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## North Branford Schools Offers Free Lunches



When many have taken a back seat to this Corona Virus, North Branford School Food Service Supervisor Michael Augur and his crew are still working hard to feed the students. With the help of a Government grant, they are feeding about 150 students a day. Anyone from 18 years of age and under can take advantage of this free meal. Choice is either a cereal bag (preferred by some of the younger kids) or a meal of the day.

"It's a great program", said Augur. "It helps some of the families that are out of work or have a compromised income, as well as serving as an event to get the kids out of the house."

The daily meal can be picked up at Totoket Valley Elementary School at 1388 Middletown Ave in Northford, Monday through Friday from 10:30AM to 12:00 Noon. Distribution will be at the main entrance inside the first entry door and you may utilize the drop off zone in front of the main entrance to temporarily park and pick up meals.

You are asked to follow posted instructions to maintain the highest level of safety. Menu information can be found on the District website at [www.northbranfordschools.org](http://www.northbranfordschools.org). You can obtain further information by contacting Michael Augur at 203-909-1784.

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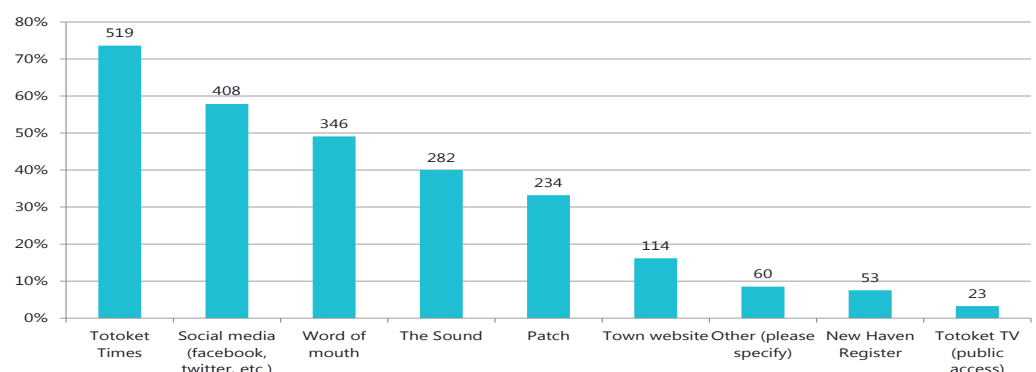
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### What will schools look like this fall?



During the height of the pandemic response, and as parents and educators acclimated to the realities of distance learning, I couldn't help but think of the implications for children—not just the academics side of this truly complex equation, but the social and emotional component as well.

Of course, I wasn't alone. It's a subject that's been covered a lot here and abroad as people contemplated what the next school year might look like. Along the way, I've thought about my own children and their friends, and the positive influence of sports, clubs and other extra-curricular activities has had in their lives.

People, and children in particular, need the energy derived from the simplicity of human connection. That power guides us. It informs. It shapes our lives.

Recently, Governor Lamont released a framework for reopening schools this fall. More specific requirements and guidance followed days later. This path forward isn't perfect, and the wide variety of questions and comments it has spawned isn't unexpected. It does, however, start from an ambitious baseline position I support: the delivery of a full day, in-school experience, five days a week.

So far, the governor has talked a lot about flexibility. That's good, because along with public health data—overall, *the* driving factor for the governor—concerns and ideas from parents, students, educators, and local officials should also be considered. Whether it's students wearing face masks all day, or resources for training and distance learning options for students who need them, more discussion is on the horizon.

It's no secret that I've been critical of some of the governor's work since March—specifically, his failure to collaborate with the legislature, and a less than transparent decision-making process that's created confusion among people affected by them. But I believe this subject, the reopening of schools, carries such far-reaching implications that he must cast a net which collects as much stakeholder input as possible.

I've posted the school reopening document on my website, [repcandelora.com](http://repcandelora.com), and I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts on the topic.

