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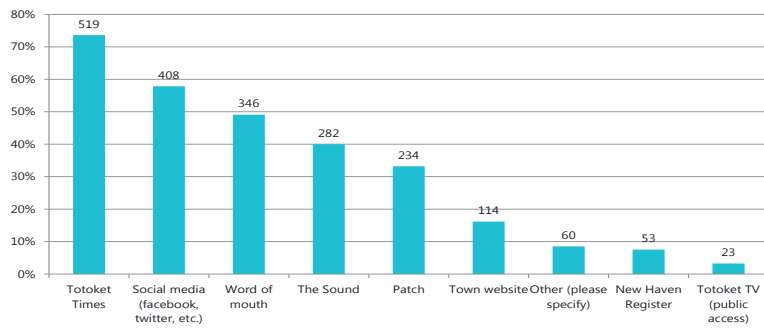


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Many changes came to Connecticut as a result of a new administration and newly elected legislature. A new progressive caucus of approximately 45 legislators emerged hailing reforms, such as an increase to minimum wage, paid family medical leave, free college tuition, legalized marijuana, and capital gains taxes. What did Connecticut's struggling residents get instead? A budget with many new sales taxes on products and services, increased taxes on meals and alcohol, and more taxes for small businesses as they try to absorb major labor cost increases. As if the new taxes don't hurt enough, our struggling families will now be paying ½ percent out of their paychecks to fund the "paid" family medical leave program that may never get implemented; and an opt-out "one size fits all" state retirement plan will take another 3% from after-tax pay. The budget also refinanced pension debt assuring our children and grandchildren with an unsustainable bill and costing an additional \$17 billion, and tolls still threaten the horizon. So much for a progressive caucus that helps the downtrodden. If I had to sum up this session, I feel like I walked through a fun house, and as I emerged back to civilization, I am not sure how to describe it, other than I know I didn't like the experience.

One of the cornerstones to good government is transparency. The budget managed to trample on that sacred ground as well. In mid-April, Governor Lamont lauded a \$100 million donation from the Dalio Foundation for education purposes. As the weeks passed, no further details emerged. No public hearings, no legislation, until, surprise, it appeared in the budget. The budget creates a private corporation known as "The Partnership for Connecticut, Inc." in which \$20 million of donations from the Dalio Foundation will be deposited, along with \$20 million dollars of taxpayer money. These infusions of cash are slated to occur every year for five years. The board of directors are made up of individuals appointed by the Dalio Foundation, as well as, the Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and Minority Leaders in the House and Senate. Despite being constituted with public officials and administering up to \$300 million, one-third of which is tax dollars, the budget cloaks this corporation in secrecy. The law reads, "The corporation shall not be construed to be a department, institution, public agency, public instrumentality or political subdivision of the state, or to perform any governmental function."

I recall the long, protracted debates over whether to protect the crime-scene pictures of the Sandy Hook tragedy from disclosure of our Freedom of Information Act. Members passionately struggled with protecting families from emotional harm and the public's right to information. Ultimately, the legislature voted to carve out a privacy protection under very limited circumstances. As Republicans called an amendment to subject this corporation to transparency, I expected the same protracted dialogue: the need to keep tax dollar expenditures transparent, to subject the corporate board, made up of public officials, to open and public meetings, and to maintain this principle of good government. I was wrong. Not a word, not a justification, merely a party line vote, where Democrats, like a magician, pulled the curtain across \$300 million and poof, it's gone from public view. Connecticut is not a model for progressiveness, it's become a model for plutocracy.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been pretty quiet on the local front but with the resignation of our Park Rec Supervisor and two long time commissioners, as well as the November election, things are starting to heat up.

I have heard through several resources, that some of our council members are not planning on running this year. It saddens me because the ones taking their names off the ballot, in my opinion, are the one's who should be staying.

However, the problem persists with several bullies running the show and the people who trying to make real change, are constantly getting their milk money stolen. Volunteerism is not an easy job but I would hope all would evaluate their decisions to run and do it for the right reasons. I would also hope that people who want change get involved. If you don't think you can break the "party control", how about several individuals coming up with an independent party and trying to take the majority. . Our town needs everyone's voice to be heard.

Now that the high school baseball season is over I have way too much free time on my hands to observe and vent about the changing world we live in. I'm writing you this letter on Father's Day and it's amazing how I am now becoming our father. Nobody does anything right anymore, the whole world is going to hell and blah, blah, blah. If only I had seen his wisdom years ago, I would have been kinder to his rants.

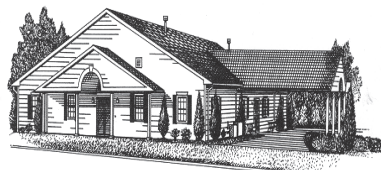
June 13 was always a day we celebrated St. Anthony feast day. 45 years ago I helped rekindle a festival at our church in New Haven. It was as they say, a beautiful thing. Spiritually, socially and financially successful. Due to circumstances that were NOT beyond our control, this year that celebration came to an end. This a change where leadership brought up all the reasons why not, and no solutions as to how we can. It's sad but I was always raised to figure out how to overcome obstacles and get the job done.

