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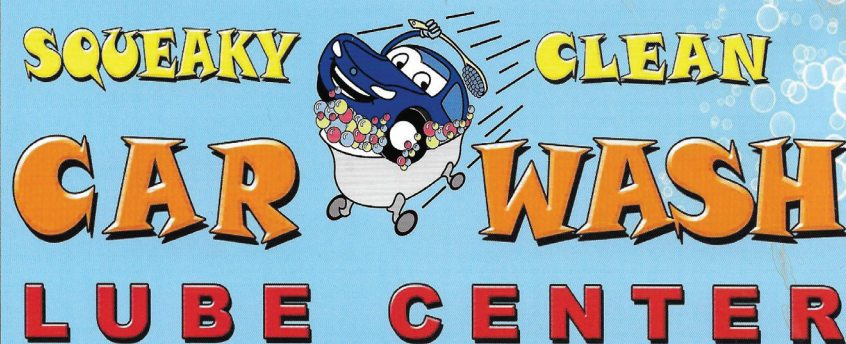
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Setting the Record Straight

Dear Editor,

In a recent "Let's be Frank," the author briefly discusses recent changes to the scout program. As a parent of a Cub scout, Scout, and cubmaster for a local pack I wanted to address, respectfully, a few misconceptions voiced in the article. As many are aware the scouting program officially allowed girls into the traditional cub program (K – 5th grade) this year. The older Scout Program (ages 11-18) will follow suit next year. First, no individual group is required to become co-ed. Each charter organization is free to make this decision on their own. If an organization chooses to allow girls, at the Cub level they can be integrated into an existing pack or built into a separate pack. At the older level, they are required to be in a separate troop.

Second, this is not the first foray into co-ed programs for scouts. Around the world, the United States is very late to the game in gender integration. Of the top 50 countries involved in Scouting, only Pakistan and Saudi Arabia exclude girls. The Sons of Italy might be male only, but the Scouts of Italy aren't. In the United States, both Venturing, which grew out of the advanced camping and high adventure programming for scouts 14-21, and Explorers which grew out of practical, job-focused, mentoring program have been co-ed since 1969. STEM scouts, a pilot program focused of science and engineering started in 2014 is also co-ed. There have been no gender restrictions on adult leadership since 1988. Indeed, for the majority of scouting's history women have been the backbone of cub scouting programs. Cub scouts was initially conceived as a program run by teenage Boy Scouts. It had to be rescued within 2 years of its founding by adult leaders. And the leaders who stepped up were, by and large, Den Mothers. Informally, girls have been participating in family scouting programs probably for as long as cub scouts have existed, as siblings who tag along with their brothers' den, doing all the same camping, hiking, and fishing.

I strongly disagree that including girls makes the program soft, or by implication that girls are soft. At the recent Connecticut Jamboree I stood in line near a brand new

girl Cub Scout who was eagerly waiting to do the zipline. There were boys in our own group that balked at the height. The scouting program won't be for every girl, just like it isn't for every boy. However, the fundamental principles of scouting – Doing your best, trustworthiness, bravery, loyalty, and so on are not gender-specific. I, for one, am very proud to be a leader at this moment in scouting's history.

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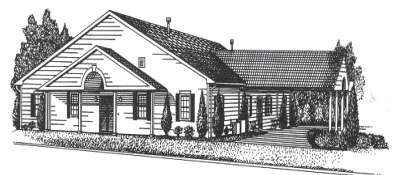
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The Loss of a Legend



Another May, another fantastic Memorial Day Parade supported by our North Branford community. However, this year was different. It was the first parade in my lifetime without Joanne Wentworth in attendance. Joanne's quiet passing seems in keeping with her style, and while nothing seems to have changed, it has. Joanne contributed on so many levels to our community in her lifetime, and she has left a legacy of giving that lives on with so many people she recruited to share her devotion to the town.

As a child, I recall Joanne visiting our home, selling Avon. She'd sit in our dining room and talk with my mother. It wasn't long after that she entered politics and served as our mayor for almost three decades. Joanne entered politics dominated by men. She used to tell me the challenges of navigating that world, and proudly talked about how she was the first woman inducted into the North Branford Rotary. Joanne had a lot of firsts. She started the first food bank in town and the chamber of commerce. She volunteered her time on regional boards and commissions like the cable advisory board, transit authority and Council of Governments. She made sure our quiet town got on the map. She brought Governors and Lieutenant Governors to town. She always knew who to call for assistance, and she did all of it without anything in return. Joanne set such a high standard and devoted so much time to our town, many residents might not have realized that the mayoral position was and is a volunteer position.