**Rep. Vincent Candelora**

**86th District**

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## NBLCT to Benefit from Big Y Community Bag Program



The North Branford Land Conservation Trust has been selected by our local Big Y store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program for the month of July!

The NBLCT will receive a \$1 donation from the purchase of each \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Big Y store located at 1289 Foxon Rd. Rte 80, North Branford CT.

If you can, please help support your Land Trust by purchasing Big Y Community Bags during the month of July.

The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs.



## Let's Be "Frank"

I've got to tell you brother, I'm fed up. First there's this pandemic. I must admit, I am petrified. If I get it, I'm at a very high risk for death and although I kid, I'm not ready yet. I know the media goes out of their way to make this a political issue and quite frankly I'm sick of the irresponsibility of our media. It is not responsible journalism when different media groups decide what to report and what to omit, to support their own viewpoints.

Once I realized I couldn't be a professional athlete (fourth grade), I always wanted to go into journalism. I proudly boast that I am in the first journalism graduating class at Southern Connecticut State College (way before they ever thought of becoming a university). Through that education we I was taught "nothing but the truth". A news story is just what it says, "news".

The different slants are despicable (more on that later). Even with all the varying reports, I am insulted when people refer to this pandemic as a political hoax. More than half a million people have died and you can't skew those numbers no matter how you report it. So respect me when I wear my mask and stay at least six feet away. And forgive me if I don't respect you for making light of the issue. I have lost two cousins due to this killer and I am in no mood to add to the family numbers.

As we continue with the disservice the media presents, they should go easy on the fuel they are adding to the fire of claims of racial injustice. This is detrimental to our country. I was brought up in a predominantly black neighborhood with a sparse sprinkle of Italians. My parents taught me that ALL LIVES MATTER. My grand parents suffered when they came to the United States. A fisherman and a butcher, my two grandfathers were laborers who suffered discrimination. Their lives were tough because of that. My life was not tough because of that. I did not suffer because they did. Because of this, I work hard to fight for the freedoms they carved out for me. I am proud of the respect I earn knowing the history of how it got there.

That's why this racist propaganda is making me sick to my stomach. Our government is erasing history due to the faults of the past and this is in no means fixing the problems of the present. Tearing down statues of men who have paved the way, and eliminating large parts of history to appease a loud minority is not the answer.

To this day when I go to the store I look for the Aunt Jemima products because since my youth, they were of top quality. Never did I associate that stately looking lady with low class. Why she would come off the logo makes no sense to me. My grandchildren will never hear the story of a slave who became a millionaire and how she worked through obstacles to become someone to look up to. It's history that needs to be taught and studied. Not eliminated and forgotten.

Playing the "Black National Anthem" before a football game is satisfying all the wrong people. We are the United States of America. We have one National Anthem for everyone. It's racist to think anything different.

Our leaders have to be stronger. They have to stop looking for votes and do what's right. As I watched them take down the statue of Columbus on the Wooster Square green, I couldn't help but wonder where all the politicians were. Politicians who every year were photographed putting wreaths on the base of the statue and honoring the Italian heritage were no longer there for the photo ops. They were hiding with their tails between their legs instead of honoring traditions of their heritage and doing the right thing.

I once had a publisher who told me the strongest leaders and movers and shakers in the country were not politicians but rather the newspaper industry. I was naive at the time but I now understand what he meant. With this being said, our future lies in the hands of these two powerful factions and looking at these leaders right now, it scares the hell out of me. Make the tough decisions that will unite this country. Don't build bigger bridges that will divide us.

Well, that's enough of my rants for today my brother. Wish pops a happy birthday for me and tell Mary it doesn't feel like three years already. I still remember coming out of a sound sleep to answer that phone call which forever changed the lives of her loving family and friends.

Keep and eye on everything up there and I guess I'll see you soon.