Friday night I attended a coach pitched Little League game on the gravel field at Stanley T. Williams. There were two games being played and two in waiting. When I drove home, I passed the million dollar plus Wall Field and there were no games there. The field of dreams, "If you build it they will come", but nobody came. Just saying, back in the day, we would do everything we could to get games at Wall. With the concession stand and the finely manicured play ground it was all for the kids and they loved the opportunity to play their. Apparently the decision makers thought having them play on the gravel field in the woods was a better venue.

With the extra time, I've been back to several civic organization meetings and just can't figure out why people don't care anymore and why young people don't get involved. In one group, I heard a long time member indicate she was not concerned with the group losing money as she would be gone long before they went broke. What is the matter with people?

Well over and out. Say hi to everyone.

Take care and I'll probably be see you very soon



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The Editor

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Racist Icons

Why do some continue to revere and honor proven, devout racists while ignoring their racism? Here are some racist icons to which many continue to turn a blind eye.

Woodrow Wilson campaigned on a promise to give blacks a fair shake. Elected, he then segregated the federal government, actually forcing some blacks to work in cages where their jobs got too close for comfort. Wilson's fondness for the movie "Birth of a Nation" revitalized the KKK. The only movie screened privately at the Wilson Whitehouse, it heralded the KKK as heroes protecting whites from black Americans and portrayed blacks as evil, ne'er-do-well rapists. Some still revere Wilson as an icon of Progressivism.

FDR put a member of the Ku Klux Klan (Hugo Black) on the Supreme Court. He invited only white Olympians to the White House after the 1936 Olympics, prompting Jesse Owens to say, "Hitler didn't snub me - it was [Roosevelt] who snubbed me." Roosevelt refused to support Republican proposals to make the lynching of blacks a federal crime. The US armed forces weren't desegregated until Truman did so in 1948.

Many still recognize FDR as their principled hero while refusing to admit to this flaw.

On 7/27/16 Snopes verified that, "[t]here's no question that Lyndon Johnson ... was also a sometime racist and notorious vulgarian who rarely shied away from using the N-word in private... he reportedly referred to the Civil Rights Act of 1957 as the 'n**ger bill' in more than one private phone conversation..." While not positively confirming it, Snopes also reports that LBJ said (in reference to his social welfare programs), "I'll have those n**gers voting Democratic for 200 years." (note that Snopes publishes these quotes without the **).

Even Bernie Sanders admits that Hillary Clinton's use of the term "superpredator," "was a racist term, and everyone knew it was a racist term" when, in 1996, she used it to describe young, urban-black men, saying: "we have to bring them to heel." Again, in 2018, she showed her true colors when she said, "they all look alike," in response to her interviewer mistaking Eric Holder for Cory Booker. To this day the Clintons revere Robert Byrd, a Dixiecrat who served in Congress for 51 years, despite Byrd writing that, "The Klan is needed today as never before, and I am anxious to see its rebirth here in West Virginia and in every state in the nation."

This is not to say that the racist icons of our past were evil, through and through. I simply suggest that – if we wake up and recognize the racism of our past – we might be prepared to call out the racism of our current leaders. And it's important to note that I don't put Trump in this category because he has been put to task for his racism (principally for his claim that Mexico is sending Central American drug dealers, murderers and rapists to our southern border). Those who assail Trump as a racist while refusing to admit to or apologize for the racism of their heroes do so either with purposed ignorance or with conscious consent to and complicity in perpetuating that racism.

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"...Couldn't be Further from the Truth..."

Dear Editor:

This is a response to Susan DeSilver's article in the June 7th edition wherein she asserts that I am using "misinformation from the likes of Rush Limbaugh," that "tries to look legitimate." I understand that Susan doesn't like where these facts lead, but her conclusions couldn't be further from the truth.

While in her first breath Susan accuses me of failing to use actual source materials, she then references – as her source – a "Potholer54" video on YouTube for "clarifications" on the meaning of the Danish Meteorological Institute's (DMI) data. Well, my source material was actual DMI graphs of Arctic Sea Ice showing 4,862,276,409 (x 1000 km³) in 2007 and 6,212,729,695 in 2018. I admittedly used an inaccurate conversion to cubic meters that came from secondary sources (Climatism.blog). But Ms. DeSilver can't contest the data and doesn't.

Since the bulk of my criticism was based on inanities published directly by NASA, we can safely say that I used THAT original source material. We all knew what NASA's "primary" mission was when, in 2009, we watched Obama's NASA Chief, Charles Bolden, say that Obama tasked him with making NASA's "foremost mission" to "find a way to reach out to the Muslim world and ... help them feel good about their historic contribution to science..." I thought it was a joke, but those **were** Bolden's words, not Rush Limbaugh's or any other secondary or tertiary source.

