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## Another Successful Season for NBLL



## Business Under the Tent A Taste of North Branford

The North Branford Economic Development Commission invites all business owners and representatives in Town to ***Business Under the Big Tent*** at the Potato and Corn Festival on Thursday, August 3 from 6 – 8 pm. This is the night before the opening of the Festival so there will be no crowds. In addition there will be a “***Taste of North Branford***” with local restaurants offering appetizers and other specialties. Beer and wine will be served.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Lindy Lee Gold from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. Her presentation will describe opportunities and grants that are available to businesses from the State. As a Senior Specialist Ms. Gold has extensive knowledge and experience in guiding businesses in State programs. She will be available for questions after her talk. This is a special opportunity for Town businesses.

Last January when the EDC held a Business Breakfast the attendees suggested that the EDC have more meetings for Town businesses. This is another chance to meet with fellow businesses and catch up on opportunities and development in Town.

This event is sponsored by the North Branford Economic Development Commission, Potato and Corn Fest Committee and the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. Invitations have been mailed to all businesses in Town.

Please RSVP. If there are any questions, please call Liz Caplan, EDC Member (203) 415-6531 or Kathy Testa, Shoreline Chamber Administrator (203) 488-5500.



*Little League photos by Erica Bozzuto*

## STAY STRONG ALAN DAVIS

### Publication Date

August 11  
August 25  
September 8  
September 22  
October 6  
October 20  
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## Leadership Means Making Tough Decisions

By: State Representative Vincent Candelora



The 2017 legislative session has been one like no other. I have yet to experience a session like this in my 11 years of serving the 86th District. It started when the legislature was unable to pass a budget by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Then, the Speaker of the House set a new target budget deadline of Tuesday, July 18th, and that too came and went without a budget or a vote. Now the Speaker is calling us in on July 24<sup>th</sup> to only vote on the state union concession package without a budget.

What does this all mean for us? In short, the governor is running the state through executive orders, and if the SEBAC agreement passes, the state will be locked into a concession package without a budget so our most vulnerable population will still go with reduced or no services. This concession package, while it contains substantial savings, falls short of providing the proper structural changes to put Connecticut on a path of stability. I will predict again that Connecticut is poised for more tax increases and state workers eventually will see their pensions fall into insolvency.

I joined my colleagues in the House in putting forth not one, but seven balanced budget proposals, which increase school aid, preserve municipal funding, reject the proposed shift of \$400 million in teacher pension payments to municipalities, and include no tax increases, among other things. Our budget does call for more concession from state workers because we have no other option. Connecticut offers one of the most generous health care plans in the world. It's so good that Senator Murphy and Blumenthal opted to stay on the state plan, rather than taking the one offered by Congress! To read more detailed information about our budget visit: <http://www.cthousegop.com/budget/>.

To make the fiscal situation in our state worse, the union concession plan put forth by the governor and his office provides a "no layoff" provision for four years and extends the agreement another five years. The state will not go over thirty years without having fully negotiated a new union contract! It's important to note that this contract was negotiated solely by the governor and his office with the state employee unions. This deal prevents any state employee layoffs, secures wage increases, allows for no increases in co-pays, saves longevity pay by delaying the April 2018 payment until July 18th and extends current healthcare and retirement benefits from 2022 to 2027.

The budget package that I worked to put together with my colleagues in the House balanced the state's finances, made long-term changes and put together a concession package that did not seek to extend the state's burden for ten more years. State workers have commented that I am "anti-union" and that could not be further from the truth. Connecticut has lost almost ten thousand state jobs over the past ten years. The failure to make necessary structural changes will only lead to more job loss. Union leadership is not doing their membership any favors in the long run, and sadly, if approved, this agreement will lead to more taxes for Connecticut and more mass exodus.