To me, Joanne's greatest legacy lies in the number of people she recruited to serve in public office and on boards and commissions. Many are still serving today. I was one of those lucky people. I will miss the periodic telephone calls from Joanne, checking in to see if everything is going well. I will miss my calls to her for advice. Her historical perspective on the town and process was invaluable and cannot be replaced. Joanne, thank you for your years of service to our town. You made a difference, and will be missed.

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She should have been honored by the town and most people (including myself), just let her slip quietly out of our minds but hopefully never out of our hearts.

Well, that's all for now. By the time you get this you will probably be talking politics with Joanne and singing the olds tunes with Andy.

Next issue, I'll tell you about my recent hospital visits. I'll see all of you guys soon but I'm not in a hurry, so hopefully you'll have to wait a while.

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Let's be "Frank"

Well my brother, you and Mary are getting a lot of new friends up there. It must be getting crowded. Marge Eliason passed away at the young age of 103. I never met her but readers of the Totoket Times will remember her husband's columns, "Wit & Wisdom by Alton Eliason". Through those columns I felt that I knew her as we read about her escapades on the lawn mower, her excursions with her husband and her putting up with some of Alton's "habits".

I also read about Andy Calabrese (Andy Cal) joining your group. Andy was a sweetheart. He would play every year at the Saint Anthony Feast with his band "The Tophatters". When I called him to book the band, it would be the same thing. He would only charge \$400 when everyone else got twice that amount. He would never use a contract. "If I say I'm coming, I'm coming," he would tell me. "If the weather is bad and I don't play, you don't pay. It's for the church". I was always amazed that he did not read music. He played everything by ear. I'm sure daddy is smiling. He always loved the Tophatters.

Last but certainly not least, we lost a North Branford icon in Joanne Wentworth. Joanne used to drive me crazy. She didn't ask for your help, she didn't tell you that you were helping but before you knew it, you were involved. She roped me in to the Ethics Commission, The Park Rec Commission an the Chamber of Commerce. These were all things I had refused to do in the past but before you knew it, she had me under her spell. I don't remember her asking but she had a way of letting you know there was a need and before you knew it, you were helping.

When I first met her, I use to call her Mrs. Wentworth. When I introduced her to SueAnn, she corrected me. "It's Joanne" she told us. Paul and Chris's grandmother(Frankie went to school with her two grandsons)". She was the mother of our town but she was also a shrewd politician who taught me a great deal about dealing with people as she got the job done for our community.

One time there was a small group giving her a bunch of crap about a town issue, and at the time I felt it was unwarranted. I called her and told her I had the "power of the pen" and I would do an editorial that would blow this thing out of the water. "Relax," she admonished. "Don't pour fuel on the fire. Soon they will move on to something else and all this will be forgotten. Besides by making a big thing of this it will make the town look bad." Her concern was always about her family and her beloved town.

When Joanne's health started to fail, I always felt that she never got the credit she really deserved. In her day, she held this town together, got hundreds of people to volunteer for their town (see State Representative Candelora's column), and she helped so many people who were in need. Without bravado and without a constant boasting of her accomplishments. She did it quietly but you knew she was proud of her accomplishments. She had her own way of doing things but most great people do.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney George P. Guertin

Little attention has been paid to the estate planning issues confronting blended families. A blended family or step family is often comprised of children who are natural to only one parent, as well as children that are natural to both parents. Blended families face many issues that the traditional “nuclear” family does not face. These issues include disinheritance ex-spouses, protecting children from the previous marriage, providing for the new spouse, providing for the children of the new marriage, and minimizing estate taxation.

Without proper legal planning, your ex-spouse, as surviving parent/Guardian, would likely be appointed by the Probate Court to manage the inheritance you leave to your children. That’s right, your ex-spouse... managing your money. To make matters worse; what if your children later predeceased your ex-spouse, and were single and childless at that time? Who would inherit your assets then? That is right... your ex-spouse, as the next-of-kin of your children, would inherit your money. This can be avoided through the use of a Will that has provisions to set up a Testamentary Trust for the benefit of your children after you pass.