Susan hits the mark, though, by highlighting NASA's focus on the duration of the forest fire burn season. In one sense – depending on whose data one uses – this may be blamed on the environmentalists who prevent forest maintenance. My point, however, is that NASA aimed their scopes at Earth only 35 years ago, so no legitimate comparison can be made between that data and the fires of the 1930s. Any conclusion that "fire seasons are burning longer" due to global warming compares only this miniscule 35 years

Stop the HATE!

Dear Editor:

I'm sorry, I just can't keep quiet. In my opinion, Jack Hearn Jr. is a bully and a hater.

I found his two letters in the Times' last issue to be both offensive and riddled with hate.

He described the Elected President of the United States as a "Lying Carnival Barker".

Would that language EVER have been tolerated against President Obama?

It's hate speech. NO it would not have!!

Insulting two members of our community and attempting to degrade them both as they exercise their right to free speech is unnecessary. Can we respectfully let the truths speak for themselves?

He is obviously not satisfied with the fact that the Muller investigation did not find the President guilty of anything.

Per Robert Mueller "This investigation did not establish that members of the Trump campaign conspired with the Russian government in its election interference activities"

After 2 years and \$30 million of OUR tax dollars, Mr. Mueller is either really stupid, really incompetent or there was really nothing to find. Innocent until proven guilty, that's our LAW and it applies to ALL!! Accept it. Move on.

...but this fact doesn't push ahead the hate train so....twist away!

Hearn claims the "Enormous money-backed momentum of conservation religious groups" is "awakening folks like you in their cause". No, it's the desire to make the MURDER of an new born child acceptable that is waking people up!!

Ralph Northam, ever heard of this democrat? I have. He's the governor of Virginia!!

Northam said in an interview on WTOP's "Ask the Governor" TV segment earlier this year:

"If a mother is in labor...the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and mother,"

I challenge you Mr. Hearn, to find a democrat that called this out as legal murder!!

Who is supporting abortion? Look it up.

Per "Open Secrets.Org" "Based on data released by the FEC on February 01, 2019", In 2018 the Planned Parenthood PAC donated \$656,734.00 to DEMOCRATS in the U.S. Senate and House. Not one dime to ANY Republican.

Per "Open Secrets.Org" the combined 2018 U.S. House and Senate DEMOCRATS donated \$1,224,184.00 to abortion, Independents \$14,623.00, Republicans \$6,950.00.

Check "Familycouncil.org" for the HUGE list of companies that either directly or indirectly give money to fund and support abortion. Just a few familiar and SHOCKING names listed:

Aetna, Blue Cross, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Microsoft, Levis, March of Dimes, Susan G. Komen, Wells Fargo.

Please lose the hate and snarky attitude and be respectful in your disagreements.

It's simply not acceptable to do less in a civilized society.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Boughton

of observations in a fallacious circle that assumes anthropogenic climate change is to blame because global warming is to blame. Politics - cloaked in bad science - presumes the answer to the unasked predicate question.

The suggestion that Rush Limbaugh is to blame for Kirt Westfall's musings is a cheap, spit-in-your-face copout, when such posturing fails to address NASA's manipulation of its temperature data or its preposterous assertion that melting sea ice raises the water level. Yet I believe Susan DeSilver understands the minimal comic liberty taken in making fun of the politicization of science. Do her rants reveal a more ignoble purpose, one that seeks merely to oppose, deny and stifle a dialogue that might otherwise add to our search for truth?



And finally, if you think the Smith-Mundt Act is limited in the way Ms. DeSilver insists - despite the precise wording of the statute - I've got some information about Santa Clause you need to hear.

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Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pinto, Gabriella
Reynolds, Benjamin
Ricardo, Marissa
Rivera, Sheyenne
Rosiak, Timothy
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Saldutti, Jake
Senerchia, Hanna
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna
Toto, Olivia
Yarnall, Paige

HONORS 12TH GRADE

Aaron, Aaliyah
Ash, Jason
Augur, Hannah
Baxter, Colin
Berube, Kaitland
Bourdeau, Tobias
Campagna, Lea
Carson, Katelyn
Chironno, Jenna
Cosenza, Julianna
Cosgrove, Matthew
Crescenti, John
DeBarros, John
DeNegre, Nicholas
Helwig, Rachel
Ortiz, Lizmarie
Otfinoski, Jason

Pavic, Ana
Rodriguez, Odali
Russo, Erika
Saldutti, Ariana
Sellitto, Anthony
Stoup, Laynee
Torgerson, Mary-Kate
Velez, Kaylee

