	\$149,531
\$420,849	\$462,505	\$448,726	\$248,201	\$445,217	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION	\$464,972	\$451,954	\$451,954
\$146,602	\$194,402	\$227,686	\$37,806	\$200,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$295,662	\$295,662	\$230,662
\$196,755	\$216,637	\$256,352	\$244,355	\$256,102	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$287,770	\$287,770	\$287,770
\$2,305,860	\$1,842,057	\$2,404,331	\$1,465,255	\$2,372,613	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,478,842	\$2,478,842	\$2,478,842
\$2,649,217	\$2,253,096	\$2,888,369	\$1,747,416	\$2,828,715	TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE & OTHER	\$3,062,274	\$3,062,274	\$2,997,274
<u>\$951,958</u>	<u>\$1,864,146</u>	<u>\$1,629,300</u>	<u>\$1,852,478</u>	<u>\$1,944,300</u>	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>
\$14,912,945	\$15,896,744	\$17,117,870	\$10,825,947	\$17,187,835	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$16,659,916	\$16,543,162	\$16,285,572
\$30,661,365	\$31,636,243	\$32,269,225	\$17,800,765	\$32,185,714	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$33,144,863	\$33,144,863	\$32,435,714
\$0	\$0	\$705,000	\$1,162,300	\$390,000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,254,460	\$1,254,460	\$1,125,760
<u>\$4,371,128</u>	<u>\$3,982,271</u>	<u>\$3,891,338</u>	<u>\$3,909,727</u>	<u>\$3,909,727</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$3,890,499</u>	<u>\$3,890,499</u>	<u>\$3,750,499</u>
\$49,945,438	\$51,515,258	\$53,983,433	\$33,698,739	\$53,673,276	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$54,949,738	\$54,832,984	\$53,597,545
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$294,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>\$49,945,438</u>	<u>\$51,515,258</u>	<u>\$53,983,433</u>	<u>\$33,698,739</u>	<u>\$53,673,276</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$54,949,738</u>	<u>\$54,832,984</u>	<u>\$53,891,545</u>



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### Letter from the Director

As you know, the CDC has issued guidelines to help control the spread of COVID-19. In order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 through appropriate social distancing and other safety measures, and in keeping with Governor Lamont's recent executive order for the closure of all non-essential businesses, both the Atwater Memorial Library and the Edward Smith Library are closed until further notice. We recognize this is an inconvenience but these measures help ensure the health and safety of our patrons and staff. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented health emergency.

While we are closed the staff is hard at work developing new ways to serve our patrons during this pandemic, and to continue being there for you and staying connected with you. We have a variety of online resources for you to explore and access from home. From ebooks, digital magazines and downloadable audiobooks to streaming movies and TV shows as well as online learning tools. Please head to our website at [nbranfordlibraries.org](http://nbranfordlibraries.org) for a complete listing. If you need a library card, or can't remember your card number, or need help using any of our resources, please call the **Atwater Library** at **203-315-6020** or the **Smith Library** at **203-484-0469** or email [director@nbranfordlibraries.org](mailto:director@nbranfordlibraries.org). Remember too, that our WiFi access is always available, free of charge, from our library parking lots.

While we are not offering curbside delivery, we do have a book cart outside the entrances of both libraries filled with a great selection of free books, for children and adults. Please help yourself! The Sunflower Project is gearing up for its second year, along with North Branford's Pollinator Pathways initiative. Seed packets for the tall and dwarf sunflowers are available on the book carts, along with a Northeastern wildflower mix to help establish pollinator-friendly habitats. Now is the time to start planning for warmer weather when we can get outside and start planting.

The Library has also been busy with our two 3D printers helping to print mask adapters and ear guards for healthcare workers. The adapters allow for the safe use of expired face masks and the ear guards help relieve the tension from the elastic that can make ears sore and uncomfortable from wearing a face mask all day.

Please check our Facebook page [@NBPublicLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/NBPublicLibraries) often where we will share helpful or sometimes just fun and interesting information. A librarian might even make a virtual visit with a quick check-in or story time, hopefully it will help combat isolation and return some familiar faces to your families.

Our book drops are open but we encourage you to hold on to your materials if you can. Please refrain from leaving donations outside the Library or on the book carts. This allows us to be sure the items on the book carts are from a safe source. All materials have been automatically renewed and check out periods have been extended to June 1st.

While things seem uncertain now, the best way to get through this is together as a community, by protecting and looking out for each other. We live in an amazing community with people rising to the occasion every day with good deeds and acts of kindness for our neighbors. Please continue to take care of your families and yourselves. From the Library family to your family, we miss you and we look forward to the day we can welcome you through our doors and see you again.