A Testamentary Trust is a Trust that is created by a Will and only operative after you pass away and the Will is admitted to probate. You can name someone you trust to be the Trustee of this Trust, who will make disbursements to your children for their health, education, and support. In your Will you can also specifically disinherit your ex-spouse to make sure under no circumstances are they to get anything from your estate. Furthermore, in your Last Will and Testament or a Trust you can make provisions to protect your new spouse.

In the absence of a Prenuptial Agreement to maintain separate assets, most spouses in blended families tend to blend (combine) their wealth. However, if you predecease your new spouse, then you may forever disinherit your own children of your share of such blended wealth! Thereafter, upon the death of your new spouse, your assets may be inherited by your stepchildren, or even by your new spouse’s next spouse and their children. A Will with Trust provisions or a Revocable Living Trust can prevent this problem.

Regardless of whether children are reared in a traditional nuclear family or in a blended family, great care should be given to protect any inheritance both for them, and from them. For starters, wealth representing a lifetime of your hard work and thrift can be squandered in very short order. *Dollars earned just spend differently than dollars inherited!* In addition to good old-fashioned squandering, an inheritance can quickly vanish through divorce, lawsuits and bankruptcies.

Proper planning can control where your assets go, and how they are used when they get there. This is especially important when planning for blended families and their unique needs. Although blended families face unique issues, these obstacles can be overcome through proper planning.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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I Support the House Bill 5421

Dear Editor: I write in rebuttal to the recent editorial, *Hungry Like the Wolf*. Our founding fathers did not believe that the people could be trusted to have the popular vote, as is clearly demonstrated by the Ben Franklin line quoted, as well as by a reading of the Federalist Papers. Our founding fathers also didn’t give women the vote, many held slaves, and we, the people, were not trusted to elect our own senators until 1913, when the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified. Fortunately, our founding fathers did give us the legislative tools to make the privileges of freedom more available to more of our citizens.

I support the House Bill 5421, *An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President by National Popular Vote* because I believe that the Electoral College no longer functions as it was intended. I understand that the Electoral College was designed to give less populous rural areas a voice; however, it now serves to hold the voice of the many hostage to the will of the few.

In the past eighteen years, two Presidents have been elected who failed to win the popular vote. This circumstance has disenfranchised voters and runs the risk of harming our democratic republic with erosion of both public trust and participation in the democratic process.

The US Senate refused to hold a Constitutionally required vote on a Supreme Court nominee by declaring that the vote would be delayed for a year until the presidential election to “hear the will of the people.” The popular vote represents the will of the people, rather than the construct that is the Electoral College; however, the Constitutional requirement was violated, the Supreme Court seat was stolen, and the will of the people was ignored. If our democratic process is to retain the trust of the people, it must actually represent the will of those people.

The mathematics of the Electoral College has promoted campaigning only in swing states; we never see candidates here in Connecticut to talk about their positions because we don’t matter. The only reason candidates come to Connecticut is to raise money. Additionally, there is evidence that non-swing states that don’t politically influence Presidential elections receive fewer funds for natural disasters, as well as diminished access to funds for federal programs. For those who remember the Congressional fight over recovery money for Sandy, you know this is true.

The commitment of a sufficient number of States to equal 270 Electoral votes will effectively establish a Presidential election by the people. This will encourage greater voter participation in the democratic process and will make the principle of one person, one vote apply to all of our elections.

Sincerely, Susan DeSilver

The Storm

A vampire’s cape of black clouds envelops my town. “Tornado Warning!” automated texts warn. But my phone is otherwise useless as the storm cell strikes. With lightening and thunder over the hill and the smell of ozone heavy in the air, my only thought is to get home to my wife. So I leave the safety of brick-clad building, as the ladies in the library exercise the greater discretion to weather the storm inside.

I walk to my car as rain pelts my left side, drenching it completely yet leaving my right side dry. But this menace will not get the better of me - I have insurance. A right on Old Post Road as the wind redoubles, pummeling my car from the west and pushing my steer hard right as I correct. I can see maybe 50 feet ahead, at best, as a gray mass of water obscures all other view, making troubling ricocheting noises on the steel and glass of my Nissan Rogue. Large tree branches begin to take flight across my path. Any danger ahead is now equally behind.

Suddenly, two car lengths ahead, a tree falls across the road, blocking my way. I hesitate briefly in disbelief, and then turn around in a driveway to escape, fleeing opposite my way home. I slow slightly and flash my lights to warn a lone car headed toward the fallen tree. In a breath a much larger tree slams shut my escape. A moment earlier and I would be its prey, the third in Connecticut to end this way on this day.