HONORS 11TH GRADE

Aiken, Mairead
Alfveby, Gabriella
Aucapina, Ariadna
Avallone, Attilio
Bureau, Karlee
Cirivello, Emily
Dautaj, Briana
DeBarros, Charles
DeSisto, Isabella
Diaz, Enrique
Fassett, Connor
Gargano, Jesse
Gildersleeve, Britny
Kwalek, Rachel
Little, Frederick
Lucibelli, Luke
Lucibello, Sean
Malavasi, Ariana
Mitchell, Dylan
Montesanto, Marissa
Pappolla, Jordan
Pearson, Annika
Pedersen, Katy
Pollock, John
Pompano, Janessa
Ricardo, Julia
Rosado, Alexie
Sarmiento, Gabriella
Schanz, Isabella
Singer, Grace
Sorrentino, Carly
Sullo, Gianna
Wheeler, Christopher

HONORS 10TH GRADE

Aguiar, McKayla
Amendola, Ashlee

Beardsley, Bryce
Becker, Nadia
Cacopardo, Adrianna
Colavolpe, Bella
Criscuolo, Charliana
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
DellaCamera, Sophia
DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Giacomo
Duffy, Dylan
Esposito, Alena
Evans, Summer
Garrett, Jillian
Graver, Summer
Holzer, Trevor
Hughes, Zoe
Jacobson, Kelli
Kendrick, Alyssa
Kim, Luke
McCormack, Emily
Mingione, Liliana
Nuterangelo, Dominic
Nuzzo, Amanda
O’Brien, Jamison
Podoloff, Jake
Sellitto, Andrew
Sullivan, Leigha
Valentino, Alessia
Votto, Sofia

HONORS 9TH GRADE

Burke, Saoirse
Cassista, Tara
Cavalier, Christopher
Cosenza, Mitchell
Duncan, Taji
Ford, Zechariah
Langlan, Charles
Marcarelli, Lexi
Marra, Grace
Monde, Ryan
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Pollock, Catherine
Scalia, Dominic
Vaspasiano, Ryan
Virginelli, Michael
Yacono, Emma



K of C Presents Seven Scholarships

Grand Knight Damian DeNegre from the Knights of Columbus Council 6801 presented Scholarship awards to 7 North Branford High School students from the graduating Class of 2019.

Pictured above from right to left are Damian DeNegre, Colby Anastasio, Nicholas DeNegre, Allie Cristante, Kaitlin Souza, Laura Pacelli and Noah Taylor, missing from the picture is Tobias Bourdeau.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Abbey Parente received the Saint Michael’s College Book Award at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden.

Holly Dulak and Maggie Dulak were inducted into the Phi Theta Delta Health Sciences Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Nicole Yeager and Marie Zampano were naemd to the Dean’s List at Lasell College in Newton, MA.

Robert Petrillo received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN.

Jacob Austin Dobos was named to the Honor’s List at Husson University in Bangor ME.

Noah Ackerman graduated Magna Cum Laude from Xavier High School in Middletown, CT.

Jessica Zumbo was named to the Dean’s List at Keene State College NH.

Colton Brown, Deanna Heine, Alex Johansen and Kevin Odell were named to the Dean’s List at Unioversity of Rhode Island.



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
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Getting the Job Done!

NBHS baseball players (pictured above left to right: John Pollock, Carl Jacobson and Nick Mancini) garnished several awards for the 2019 season. Pollock (a junior) was named to the First Team All Shoreline as well as the All-State Team. Jacobson was named the team Most Valuable Player and Mancini was also a First Team All Shoreliner as well as winner of the No “I” in Team award from the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club. Mancini also received the team Desire & Dedication Award.

NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

The North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducting five former exceptional athletes as well as one coach and one team, on Sunday, August 18th from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm at WoodWinds in Branford. The five outstanding athletes are: Gary Potter (1969), Kathy Halligan (1983), Tricia GaNun (1993), Robbie Lasko (2005) and Kellie Walker (2010). Coach John McGuirk will be honored for his contributions to the North Branford High School softball program and the 2003 Boys Soccer Team which was the first to win both the Shoreline Conference and Class “M” titles while compiling a record of 21 wins, no losses and 1 tie. The form for reservations can be obtained by contacting Chris Webster via e-mail at: cwebster@northbranfordschools.org.



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BEST IN THE SCHOOL

Nick Mancini and Jessie Kilburn received the Steven Lenzi Award as the best Male & Female Athletes in at North Brnaford High School. Photo compliments of Stephanie Kilburn.