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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## Honor Them With a Flag

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC, would like to thank all of those who participated in the Honor Them with a Flag recognition on the green in the center of Northford. The flags were placed out from Flag Day until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We would like to recognize the following people:

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If you sponsored a flag and you would like to pick one up from the green, you may do so after July 4<sup>th</sup> until July 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Boissard (203-484-0708).

## A Word of Thanks from The Food Pantry

The Board of Directors of The Food Pantry of North Branford wish to extend its gratitude to the citizens of North Branford. We are all aware that the past few months have been challenging to say the least.

It is our mission to provide supplemental groceries for people in need of this assistance. In this difficult economic time where people were furloughed or losing jobs, where the food supply was not plentiful, we worried that we would not be able to meet our obligations. However, what we experienced was exactly the opposite! You, our friends and neighbors rose to the challenge and donated sacrificially during this time.

Your generosity allowed us to not only provide our regular food supplies but to supplement them with weekly additions of meat, dairy and fresh produce for our guests over the past several weeks. We simply can't thank you enough for your financial and emotional support. You are all amazing!

Many people think that the Food Pantry is affiliated with the town or a church. This is incorrect. We are a recognized 501-C charitable organization who relies solely on fundraising and donations to make the magic happen. In September, we will hold our only fundraiser of the year, our annual mail appeal. Please watch for our letter and help if you can. EVERY donation is important to us!

Again, many thanks to all of you who have always been there for us -- but especially during the pandemic. We have no way of knowing what is coming our way but we do know this -- with the people of North Branford behind us -- we can weather any storm! **Sincerely, Judy Bannon**

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

At least once a week a client comes into my office desperate to execute a Last Will and Testament-ASAP. A year ago, I would have said that the motivation may be due to upcoming travel plans, a recent death/birth in the family, or a nagging spouse, among other things. More recently though I have been helping people who are worried about how Covid 19 might impact their life and family and estate plans. If you plan to die soon, a Last Will and Testament is a must have. Wills contemplate your demise and fall under the category of *Death Planning*.

One important question for people to consider is: What if you don't die? Wills take care of your affairs after you pass away, but what happens if you don't die but become incapacitated in some way? Incapacity does not just strike the elderly; it does not discriminate between old and young. Planning for incapacity is what I like to call *Life Planning*. *Life Planning* takes on many different forms. One of the core documents in a *life plan* is a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA).

If a person becomes incapacitated and has not executed a DPOA, the Probate Court can appoint someone to act on their behalf. The Court appointed person is called a Conservator. There are two types of Conservators: Conservators of the Person and Conservator of the Estate. Often the two roles will be filled by the same appointed person. There are also two types of Conservatorship proceedings: Voluntary and Involuntary. In a Voluntary Conservatorship the individual to be conserved knows that they are having difficulty managing their affairs, and requests that the court appoint someone to assist. In an Involuntary Conservatorship someone other than the individual to be conserved requests that they be appointed because they believe the individual is unable to manage his/her affairs.

The process of having a person conserved is quite complicated and certainly more expensive than executing a DPOA. To involuntarily conserve an individual the court must find clear and convincing evidence that the person is incapable of caring for himself/ herself, and is unable to manage his/her financial affairs. Involuntarily conserving an individual involves several attorneys and doctors, as well as multiple hearings at the Probate Court. When you get a bunch of lawyers, doctors and a judge in the same room, it gets expensive (not to mention time consuming).

Costly and time consuming conservatorship proceedings can be avoided by executing a properly drafted Durable Power of Attorney. Plan for the future but don't forget to plan for the present. A balanced plan should reflect both "life" and "death" planning.

I encourage you to reach out with any questions, and I hope that you are all staying safe during this uncertain time. Our offices are open and fully functioning, and we are here to assist you with your estate planning needs. We still offer a complementary initial consultation and are available in-person by appointment only, over the phone, and through video conferencing. Please call our office at 203-234-7400 with any questions. We are all in this together. Please take care of yourself, and let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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## "Vinny has Secured my Vote..."