## Let's Be "Frank"

Well my brother, I am writing this letter with a heavy heart. I'm sure you know by now, that our sister has left my world and joined yours. After several setbacks in the rehabilitation center or as I have begun to call it "The meat market", Mary couldn't fight any longer. Her heart that was bigger than any I know simply gave out. It's amazing that she rallied so many times to the point that we thought she would be fine. She took care of business that she needed to take care of and when she was out of the woods and ready to start another chapter in her life she just left us.

Her family and many friends are devastated. My phone hasn't stopped ringing as I search for the solitude to mourn. The wake was four hours of non stop visitors and when I have a moment I will yell at her for the way my back, knees and feet feel from having to stand all that time. The funeral was even a better send off, as there were more people in Church for her service, than there were at Sunday Mass. Three priests on the altar and all her nieces and nephews and her favorite brother (sorry bro, I still call them as I see them) all partaking in the service.

Our sister wasn't involved in numerous causes. That was our style. Her loves were simply her family, her friends and her church. But to that group she gave of herself fully and passionately.

Following her first near death episode after being home for only a few days, she convinced her friend to pick her up for an early Sunday morning meeting, attended Mass, took part in the service as a Eucharistic Minister, attended my grand son Nico's baptism and the party as well. "I'm okay," she insisted even though we could see she wasn't.

After a car accident almost killed her less than a month following her health issue, even as she suffered through rehab she would badger me. "Did you call Bill and tell him I was here? Was there a good crowd at the church today? How are my babies? Did you go see cousin Ronnie in the hospital?" The questions went on and on.

There was no separating her loves. Her family, friends and church were all at the top of the list and she would drop anything to help them. She was aunt Mary to most (young and old) and she was always there to give whatever she had as well as things she didn't have.

She loved her family particularly her nieces and nephews. The world has lost a gentle heart, but a heart that was bigger than most. She was a person who touched so many lives in her own small circle but she left a great impression on all she touched.

I make no apologies if this paper is worse than usual this issue. I started putting it together after I said good bye to her in the hospital and I am finishing it (late I might add) the evening of her funeral. Mary was my first proof reader (until her eyes got bad) and I still called her during the preparation for most issues to ask her questions. "Is it affect or effect?" "How do you spell receive?" "Where does the apostrophe go?" And the list goes on and on. I already miss her beyond what words can describe.

Well that's it for now brother. Take good care of Mary. Tell her I love her and I'll be with the both of you soon. **Not too soon.**

# MARY L. MENTONE R.I.P.

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### Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



## Wit and Wisdom

There is so much talk about global warming, but is what is truly hap-  
pening being told or are those that really know scared to tell the truth. I’m  
about to tell things as they really are letting the chips fall where they may.

To tell what is really happening demands the knowledge of the terrain  
in the Arctic Zone and being originally formed by volcanic eruptions just as  
islands in the pacific are even now, but so much has been made of carbons  
causing the global warming even our scientists are afraid to report what’s  
really happening.

I don’t mean to belittle carbon warming and am fully aware of its effect,  
and really delighted since our polluted air is responsible for most of the  
physical afflictions we now suffer and anything arousing the authorities  
to do something to clean our air are noble ventures, especially when the  
contributors, fossel fuel industries, are particularly responsible and fighting  
photovoltaics and every other clean energy creater in their fight to getting  
the last dollar possible before their demise.

But, carbon didn’t cause the sudden warming of the arctic. The sudden  
eruptions of the volcanos, after millions, may be billions of years laying  
idle are. The recent block of ice the size of Delaware falling free from it’s  
anchor or the 30 feet thick ice that made Iceland , “Iceland” melting and  
making Iceland brown as it melts, was not caused by carbon created in the  
industrialize world going up there and melting the ice.

This is a frightening phenomenon if it continues, but no one knows since  
these things have an action of their own. I sit here wondering if the Mast-  
odons found frozen in feets of ice were really warm weather creatures  
suddenly caught when the volcanos stopped erupting and they were frozen  
in their tracks.