The Captains

Coach Billy Mitchell named John Pollock and Bret Fee as North Branford High School baseball team captains for the 2019-2020 season

Madison Hoop Dreams Summer Basketball Camps

This summer Madison Hoop Dreams offers 4 weeks of basketball camps at the East Haven Ice Rink, 71 Hudson Ave, just off Exit 52 on I 95. Featured speaker is Coach Taliek Brown, Director of Player Development, and former great guard who led UCONN to the men’s NCAA National Championship win in 2004. He will bring UCONN players to speak and for pictures and autographs. This is a great opportunity to meet some players and follow their careers next season. It is more exciting when you actually know some of the players. The camps are the weeks of July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 9 AM to 3 PM each day for players entering grades 3 to 10. Two weeks include “girls only” on 2 of the 4 courts. Madison Hoop Dreams is a non-profit basketball camp. They have donated over \$125,000 to charities and college scholarships in the past 11 years. Last year, they gave \$7,000 in college scholarships, sponsored 5 Wounded Warriors, 5 St. Jude’s Hospital Children, 5 Shriner’s Hospital Children for the year and donated another \$3,000 to other charities. They have been the most popular basketball day camp in CT for over 20 years. Financial assistance is available based on need. For more information, please go to: www.madisonhoopdreams.com or call Coach Bill Barker at 203-245-9766.

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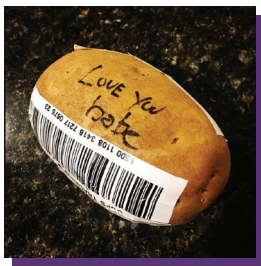
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North Branford Potato & Corn Festival

August 2 to 4, 2019



Old favorites like rides & games, entertainment all weekend, **FREE** contests, lots of food, craft & business expo, cornhole tournament (form online), Mail-a-Potato, Floyd's 5K, Beer & Wine garden (tickets available online), Nature Nick, Talent Showcase, Photography Exhibit (see form below or online), **FREE** shuttles all weekend from the Community Center and NBHS, \$10 onsite parking and \$20 premier parking, and **FREE** admission!



NEW THIS YEAR! New Carnival rides, 3-day wristband passes, Kent Family Magic Circus, Kid Crafters, Non-Profit night (see form online), Vote for NB Police National Lip Sync competition.

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North Branford Potato & Corn Festival

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2019 KID CRAFTER VENDOR FORM

Kid Crafter Booth

___ Hand-crafted arts & crafts* (\$25) 8' Table included * Items must be hand-made by the seller

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Items to be sold/displayed: _____

Checks are to be made payable to "Town of North Branford" and mailed to NB Recreation Department, attn: PoCo, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472. Call 203-484-6017 to make a credit card payment.

When considering this application, remember spaces are limited. In order to reserve your space, please sign the application and the guidelines and return with payment. Spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis. Keep a copy for your records.

Name (Please print clearly) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Kid Crafter Booth Hours:

1. Saturday, August 3rd 10am to 5pm

Set-up:

1. Set up will be 8am Saturday, August 3rd.
2. The Tent is located at the entrance of the festival.

Parking:

1. Parking is limited. You will be issued one color-coded parking pass for the day. **Lost passes will result in having to pay for on-site parking or use of the free shuttles.**
2. Parking pass must be displayed in the driver's side windshield.
3. Any cars without a parking pass will be sent to our free shuttle lots, located at STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, or NBIS, 654 Foxon Road parking lots.

On-site general parking is \$10.

- Vendor agrees to abide by the rules of the Potato and Corn Festival Committee.
- Vendor agrees to accept the space allocation made by the Potato and Corn Festival Committee.
- Vendor agrees that **no refunds** will be claimed or made for any reason including but not limited to the failure of the vendor to appear or cancellation because of inclement weather.
- Vendor agrees to waive all rights and release all claims that might be had against the Town of North Branford, its employees and agents, for any and all injuries or losses, which may be suffered because of my participating at the Potato and Corn Festival sponsored by the Town of North Branford. I give permission to have my photo taken and used for publicity purposes for the Town of North Branford and the North Branford Parks and Recreation Department.

The Vendor acknowledges that they have been provided with and read the above Information and Guidelines for the 2019 Potato and Corn Festival and that the signature below confirms that they will comply with all of these Guidelines during the Festival.

Business Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign & return contract and guidelines, along with payment
To: North Branford Recreation Dept., attn: PoCo Fest
1332 Middletown Avenue,
Northford, CT 06472

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North Branford Potato & Corn Festival

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2019 PoCo Photography Exhibit

We are excited to bring back the photography exhibit back to the North Branford Potato & Corn Festival for 2019 to showcase the talents of residents and the beauty that is all around us in North Branford and Northford.

This exhibit is open to all ages with ages 16 and older submitting 8x10 photos and juniors (15 and under) submitting 5x7 photos. Professional photographers are not eligible. The person entering this exhibit must take the photo submitted. There will be no entry fee.

All entrants must return this form and their photo submission by Friday, July 19 to the North Branford Recreation Department, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. Your photo will be stapled to a black cardstock mat, which will be labeled with your your name and the description/ location of the photo you provide below.

The exhibit will be on display at the PoCo Fest on Aug. 2 and 3, 2019. The exhibit will be closed to the general public on Sunday due to the Beer & Wine Tasting. All entries can be picked up from the North Branford Recreation Department between Aug. 6 and Aug. 16. Any photos not picked up by that date will be discarded. Photos will not be mailed back to exhibitors.