With gale winds threatening, I’m trapped in a 200 yard section of Old Post Road with shadows of many more very tall, dark, scary trees lurking above me, the new green of their spring leaves bursting into the air, turning it a opaque, gray green. I find a nearby driveway as far away from the largest trees and stop. I wait. The winds diminish to less than a roar as the lonely driver passes me again, trying to find passage, he discovers our predicament, then stops and stares at our impasse. After several minutes he turns back towards the smaller tree. I follow to see what we might have in mind.

He pulls up to the tree and exits the climate control of his midsize into the wet curtain of the still pummeling rain. I do the same, knowing that we must either move the tree or await uncertain help from afar. He moves quickly in the sideways squall, a tall, lanky, athletic, middle-aged man in a fluorescent tee shirt reminiscent of a landscaper or road worker. “We can do this,” I thought.

Our communication is sparse as we grab and toss broken limbs out of our way. Large enough to give four strong men a challenge, we leverage the tree by its sturdy upper limbs and lean into it. “One, two, three!” we heave, dragging and pivoting the top around its trunk in short increments across the road, just enough to get around.

Without handshake or exchange of pleasantries we say only “be safe,” then get in our cars, soaked to the core, and drive home to our loved ones.

Sometimes perhaps misguided or foolhardy, we do not wring our hands in fear. This is a place where people are unafraid to get things done on their own. I am proud to make North Branford my home. © D. Kirt Westfall 05/19/2018; special permission to the Totoket Times for republication.

“Is it more dangerous to go to school then to go to War?”

Dear Editor:

With all of the appalling things on the news lately, something I heard last week was far and away the most shocking – namely that with the latest school shooting in Texas last week, the number of children murdered in our schools has now exceeded the number of our military men and women killed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. So we have reached the point where IT IS MORE DANGEROUS TO GO TO SCHOOL THAN TO GO TO WAR! This is a fact. It is also a fact that other developed countries do not have this problem because they regulate gun ownership.

On the other side (the side that’s “winning”), we have beliefs, opinions, traditions as well as all sorts of clichés about “thoughts and prayers”, “the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun”, and so forth. We’ll hear the NRA and the gun apologists talk about everything and anything other than guns (mental health, arming teachers, school doors, knives, ridiculous interpretations of the second amendment, etc.).

I thought the one value that we all shared, Democrats and Republicans, male and female, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, was that we love our children more than we love our guns. If you share this value, come November please do not vote for any candidate who thinks it’s more important for an enraged boy or man to have the “right” to own a military assault murder weapon than it is for a child to have the right to go to school and come home alive at the end of the day.

**Sincerely,
Peter Rothenberg**

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Helff & Sarenas recognized for Writing



On May 22, students throughout the area were recognized during the annual Shoreline Conference's English Departments Writing Contest Awards Ceremony held at Valley Regional High School.

From NBHS, Marisa Helff first place in Literary Analysis Grades 9-10, and Elizabeth Sarenas third place for Humor.

Photo & information submitted by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler

NBHS Students Recognized in Math



NBHS Junior Logan Frandsen along with others juniors from the Shoreline Conference, was recognized during the annual Shoreline Mathematics Awards Breakfast held at Old Saybrook HS on May 25. Pictured with Logan, NBHS Mathematics Teacher Lori Connelly and NBHS Mathematics Department Chair Francine Stanio.

Photo & information submitted by Principal Todd Stoeffler



Pellegrino Gets Totoket TV Scholarship

John Pellegrino (center) received to Totoket TV scholarship for above and beyond achievements in Video Production throughout his for years at NBHS. He is being congratulated by teacher Nick Delizio as Totoket TV president Bill Choti Looks on. *Submitted by Nick DeLizio*



NBHS Athletes Commit to Colleges

Four North Branford High School student athletes recently signed on to attend and participate in sports at several different colleges.

Pictured left to right: Bret Lequire basketball at Western Connecticut State College. Lisa Marie Zampano, basketball at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. Jasmin Coleman, Lacrosse at Western New England and Danielle Ramada will play Field Hockey at the University of New Haven.

Looking on are Athletic Director Trevor Brown, Principal Todd Stoeffler and Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker.

Photo courtesy of Trevor Brown.