Folks, at 100+ I’m not worried about dying, but you have made my life  
a wonderful journey and our “gate hangs high and hinders none” so if you  
entertain the thought of wondering what this guy is in the flesh just drop in  
at 206 Parsonage Hill Rd.

Alton Eliason

## Ten Fun Facts About August

Here are ten facts taken from the internet that we thought you might  
want to know about August.

1. The Romans gave this month its name in 8BC, after the first Roman  
Emperor Augustus who ruled from 27BC until his death in AD14.
2. Before then, the month had been known as Sextilis, as it was the sixth  
of ten months in the Roman Calendar, which began with March.
3. The Anglo-Saxon called August “Weodmonath” meaning “weed  
month”.
4. The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx and the  
flowers are the gladiolus and poppy.
5. August was the 55th most common name given to a baby boy in  
Sweden in 2014.
6. Statistics show that 22 per cent of men named August in Sweden were  
born in August.
7. Henry VI Part 1 and The Tempest are the only plays by Shakespeare  
that mention the month of August.
8. In 2015, August is the only month beginning on a Saturday.
9. Warren Harding was the only US President to have died in the month  
of August.
10. The city of Augusta, Georgia was named after Princess Augusta of  
Saxe-Gotha (1719-1772), mother of King George III.

## Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup\*

Effective **July 1, 2017** bulky waste pickup is now  
**monthly** (instead of weekly).  
Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2<sup>nd</sup> full**  
**week** of each month:

Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
14 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>

**\*No change to the weekly trash and  
recycling pickup schedules**

Enjoy this year’s **Potato and Corn Festival**  
**(PoCo Fest) August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**For a cleaner, greener festival  
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**Thank you for recycling responsibly!**

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### TRY OUTS

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creative and environmentally friendly volunteers are  
needed. It’s your chance to make a **BIG** difference  
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Come and “*try out*” a meeting with us on a second  
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meeting (no meeting in month of August): **recycle@**  
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# Downer to Wed Foster



With great joy, Ms. Jennifer Downer and Mr. James Ramsay of North Branford, with Mr. Chip Downer and Mr. Mark Ramsdell of Bloomfield, Ct announce the engagement of their daughter Madelyn “Maddie” Downer, to Jonathan Foster, son of Linda Foster of South Weymouth, MA.

Maddie, a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School serves as director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries of Congregational Church of Needham, UCC, in Needham, MA and is presently on ordination track in the United Church of Christ. Maddie’s ordination discernment work is based at the North Branford Congregational Church, UCC in North Branford.

Jonathan is a graduate of Cortiva Institute and is a Licensed Message Therapist practicing in Newton, MA.

The couple live in Chestnut Hill, MA with their beagle mix, Izzy. They are planning a ceremony for the Fall of 2018.

# Summer Food & Supply Drive

NORTH BRANFORD – The Branford Compassion Club will hold its annual Summer Food & Supply Drive, Saturday, July 29 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at its Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road.

The kitties’ wish list includes canned pate and dry cat and kitten food, paper towels, kitchen trash bags, Yesterday’s News cat litter, Tidy Cats litter, pet supply gift certificates and small cat trees.