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Adult or Junior: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Description/ Location of Photo 1: _____

Description/ Location of Photo 2: _____

I agree to the following guidelines:

- No professional watermarks, signatures, or titles on the front of the photo Must be printed on heavy weight premium quality photo paper
- Photos must be unmounted, unframed, and not matted
- The person entering must take the photo submitted
- Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two (2) photos (8x10 for adults; 5x7 for ages 15 and under)
- Backs of photos must be clean and free of adhesives, mounting devices or velcro to prevent damage to other photos during handling
- The PoCo Fest is not responsible for damage or for items not picked up within the pick-up times set forth.

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Parent's Name: _____
(if exhibitor is under 18)

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SAIL AWAY ARGIA Monday, August 12th

Cost: \$110 resident / \$115 non-resident



Board the 81 foot Schooner Argia for a narrated sightseeing cruise. You will hear about the rich maritime history of the area. After the cruise enjoy lunch at Steak Loft then have some time on your own in Olde Mistick Village. Please give your meal choice at time of registration.

ACTIVITIES

KIDS HULA HOOP STAR

Who: Ages 6 - 12
When: July 8 - July 29
Time: Monday, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$60 res / \$65 non-res (*Hoops are provided*)
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Join Kailey for an exciting hula hoop class! We will explore the world of hooping through play and movement. Learn how to hoop, play interactive games, and have fun. This class will foster creativity, improve balance, social skills, motor skills, and coordination.

ADULT HOOP DANCE FIT

Who: Ages 13+
When: July 8 - July 29
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$60 res / \$65 non-res (*Hoops are provided*)
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Hoop dance is a fun low impact, total body workout and anyone can do it! Not to mention you burn 7 calories per minute. We will focus on the basics of hula hooping through mix of fitness and dance. No experience is needed.

RECHARGE YOGA

Who: Ages 13+
When: July 8 – August 26
Time: Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 non-res
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will use yoga poses, breathing techniques and meditation to help students build a strong flexible body while creating a platform for balanced energy throughout the day.

DOG OBEDIENCE INTERMEDIATE

Who: Ages 18+
When: July 9 - August 6
Time: Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Field
Fee: \$85 res / \$90 non-res
Instructor: Robin Viele, Certified Professional Dog Trainer
Description: Challenge your dog and yourself to learn more than the basics! More advanced behaviors like loose leash walking, heel, working through distractions, impulse control and maintaining/ strengthening commands will be taught. This class is for dogs 6 months and older.

GENTLE YOGA

Who: Ages 13+
When: July 10 – August 28
Time: Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 non-res
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: A gentle yoga class designed to softly open tight areas of the body while strengthening muscles and reinforcing balance. Breathing and relaxation techniques will be taught to assist in releasing stress and finding mental clarity. Much of this class is taught on the floor with very little transitioning between standing and sitting.

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Who: Ages 13+
When: July 11 – August 29
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 non-res
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. All classes will be specifically designed to the students' needs who are attending.

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

Who: Entering Grades 2 - 8
When: July 22 - July 25
Time: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: North Farms Park
Fee: \$80 res / \$85 non-res
Instructor: Cheryl Canada-Associate Head Coach at Quinnipiac University
Description: Open to boys and girls of all skill levels that are new to the sport or looking to enhance their skill level. This camp is designed to develop the basic skills each athlete has by focusing on tactical game awareness, 1v1 defense, elevated passing, elimination and shooting skills.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com

Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am

Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

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

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

BUS TRIPS

Aqua Turf/Celebrate Italia, Tuesday, July 16, Departs 10:30 a.m.

\$45 res / \$50 nr - Sophisticated, versatile and polished; FIRST KISS ORCHESTRA will be the perfect fit to celebrate Italia! Your meal will be salad, penne ala norm, chicken parmesan, veal & peppers, vegetables, potato and spumoni.

Aqua Turf/Song, Dance & Romance, August 13, Departs 10:30 a.m.

\$45 res / \$50 nr - A musical journey of great songs all designed with the dancing romantic in mind! Richie and hos entourage will bring the songs from yester-year as well as favorites from today. Your meal will be salad. Pasta ala Norma, chicken Kathryn, sliced roast pork loin, vegetable, potato and dessert.

ACTIVITIES

Christmas Tree Shop & Cracker Barrel, Monday, July 8, 10:30 am

Shop for summer items at the Christmas Tree Shop and then head over to Cracker Barrel for lunch on your own with friends!

Walmart in Wallingford, Friday, July 12, 10:30pm, FREE

Catch a ride on the van to the Wallingford Walmart to do some general shopping! Lunch on your own with friends.

Healthy Conversations, Wednesday, July 17 1:00pm, FREE

Men and women are invited to join the East Shore Nurse Educators as they facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.