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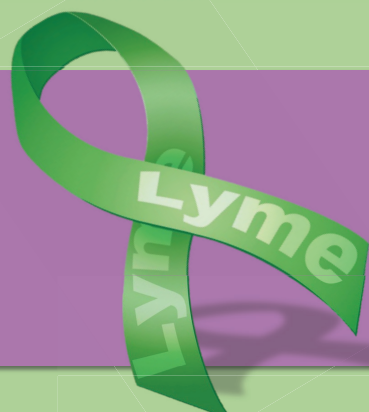
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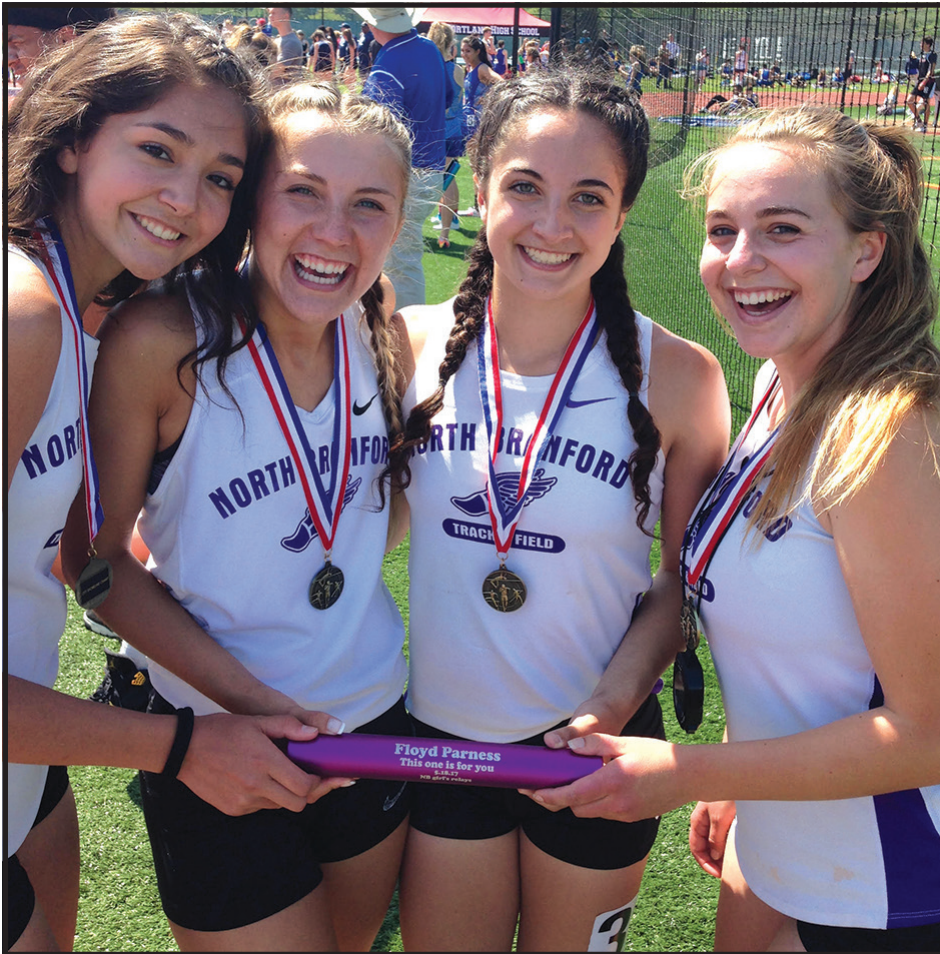


SHORELINE CHAMPIONS



Girls Lacrosse Team (top photo won their first Shoreline Championship, while the Softball Team took its 4th consecutive Shoreline title. At press time, both teams were into the semi finals of the State Tournament. *Photo by team parents.*

GO T-BIRDS



NEW SCHOOL RECORD

The North Branford High School Track 4 by 100 meter relay team just set a new school record with a time of 51.49 seconds. The girls came in first place at the Shoreline Championships and earned First Team All Conference Honors.

Pictureds above are: Jenna Bryden, Grace Little, Erika Roof and Mackenzie Glenn.

*To send info, email
Totokettimes@comcast.net*

Girls' Lacrosse Players Recognized



NBHS Head Girls' Lacrosse Coach Lori Connelly was named Shoreline Girls' Lacrosse Coach of the Year and is pictured with Junior NBHS Player Jessie Kilburn who was named Shoreline Player of the Year.