Dear Editor.

I wanted to take a moment and recognize the herculean effort our state representative, Vincent Candelora, has put into helping his constituents during the uncertainty of the Connecticut Coronavirus Shutdown. From the very beginning, Vinny has worked tirelessly and to great effect in terms of keeping us informed about what the state has been doing, what programs are available and how the virus has been impacting his district.

I also want to recognize that the vast majority of the information and opinion he has offered up has been absolutely devoid of the partisan rancor which so often fuels political actions and government actions. Everything Vinny has done or said during this timeframe has been to make us aware of announcements, executive orders and/or changes to what was previously communicated by the Governor.

On a personal level, Vinny and his staff helped me get some payments sorted out which had dragged out to seven weeks and for which I was getting absolutely nowhere with the Department of Labor red tape and bureaucracy. Even though I am a life-long Democrat and I know this is not why he helped, Vinny has secured my vote for as long as he wants to represent our district or state.

**Sincerely,  
EJ Vongher**



## Floyd Parness Scholarship Goes to Little & Glenn



Freddie Little & McKenzie Glenn were recent recipients of the Floyd Parness Scholarship which recognizes track and cross country athletes.

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Jessica Cirivello, Christian Diaz, Holly Dulak, Emma Garrett, Meagan Hanratty, Nicolette Molnar, Kaitlin Souza and Ryan Stevens were named to the Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT.

Morgan Odice was named to the Dean's List at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY.

Nicholas Mancini was named to the Dean's List at American International College in Springfield, MA.

Elisa Palmieri was named to the Dean's List at the University of Scranton in PA.

Madison Sullivan, SiannaMarie Milone and Keane Regan were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH

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DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 7,060 acres of Open Space and water utility lands in Town, comprising about 44% of North Branford's total land area.
- The North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) owns 214 acres or 1.3% of the Town's total land area.
- More than nine in 10 Americans agree that parks and recreation is an important local government service.
- A park with one acre of trees absorbs the carbon dioxide produced by driving a car 11,000 miles.
- 83% of U.S. adults agree that visiting their local parks, trails and open spaces is essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**#WeAreParksAndRec**

**GET BACK TO BEING ACTIVE**

Our own Vicky Struk is presenting her **Get Fit** and **Strongercize** classes on Totoket TV!

Whether you've participated in group fitness classes or you are trying it out for the first time, you can customize this class to meet your individual needs right from the comfort of your own home. Improve your strength, mobility, flexibility and balance in an easy-to-follow workout.

**Strongercize** - Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am  
**Get Fit** - Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Totoket TV Public Access Television:  
Available on Comcast channel 18 or 1070  
Frontier channel 6086



Join in and stay fit at home!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Zion Episcopal Church**, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

## “BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS” Support Group Forming

The purpose of this group is to share our experience after suffering a blood clot, as well as information & support to each other.

Our second meeting will be  
July 20, 2020 at 6:30PM.

This will be an outside meeting with mask and social distancing. Please bring a chair to North Farm Park, 251 North Branford Rd. If it rains, we will sit under the outside pavilion.

For more information please contact  
Debbie at 203-483-0646.

*This meeting was originally scheduled for March which is Blood Clot Awareness Month.*

## Recycling News

**Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program restarted . Our town's pink bag pickup program June 1st.**

*Thank you for your continued support of this program!*

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### Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday July 11, 2020 9:00 AM - Noon

#### North Branford Recycling Center

(Public Works - Route 22)

*Please do not leave e-waste (including TVs, computers, printers) curbside; it will not get picked up!*

\*\*\***Mattress and Box Spring collection & recycling**\*\*\*

Drop off your old mattresses and box springs at **no charge**; items should not be wet or excessively soiled.

All Items for drop off need to be accessible in vehicle trunk or truck bed.

Please remain in vehicle while at the recycling event.