Movie at Smith Library, Friday, July 19 26, 12:45pm, FREE

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again is a 2018 jukebox musical romantic comedy film written and directed by Ol Parker, from a story by Parker, Catherine Johnson, and Richard Curtis. It is a follow-up to the 2008 film Mamma Mia!, which in turn is based on the West End/Broadway musical of the same name using the music of ABBA. The film features an ensemble cast. Both a prequel and a sequel, the plot is set after the events of Mamma Mia!, and also features flashbacks to 1979, telling the story of Donna Sheridan's arrival on the island of Kalokairi and her first meetings with her daughter Sophie's three possible fathers.

SUMMER KICKOFF CONCERT

With The Mediums!

Bring your
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& lawn chair!



Thursday June 27
6:30-8:30pm

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine 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 now through August at 9:00am. 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. 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.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. ‘Real People, Real Hope, Real Life’ www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and” A Place to Belong”, this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

Church Carnival/Festival

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity/St. Therese Church Carnival Festival will be held on the Parish grounds at 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven on June 19, 20, 21 & 22 from 6pm to 10pm, Wed, Thurs & Fri and 5-10pm on Sat.. There will be lots of delicious food, rides and games to enjoy, vendors and prizes and the annual church carnival to take part in. This year as part of our Festival we will have nightly entertainment so bring your lawn chairs. Raffle drawing will take place on Saturday, June 22nd at 8pm (winners need not be present). Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling the Rectory office weekdays from 9am-3pm at 203-239-5378 and can also be purchased at the carnival. So Come One Come All – There’s Fun For Everyone!!

Ice Cream Socials at St. Andrew’s

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, will be celebrating summer again with Ice Cream Socials. Come join us to make your own sundaes and visit with friends. We have many, many flavors of ice cream, and an enormous variety of toppings. Dates for Ice Cream Socials are Wednesdays, June 26, July 24, and August 21. 6 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Any questions please call Nan Monde at 203-710-70.

Recycling News

HazWaste Central is open for the season
Located right behind the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters,
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 26th,
Note: Center is closed for the Independence Day and Labor
Day holiday weekends.

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday July 6th, 2019

9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Fire extinguishers can now be dropped off by residents at this event.

Can’t wait until our town’s July collection?

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

Newly located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury;
hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,
Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

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

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website:

take2recycle.com

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.

Summer Services at St. Andrew’s

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, will be celebrating Sunday worship starting at 9:00 a.m. June 16- August 25.

Date Change for Church River Service

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” and the Rev. Robin Blundon invite local residents to participate in a community and family worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 28 (change from previously announced date), as everyone gathers at the Farm River in Northford. The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained).

This community event will feature the Rev. Robin Blundon from historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795), which is located in the Northford village in North Branford.

It’s About the Land

As an armistice to end the fighting in World War I in November 1918 took effect, conservative members of New Haven Water Co.’s board of directors may have hoped they could avoid a huge increase in the capital construction requirements of the company. New Haven’s need for ever increasing amounts of water would finally begin to slow and the incessant call of the company’s management for committing to the North Branford reservoir project might be abandoned. Although the war had ended and the national economy had slowed, significant declines in water usage did not happen because water was being lost to leaking water mains and much more by another cause. During the bitterly cold winter of 1918, as in all cold winters, tenement families had no choice but to allow water to run continuously day and night to prevent pipes from freezing. Although steps were taken to replace leaking water mains, having landlords insulate tenement buildings was another matter. To add to the problem, there was little incentive to conserve water because households’ consumption of water was not metered. The water company’s superintendent, Edward Minor, had convinced the water company president Eli Whitney III, of possible extreme outcomes of a severe water shortage if action wasn’t taken. Cities such as New York and Bridgeport with a prior history of inadequate water resources had nearly burned to the ground (New York City in the 1830’s, Bridgeport in the 1850’s). And cities lacking clean sources of drinking water such as Philadelphia and Hartford, used water from polluted wells or polluted rivers resulting in sickness and the death of hundreds.

Finally in 1922, a committee of the board authorized company management to move forward with preliminary action on the North Branford project. Minor began the project by buying land under his name hoping to avoid land speculation. Eventually, local farmers who had not accepted Minor’s initial offer to buy their farms learned that the New Haven Water Company was behind the purchases. Several farmers who had not sold their land to Minor held out for a higher price. When negotiations failed, the water company was forced to condemn those farms and accept the usually higher price set by the court. By 1923, engineers began detailed surveys of the site for the dam in North Branford and a much smaller dam in North Guilford. The planned North Guilford project would divert the flow of water of the West Branch of the West River in Guilford to North Branford; however, doing so required the construction of a tunnel and winning the state legislature’s approval for the diversion.