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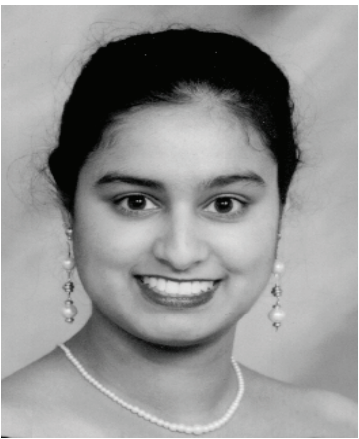
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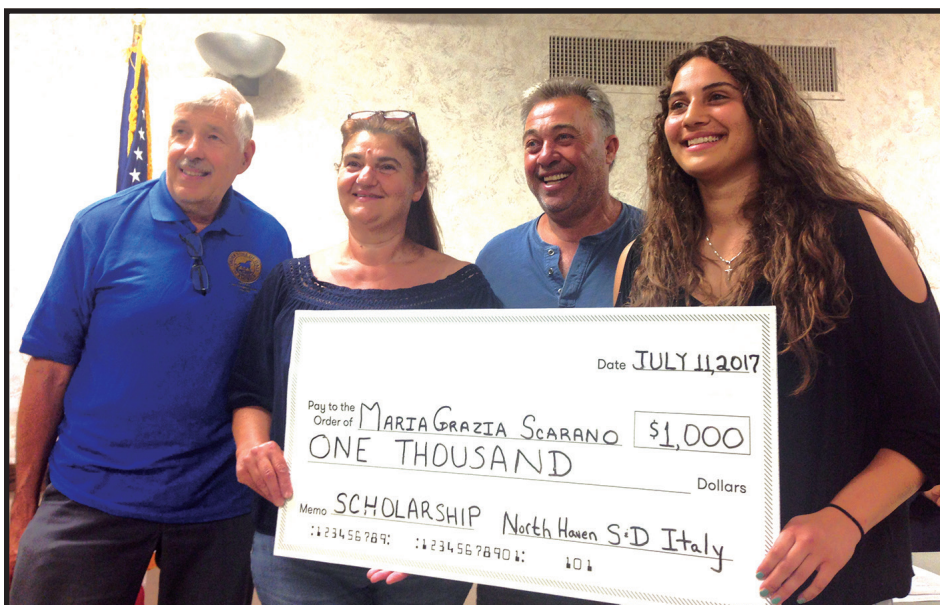
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## Sons & Daughters of Italy

### Present Regional Scholarship

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge #2805 is pleased to announce the winner of this year's Regional Scholarship for \$1,000 to MariaGrazia Scarano. Maria graduated this past June from North Haven High School and will enter Sacred Heart University in the fall to pursue her goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. In addition to the regional scholarship, the lodge will carry MariaGrazia as a member while she is enrolled in school and for one year after graduation. The lodge will also provide a one year membership for one of her parents.

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge #2805 competitive regional scholarship is open to graduating public high school students of Italian heritage from North Haven, North Branford, Hamden, and Wallingford, who wish to further their education at any college, university, or technical school. Graduating seniors whose parents/ grandparents are lodge members are also eligible to apply for additional scholarships. For further information regarding the scholarship program, visit the lodge website at <http://www.northhavenlodge2805.club/>

To inquire about membership information visit the website or call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

## New Program Offered at Vinal Tech

"Vinal Technical High School is offering a NEW program for incoming high school students seeking careers in the criminal justice and protective services. Students earn a high school diploma and can receive credentials in CPR, first aid, AED, NIMS, incident command for law enforcement, public safety and telecommunications. The program allows students the opportunity to gain foundational experience in the fields of firefighting, emergency medical responder (EMR), law enforcement, and many other protective services fields. Juniors and seniors can enroll in and receive college course credit. Please contact Mr. Brian Pereira at 860-344-7100 extension 316 or [Brian.Pereira@ct.gov](mailto:Brian.Pereira@ct.gov) for more information."

## Honor Students at Sacred Heart Academy

**High Honors:** Sarah Anastasio, Olivia Bizzario, Alessandra Cordero, Isabella Crotta, Ava D'Agostino, Megan McMillen, Elisa Palmieri, Abbey Parente, Olivia Petroallo & Vivian Wang.

**Honors:** Serafina Cordero, Sydney Marcarelli and Megan Wells.

## NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

### August 6, 2017 - Last chance for Tickets

The North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be holding its Induction Dinner on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Woodwinds in Branford, from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. The goal of the organization is to recognize and honor those former outstanding individuals who have made an exceptional impact on the North Branford High School Athletic Program.