Keep safe distance between vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091**

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### HazWaste Central Open for the Season

- All HazWaste Central participants are required to pre-register online. Paper forms will not be available.
- Household hazardous waste items must be accessible in the trunk or truck bed of your vehicle.
- Participants are asked to wear a face mask while at the HazWaste Central facility and to stay in their vehicles.
- Containers used to transport waste items will not be returned. Please bring items in disposable containers.

For more information go to [www.rwater.com](http://www.rwater.com), call 203-401-2712 or email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com)

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## Due to Health Crisis Plastic Film Drop Off Suspended

Please save plastic film at home until further notice.

Updates soon on program restart.

Thank You!

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## NEXT BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)

Week of November 9th on your scheduled pickup day

*\*No home cleanouts\**

### Join the Sons & Daughters of Italy

It's time to meet new people, get out of the house and enjoy different cultural events every month. The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, meet on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven.

While maintaining many of the Italian-traditions, the ethnically diverse group has donated close to \$200,000 through its charitable giving programs.

Do as much as you like or as little as you like and have fun doing it. Visit our website at [www.northhavenlodge2805club](http://www.northhavenlodge2805club) or email us at: [nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com](mailto:nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com) or call Frank at 203-410-4254 for more information.

Dues is only \$45.00 per year with a one time \$15.00 Application Fee.

Start the new year off right by getting off the couch, meeting new friends and enjoying yourself in a pressure free atmosphere.



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aluminum boat or related items. Please call or text 203-530-5182.

HELP WANTED

SUMMER HELP: Part-time: 3 mornings a week: 1-3 hours, depending  
on day. Fill outside bird feeders, clean litter box, vacuum, dust, organize,  
run errands. Nonsmoker, animal enthusiast, honest, ethical, energetic,  
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Did you know:

A human brain has the capacity to store  
5 times as much information as Wikipedia

Town Hall Reopens Tax Office - All other  
Departments to Remain by Appointment only

The North Branford Town Hall will reopen the Tax Office to the public  
on July 1, 2020 with limited access from 8:30 am -11:30 am M-F. To en-  
sure the safety of our employees and our residents, visitors will be required  
to follow Town Hall guidelines for access. The guidelines include using  
the rear entrance, wearing a mask or face covering and adhering to social  
distancing markers inside the building. To ensure an orderly process, there  
will be a greeter at the rear entrance to assist and monitor the number of  
individuals in the building. Hand sanitizer is available in multiple locations  
to help slow the spread of COVID-19. If our capacity is reached, visitors  
will be asked to wait outside, but also adhere to social distancing markers.

The Town encourages the public to reduce their risk by staying home and  
taking advantage of the on-line options that have been made available for  
each department. The Town will continue to waive the fee for electronic  
payment of taxes and has also provided a secure drop box for payments  
located at the front entrance of Town Hall. Any questions regarding your  
taxes you can call 203-484-6011.

All other Departments continue to operate by appointment only and may  
be contacted as follows:

Assessor Department:	203-484-6013	Planning & Zoning/ZEO
203-484-6010		
Building Department:	203-484-6008	Purchasing Department:
203-484-6005		
Economic Development:	203-484-1034	Registrars Department:
203-484-1033		
Engineer Department:	203-484-6009	Tax Department:
203-484-6011		
Finance Department:	203-484-6002	Town Clerk Department:
203-484-6015		
Fire Marshal Department:	203-484-6016	Town Manager’s Office
203-484-6000		

Additional Guidance and Resources can be found on our website: [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)

In addition, the 2019 Grand List tax bills should have arrived in your  
mailbox. As a reminder, there is an option to request a 90-day deferral on  
these bills if you have been financially impacted by COVID-19. There is a  
form on the Town’s website and must be completed by July 1, 2020.

All inquiries may be directed to the Town Manager at 203-484-6000 or  
email: [townmanager@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:townmanager@townofnorthbranfordct.com)

STAY SAFE!