In addition, NBHS placed several players on the All Shoreline Conference Team:

1st team: Emilie Wilkinson, Jessie Kilburn, Emmy Norton, Jasmine Coleman

2nd team:

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ACTIVITIES

Kids Yoga - #16112

Who: Ages 5 - 12
Session: June 18 – August 13
Time: Monday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$85 res / \$90 nr
Instructor: Brianne Barrett, Owner of Bhogah Yoga.
Description: Kids are introduced to the practices of yoga through creative play, movement, games, music and postures. This fun filled class teaching children the foundation of yoga on and off the mat. This practice is structured in a way to balance their physical, mental and sensory needs. Benefits of children's yoga include: helps teach self-regulation, aids in focus, supports self-esteem, assists with stress, builds confidence, builds strength and flexibility. Parents are welcome but not needed.

Ballet & Tap - #16110

Who: Ages 3 - 6
When: June 23 - July 28
Time: Saturday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Where: STW Gym
Fee: \$35 res / \$40 nr
Instructor: Brittini D'Urso, Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance

NEW Learn to Inline Skate - #16113

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: June 30 - July 28
Time: Saturday, 11:00 - 11:45
Where: STW Courts
Fee: \$20 res / \$25 nr
Instructor: Steve Torino

NEW Mike Papale Basketball Camp - #16203

Who: Ages 9 - 17
When: July 23 - July 27
Time: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Where: North Branford High School
Fee: \$155 res / \$160 nr
Instructor: Mike Papale & Mike Lombardi
Description: Coached by college and high school basketball coaches, The Mike Papale Basketball Camp gives each camper the chance to develop their own personal skill set. This is obtained by working directly with our staff of knowledgeable basketball coaches and players. Through contests, games, drills and guest lectures, we make camp enjoyable and fun for all campers while still allowing for development and instruction.

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CONCERT

With the Sin Sisters!
Thursday June 28, 6-8pm
Totoket Valley Park

Bring your own picnic basket & lawn chair!



Food Truck by Shoreline Prime



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

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



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

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

Weekday transportation to the Center
available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Social Services Workshop - Wednesday, June 13, 1:00, FREE

Luisa Breen will explain the social service programs offered within
our town and answer any questions you may have.

Argh! Pirates! Luncheon - Thursday, June 14, 12 Noon, \$3 Lunch cost

Enjoy lunch and a historical presentation on famous pirates with
Connecticut connections, Renwick Griswold. From little known
buccaneer, David Marteens to Captain William Kidd - this is an
event NOT to be missed! \$3 Paid day of, please sign up in
advance.

Intimacy Over 60 - Tuesday, June 19, 5:30-7:00pm, FREE

Artis Senior Living of Branford will be hosting a conversation on
maintaining companionship and sexuality as you get older.
The discussion will be presented by Cindy Cartier, Esq. Light
refreshments will be served!

East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, June 20, 1:00, FREE

Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend
these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on
various relevant health topics.

Movie At Smith Library - Wednesday, June 27, 12:45

Join us for an afternoon showing of Lady Bird. The relationship
comedy stars Saoirse Ronan as Christine McPherson, a rebellious
student at a conservative Catholic Sacramento high school who
wants to escape her family and small town constraints to go to
college in New York.

THANK YOU!

To all the truckers and to everyone
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Senior Picnic
with the Sin Sisters!

Co-sponsored with the North Branford Rotary

Thursday, June 28, 5:00-8:00pm

Meal served 5:00-6:00pm

Totoket Valley Park

Our seniors celebrate summer right! Nothing says
summer like hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings,
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Please register by Thursday, June 18th.

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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch

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 will again be transitioning to SUMMER HOURS beginning June 4th - celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.

DEATH NOTICE



John Flanagan, 56, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 21, 2018 with his wife and children by his side. He was the beloved husband of 21 years to Christine Grasso Flanagan. John was born in New Haven on March 2, 1962 and was the son of the late Rosanne Esposito Flanagan. He was the owner/operator of Annex Auto Repair. A man with old fashion values, John was hardworking, honest and always held a special place in his heart for all his customers whom he treated with respect.

John was dedicated to his family, he was a loving husband and father who was so proud of all their accomplishments. He and his wife loved traveling with them to their second home in New

Smyrna Beach, Florida. John was a member of the Annex Y.M.A, and an avid Boston Celtics and New York Giants fan. The devoted father of Erica Rose Flanagan, Sarah Paige Flanagan and John Henry Flanagan, no matter where they went they were known as the “Party of Five”. Brother of Dawn Peretore (Anthony), Kim Flanagan (Steve Apuzzo) and Roxanne Dellaquila (Vincent). He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his loving grandparents Henry and Millie Esposito.