A North Branford man, Alden Hill, a selectman of the town, had a business harvesting timber and “spiles”, a term then in use for timbers cut from relatively young, straight trees that could be driven into recently filled land to support foundations of new buildings. (Alden Hill’s grave at the Bare Plains Cemetery in North Branford is marked by a monument in the shape of a vine-covered tree trunk.) Hill was familiar with the woodlands and owners of land east of the proposed reservoir. To avoid speculation here as well, much of the land east of Lake Quonnipaug would be purchased by Alden Hill for a shell corporation known as the Genesee Fishing Association. The GFA became a cover for the New Haven Water Company’s longest of long range plans for securing clean water for the North Branford reservoir from distant watersheds in the towns of Guilford, Madison, and Killingworth.

By 1924 surveys and preliminary test borings of the rock under the proposed North Branford dam had been evaluated allowing engineers to begin designing the dam. With the possibility of another unpredictable drought, and without having received legislative approval for the right to take water from the West River watershed in North Guilford, Minor proceeded to have land cleared of trees for the North Branford dam’s foundation. The height of the dam and an adjoining dike could not be designed until surveys of the watersheds and borings of the rock formations had been evaluated to establish line and grade of future tunnels which would be needed to bring water into the north Branford reservoir. In the last days of the 1925 legislative session, the company won the right to divert water from the West Branch of the West River in North Guilford and other watersheds in Guilford, Madison, and Killingworth to North Branford.

Three years later the dam and its ancillary dike were completed while construction of a tunnel (Sugar Loaf) and dam (Menunketuc) creating a diversion of the West Branch of the West River was still underway. Another tunnel, (Gulph) constructed under Totoket Mtn., carried water to the new reservoir from a diversion of Gulph Brook and other smaller tributaries of the Farm River. The Sugar Loaf and Gulph tunnels were completed in 1930 eventually discharging billions of gallons of water into the new North Branford reservoir (Lake Gaillard). Minor would report that the reservoir was finally filled to capacity in 1932.

A more detailed account and photographs of the North Branford construction project is in a document entitled “Constructing the North Branford Dam and the Formation of Lake Gaillard” published by the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. prepared by Theodore Groom, Ph.D. who at the time (August 2012) was its Technology Chairman. Check with the Historical Society or libraries in town to purchase or read a copy.

Otto Schaefer, Member North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

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Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will be holding an outdoor tag sale on the lawn to benefit the church on Sat., July 20 (rain date July 27) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 4 Old Post Rd., Northford. A limited number of spaces will be available for \$20 paid in advance (non-refundable). Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own table and chairs. Contact Aloha at (203) 484-0794 for information and to reserve a space.

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

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Brand New never Been Used Pressure Washer? 2700PSI, Engine - Honda (GVC 160). \$200. Firm. call 203-484-0819. Ask for Cook.

Military Whist Party
Called by Patty Meglio

Friday, June 28, 2019

St. Frances Cabrini Church

57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven

Doors Open 6:15 pm - Game Begins at 7:00 pm

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge #2805, is holding a Military Whist Party, Friday, June 28. Coffee and, will be served starting at 6:15 pm. Admission is \$10, with proceeds benefitting the Lodge’s Regional Scholarship Program.

The Lodge’s Regional Scholarship, is open to graduating public high school students of Italian heritage from North Haven, Hamden, Wallingford, and North Branford, who wish to further their education at any college, university or trade school. Applications may be found in the school’s Guidance Office and on the Lodge’s website at www.northhavenlodge2805.club.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact David D’Aniello, Scholarship Chair at (203) 234-7636. Please leave message on answering machine and your call will be returned.

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Come and learn more about this historic treasure. Find out what happened during the "Blizzard of 88" and other interesting stories. We will have a video outlining the history of the school, photos of the school in former times and an audio of one individual who actually attended classes there. The schoolhouse will be open the third Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM beginning July 21st.

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JUN 2
3:00-5:00
ATWATER LIBRARY
Summer Gaming Club. Happening all summer long. We'll use the library's new Nintendo Switch to play Super Smash Bros., Mario Kart, and more! Feel free to bring your own games and consoles! Ages 11+

JUN 24
6:30PM
ATWATER LIBRARY
Local Author Speaker, Leo Marino, presents, "The House on Green Street: Life and Times of a First Generation Italian American", Marino shares stories of his life starting in Wooster Square and reflecting on the people who befriended him along the way

JUN 27
1:00PM
ATWATER LIBRARY
International Film Club presents the 1982 American film "Tootsie", starring Dustin Hoffman. Snacks and drinks provided! Final session before the summer break, will pick up again in the Fall

MONDAYS
3:30-5:30
ATWATER LIBRARY
KIDS! Learn the fundamentals of playwriting in a collaborative workshop environment. Discover how to create characters, write dialogue and format scripts. From June 17th - July 22nd, Ages 9-13. Register at 203-315-6020

JUN 24
6:00PM
SMITH LIBRARY
KIDS! Monday night movie! Let's celebrate with How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World. Bring a blanket, pillow and treats. Register at 203-484-0469

TUESDAY
10:15AM
SMITH LIBRARY
KIDS! Tots 'n Tunes! Books, songs and playtime for toddlers 18 months and up. Register at 203-484-0469

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