Your Library Director,  
Lauren Davis

### a little library fun for adults

when in doubt, go to the library  
— Ron Weasley in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling

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Choose a museum from our list of Museum Passes. Go to their website for a "virtual tour"	Create accounts to access our digital resources: Overdrive (Libby), RB Digital, or Hoopla	Explore Fantastic Fiction: <a href="http://fantasticfiction.com">fantasticfiction.com</a>	Listen to an audiobook at home. You can use Overdrive (Libby), RB Digital, or Hoopla	What is SHOUTBOMB? Find out by going to our website, About Us, then FAQ
Recommend to a friend or neighbor an uplifting book that you have recently enjoyed	View the New Arrivals from our website and plan your next read	Fill in the blanks. The novel that <i>Paper Moon</i> was based on was titled: -----	Go to Overdrive and find the number one book on the New York Times Bestsellers list	Find the book title within this scramble: <b>RAT RING HOTLINE</b> Clue: 4 words
Read a book on the New York Times Bestsellers list	Subscribe to our Library e-Newsletter. Fill out the form on our website	<b>NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b> <a href="http://nbranfordlibraries.org">nbranfordlibraries.org</a>	Read a digital magazine through RB Digital	Go to the Community tab on our website and read about the history of North Branford
Go to About Us on our website and learn who Clara Smith was. The Smith Library's non-fiction room was named in her honor!	Use the online Consumer Reports to look-up a review of a product you are interested in purchasing. The link is on our homepage	April is National Poetry Month! Do a "keyword" search for "poetry" and discover all that is available through Hoopla	Write down the names of ten magazines you can find in both libraries. But... do it within one minute	Create an account on Lynda.com through our website and choose from over 5,000 classes
Go into RB Digital and read Emily Dickinson's most popular poem. You won't be disappointed!	Explore Khan Academy to learn something new. Use the Research tab on our website	Find information about our Book Discussion Kits on our website. What title by Ann Patchett is on the list?	Read a historical fiction book and recommend it to someone	Think of a topic you would be interested in learning information on from a local expert. Email us your suggestions

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How many bunnies can you find  
on the  
**Cotton Tail Trail!**



Visit the Cotton Tail Trail at North Farms Park  
to find the hidden bunnies.

Trails are found at the far end of the parking lot. Enter here and take the white trail to the left. Follow this until you see the two kissing bunnies. Turn around and see if you find more!

The Cotton Tail Trail will be open until the end of April. No need to rush. If you see a lot of others on the trail you may decide to choose a different time. Please remember to exercise social-distancing.



How many bunnies can you find?

North Farms Park—251 Branford Road, North Branford, CT 06471

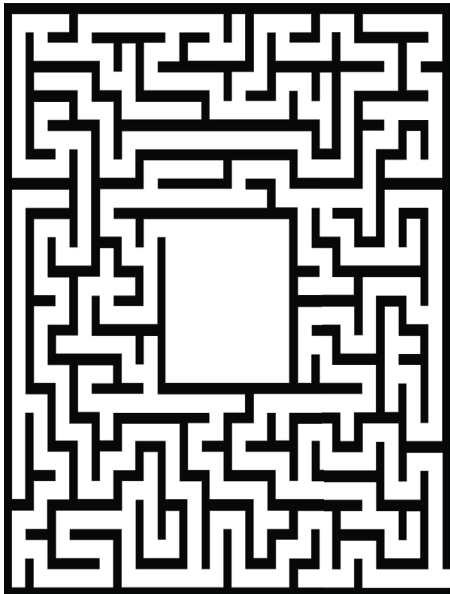
#### CRAFT PROJECT IDEA: Paper Mache Dinosaur Egg

##### What You Need:

Balloon  
Glue  
Water  
Lots of paper strips  
Smock  
Paint  
Bowl

##### INSTRUCTIONS:

- First, put on your smock to keep clean while doing this project.
- Second, pour lots of glue and a little bit of water into the bowl you selected, then mix them together.
- To make things more fun, put a small toy in the balloon before blowing it up, as a surprise. Then blow up the balloon.
- Lay it on a flat surface, then get out paper strips.
- Swish some strips of paper into the glue and water. then start placing them on the balloon.
- Continue placing them until the balloon is covered.
- Now, smooth out the paper on the balloon so there are no air bubbles.
- Wait a few days for the balloon to dry.
- When it is dry, paint the balloon any color you wish. Then let that dry for a few hours.
- You can then "hatch" the egg when you want to find the surprise inside!



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#### FACTS ABOUT INSECTS AND BUGS

- Night butterflies have ears on their wings so they can avoid bats.
- Monarch caterpillars shed their skin four times before they become a chrysalis, growing over 2700 times their original size.
- The desert locust is the world's most destructive insect. It can eat it's own weight in food every day. Large swarms can gobble up to 20,000 tons of grain and plants in a day.
- The honeybee has to travel an average of 43,000 miles to collect enough nectar to make a pound of honey!
- The average housefly lives for one month.
- There is only one insect that can turn its head — the praying mantis.
- A slug has four noses.