The family would like to extend a “Special Thank You” to all the nurses and staff at both the Smilow Cancer Hospital and the CT Hospice in Branford for all the excellent comfort and care given not only to John, but to their entire family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Flanagan Children memorial Fund at Webster Bank, 260 Main Street, East Haven 06512.



Marjorie (Marge) M. Eliason, 103, of Northford passed away Thursday, May 31, 2018, peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. For the past 81 years, she was married to the love of her life, Alton Eliason Sr. She is also survived by her daughter Linda Kos, of Northford, son Leslie (Carolyn) Eliason of Northford, grandchildren Kim (Matthew) Williams, Stephanie (John) Flanagan, Jaquelyn Kos, Sean (Allyson) Eliason, and Shilo McGill, twelve great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Marjorie was born February 7, 1915, in New Haven, and grew up in Hamden before settling in Northford. She was known to many as “Nannie”. Marjory was kind, caring, and very devoted to her family. Marge was very passionate about animals, and rescued many in her lifetime. She enjoyed swimming, bowling, mowing the lawn, and spending time with family. Donations may be made to the North Haven Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473.



Learning about the history of the town

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” recently welcomed 2nd graders from Jerome Harrison School to the church as part of their school project of learning about the history of the town of North Branford. Jan Finch of Northford, a long-time member of the church, accompanied the children on a tour of the church, which was designed by renowned architect Henry Austin and raised in 1846. The Totoket Historical Society of North Branford, in conjunction with Atwater and Edward Smith Libraries, promote the project each year with the 2nd grade students.

The children also visited the Little Red Schoolhouse and learned about the farmhouses of 200 years ago, in addition to learning about making Christmas Cards, butter, Silly Putty, maple syrup, and planting seeds.

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.

Recycling News

Bulky Waste Pickup Schedule*

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2nd full week of each month:

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Wed. June 27th at 12:45 pm

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Public Stargazing at Young’s Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a stargazing event on Saturday June 9th at sunset at Young’s Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at Venus setting in the west and then Jupiter with its moons and the Hercules star cluster. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

August 14, 2018 Primary Registration Deadlines

The Registrars of Voters would like to inform the electors of the Town of North Branford of information pertaining to the upcoming Primaries in both the Republican and Democratic Parties. Both Primaries will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

In order to participate in voting in either Primary, electors must be registered in the political party for that primary. “Unaffiliated” voters, (i.e., not registered in any party) are NOT permitted to vote in any primary in the State of Connecticut. However, unaffiliated voters can apply to register in a political party in order to vote in a primary. Electors also should take note that enrolled members may transfer enrollment from one party to the other, three months prior to a primary. As of the date of this publication, the date to transfer from one party to the other has passed.

Please be aware that electors who registered as “Independent” are considered a member of that party and are not eligible to participate in either the Democratic or Republican Primary.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018: The Registrars of Voters will hold a Voter Session from 1 – 4 PM, at the Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford. New electors or electors who are presently registered as “unaffiliated” may apply to register in a political party for eligibility to vote in one of the primaries.

August 9, 2018: Deadline for new voters and unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party for voting in its primary. (Mail-in registrations must be received by this date; post-marks are not accepted.)

12 Noon, August 13, 2018: Deadline for in-person enrollment, for new and unaffiliated voters enrolling in a party to be eligible to vote in the primary.

Per State Statute, Election Day Registration does not apply to primaries, only valid for elections.

Paulette Hart, Republican Registrar of Voters
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TAG SALE INFO

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish/St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave. North Haven will be having their annual Carnival on June 20-23, 2018. This year we are happy to announce we will be looking to add craft vendors on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23 from 6-10pm. We are offering a 10’x10’ outdoor space for \$100 fee. A tent and some lighting as well as a table and chairs will be needed by each vendor. If you are interested in renting a space at the Carnival, please contact the office at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity at 203-239-5378 for a rental contract.

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Toro “Personal Pace Lawnmower”(6HP). \$100. Call 203-484-9422.

Give a little-Get a lot!

Hospice & Palliative Care Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to enhance the quality of life for VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice’s Hospice and Palliative Care patients and their families. The nonprofit home healthcare agency is seeking volunteers in: Complementary Therapies (Massage, Reiki, Reflexology, Pet Therapy, Activities such as art and music, Patient Companions (companionship, errands, light housekeeping, Family Caregiver respite), Administrative Support, Bereavement Support, Spiritual Support and Pet Companions (dog walking, pet feeding and clean up.)

VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice’s Hospice & Palliative Care program is expanding! As a volunteer you will receive free, mandatory training, the support of a team and unlimited appreciation and gratitude.

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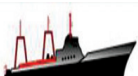


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NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARIES ROCK! Summer Reading 2018

The Atwater and Smith Libraries are filled with amazing resources for you to have fun all summer long. With special events and activities, books, magazines, and online resources for all ages, we have created a special program to make your summer reading rock. Check out all these **free** services this summer and have a great time with your family & friends!!

June Activities in the Smith Library Children's Room

Special Summer Reading Events: Please register in person or by phone: 203-484-0469

June 13th: Kickoff Party and Sock Hop at 6:00 pm – All ages welcome!

Join us for a fun night of Music with Michele, singing, dancing and photos on the stage. Sign up for our Libraries Rock Summer Reading Take Home Program and the many fun activities offered throughout the summer months.

June 26th: Silly Song Sing-A-Long at 4:15 pm – Ages: 2 yrs. & up.

Join us for an afternoon of singing and dancing to popular children's classics. Edward Leonard will have guitars, drums and a bag full of musical surprises! **June 26th: "Fun with Rhythms" Drum Circle at 6:30 pm – Ages: 5 yrs. & up.** Join us for an educational drum program designed to teach children, teens and adults the fundamentals of music while playing interactive rhythm games with drums and hand-held percussion instruments from around the world. Space limited. Register early.

Weekly Summer Reading Events:

Lunch, Story and Craft in the Park on Mondays @ 10:30 (Cosponsored with the Family Resource Center)

Monday, June 18th – at Peckham Park, Middlefield. Free entrance. **Craft of the week: Bird Feeders.**

Monday, June 25th – at Josh/s Jungle, Hamden. Free entrance. **Craft of the week: Spin drums.**

Tots 'n Tunes on Tuesdays at 10:15 am (Cosponsored with the Family Resource Center)

Tuesday, June 19th – a special Yoga Session with Brianne Barrett – recommended ages: 18 mos. & up

Tuesday, June 26th – Board books, felt stories, songs and parachute play with Miss Erin and Mrs. Debbie

Baby & Me on Wednesdays at 10:00 am (Cosponsored with the Family Resource Center). Wednesday, June 20th – a special Yoga Session with Brianne Barrett – recommended ages: birth-18 mos.

North Branford Fire Department Fireworks

Fireworks are enjoyable and exciting to watch, but every year they injure thousands of people, many of them children, and cause thousands of fires.

ALL FIREWORKS with the exception of sparklers **ARE ILLEGAL**, in Connecticut, and may not be sold, purchased, or used. Only regulated firework displays by state licensed, professional pyro-technicians, which have been approved by local and state officials, are permitted.

The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is to attend an approved public display.

Do not buy fireworks from road side stands. Local establishments that are licensed to sell fireworks are inspected by the fire marshal. "Sparklers" as determined by the State, include sparkling devices of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item and are non-explosive and non-aerial. These include common stick sparklers, cone, base, spike and fountains. These are the only items that can be legally sold or purchased in Connecticut.

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

Children and Smoke Alarms

Sleeping children don't always awake when a smoke alarm activates. Children, ages 6 thru 10 seem to be most affected. While these dramatic facts are worrisome, we shouldn't allow them to obscure the fact that smoke alarms are highly effective at reducing fire deaths and injuries. Roughly 70% of deaths occur from fires in homes without smoke alarms or disabled smoke alarms.

Think about how heavily you or your children sleep. As loud as smoke alarms can be, sometimes children sleep through it. Research has shown that some children don't wake up from the loud beep of a typical smoke alarm.

There are many new types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on the market today. Some of the new features include:

Personalized Instructions, which allows you to record customized escape instructions

Fire Drill Feature, which allows a time delay to simulate an actual fire alarm

Loud 85 decibel outputs. 10 year batteries

There have been many advances over the last 10 years in home smoke alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are electrical devices and they do have a life limit. It's a good idea to replace your detectors every 10 years. We also want to emphasize the need to continue planning and practicing home fire escape plans and to insure everyone in your home can be awakened by the sound of the smoke alarm. We will continue to reinforce the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan during which the smoke alarm is activated so all family members know its sound. Your home's fire escape plan is.



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