### a little library fun for kids

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There are several children's literature awards. Read one award winning title	Have fun with a free online puzzle from <a href="http://digipuzzle.net">digipuzzle.net</a>	Write your own book, complete with illustrations! Write about your family, your pet, or a silly fantasy	The Summer Reading theme is Fairy Tales. Read a classic fairy tale like Snow White, Cinderella, or Rumpelstiltskin	Recommend your favorite book series to a friend or classmate
Cook a simple recipe from a cookbook with an adult's help	Do you like <i>Don't let the pigeon drive the bus?</i> Watch it as a 7 minute movie on HOOPLA	Read while eating breakfast.	Read a book about someone from another country	Read a 2020 Nutmeg Award nominated book
Read a book with your sister, brother, or your favorite stuffed animal	<i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Craft won a medal this year. What is that medal called?		Draw some pictures and have someone else write a story to go with them to create a book	Watch a movie based on a book. Read the book and compare them
Ask an adult what their favorite childhood book was and see if you can find it online to read together	Think of a character in a book you have read. Would you like to be that person? Would you make different choices?	Read in a blanket fort	Draw a picture of your favorite book character using sidewalk chalk on your driveway.	Read a book about an animal and surprise your family with a fact they didn't know about that animal
Read a Newbery Award winner	Have a family storytime. Make some snacks, turn off the lights and read by flashlight	Learn ten words in a new language by using <b>DUOLINGO</b> . Go to the library website and click on the Research tab	Read a book outside	Read the first book in a series

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"And now," cried Max, "let the wild rumpus start!"  
— Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

## 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; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](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, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September - May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

## Congregational Church Available 24/7



In our efforts to reach out to the North Branford community during these challenging times, we wanted folks to know that they can turn to our church 24/7 on Facebook, via our weekly times of worship, our daily messages, and the opportunity to be in contact with us.

We're here to be a source of spiritual strength, and a resource to help anyone!

**The Rev. Vance Taylor,  
Pastor - NBCC**



## Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, nonprofit organization, Convoy of Hope helps empower others to live with greater independence and freedom from poverty, disease, and hunger. They aim to provide 10 million meals across the USA in response to the COVID-19.

Hope Christian Church was selected as one of three Southern New England distribution sites by Southern New England Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. Over the past two weeks over 73,000 lbs. of non-perishable food supplies have been delivered by Convoy of Hope to the New England region. 35 Assemblies of God churches, from Brookfield to Boston have now received these supplies and are helping to meet critical needs in their communities.

Besides being a distribution site, Hope Christian Church received a portion of supplies which they donated to the North Haven Food Bank. A very special Thank you to the North Haven C.E.R.T. team for assisting in transporting our portion to the North Haven Food Pantry and to the members of Hope Christian Church for unloading and separating the food.

For more information on Convoy of Hope go to [www.convoyofhope.org](http://www.convoyofhope.org)

*Photo submitted by: Pastor Jim Detweiler*



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**North Branford Fire Department**  
**Residential Burning Permits.** Town Hall is closed to the public, but you can still obtain a burning permit. Go to the Town Web site: <http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com/newweb/resources/site1/General/documents/NB%20Open%20Burning%20Permit%202017.pdf> and download the form, fill it out and email it to: [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com) If you need just a renewal for an expired permit just call the office and leave a message. 203-484-6016.

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.

**COVID-19 (Corona Virus)**  
Public health officials continue to discover more about this new virus. Person-to-person spread of the virus is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may also be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. This is very similar to how the common cold and influenza are spread. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic. Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms. How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily.

Based upon these facts, people can take these everyday preventative actions to help stop the spread of viruses  
**Wash your hands frequently.** Wash for 20 seconds with soap and water. Be sure to wash your hands when you come home from public places. If you do not have access to soap & water, use an alcohol-based (at least 60%) hand sanitizer. Use enough sanitizer to thoroughly cover your hands and rub until dry.  
**Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands**  
**Stay home if you are sick.** Children should stay home from school or daycare if they are sick.

**Cover your cough and sneezes** with a tissue. Discard the tissue properly. Wash your hands. If you do not have a tissue, use the crook of your elbow. Avoid being around sick persons.

If you are sick or have sick household members, **frequently disinfect commonly touched surfaces**, such as doorknobs and handles, faucet handles, remote controls, tabletops, etc.

**Be active every day , Get plenty of rest, Eat healthy and nutritious foods.**  
**For more information contact:**  
**[East Shore District Health Department | info@esdhd.org](mailto:info@esdhd.org)**  
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