So far there have been 47 individuals and one team inducted. This year the inductees will include: Pete Glenewinkel (1973), Colleen Aughur (1985), Jimmy McNamara (1980), Tricia Mase (1997), Jackie Gallo (2000), Luke Gagliardi (2005) and the 1987 Girls Basketball team which recorded a perfect 26-0 season and won the Shoreline Conference as well as the Class "M" State Championship, and coach Chris Webster, former Girls Basketball Coach and Athletic Director.

The cost of the Dinner is \$40 and reservation forms are available in the Main office of North Branford High School.

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Ages: 10+

### Location

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### Date

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6:30 PM



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## NBHS FOOTBALL

Pancake Breakfast  
Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

Place: Eli's "On The Hill" Branford

\$8.00 per ticket

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## All - Stars Make it to the Finals

The North Branford 10u Little League All Star softball team played 5 pool play games, and a semi-final game and only let up one run while scoring 84 to get to the 10U championship game. While representing our town as against the other 5 towns in our district, The girls made it to the District 4 finals but were defeated by Milford by a score of 3-2.

Their names are: Leah Pinette, Lexi Falcioni, Katelyn Bailey, Lindsey Onofrio, Kiley Mullins, Natalia Lucibello, Lily Ardito, Gabrielle Senerchia, Adrianna Hills, and Reece Hebert. The coaches are Russ Senerchia, Chris Hills and Mark Lucibello

## Field Hockey Clinic

*For all girls in grades 3 through 8!*

Have fun at this 5 day field hockey camp at

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On August 15, 16, 17, 21, and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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Amy Norton,

7 Fawn Meadow Lane, North Branford 06471

**Sticks will be provided. Shin guards and  
molded mouth guards are mandatory.**

Tee shirts for all participants who register by  
August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Coach Babby Nuhn 203- 484-1465 or Amy Norton  
203-214-9198

[bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org)

or [amynorton7@comcast.net](mailto:amynorton7@comcast.net)



## Appreciative Little Leaguer

Abel Fernandez presents sponsor plaque to North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Vice President Susan Velleca. Abel played in the Hamden Father's League and he had a special kiss for his grandmother.



## 2nd Annual Richard M. DeCrosta Golf Tournament

North Haven Sons & Dughters of Italy will be holding their second Annual Golf Torument at Traditions Golf Club in Wallingford. The tournament will be held on Monday, September 25th. The fee is \$125 per person and it will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation and the Lodge Scholarship program

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ACTIVITIES

Ballet & Tap

Who: Ages 3-6

Session: August 5 – September 2 (No Class 8/12)

Time: Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: Revolution Academy of Dance

Fee: \$20res/\$25nr

Instructor: Brittni D’Urso

Description: Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes, and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus!

Pre-School Karate

Who: Ages 3-5

Session: August 31 – September 21

Time: Thursdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Where: Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy

Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Instructor: Tom Smith

Description: an exciting way to introduce children to take direction from a teacher or coach while learning the skills of martial arts. Such skills include the physical aspects of martial arts: discipline, focus, self-confidence, bully-busting, stranger-danger, and respect. Children who begin martial arts training at an early age tend to do better and are more focused in school, at home, and in other sports.

BUS TRIP

New York Yankees @ New York Mets

Thursday, August 17. Cost: \$55

NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED. GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Come out to the ball game to watch the cross town rivals square off at Citi Field in New York. Sit with a good view from the outfield promenade and watch summer baseball as both teams try to make a playoff run. Call (203)484-6017 to buy tickets.

One World-New York City

Friday, September 15. Cost: \$131resident / \$136 non-resident

The national 9/11 Memorial Museum serves as the country’s principal institution concerned with exploring the events of 9/11. The Museum displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Spend some time at Chelsea Market, home of many restaurants and food stores. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center to the One World Observatory, then look toward the horizon and feel the city’s invincible spirit. With a 360 degree view, take in the panoramic sights of New York City and beyond!

Scenic Vermont

Tuesday, October 3

Cost: \$120 resident / \$125 non-resident

Today’s journey goes back to yesteryear as we board the antique Green Mountain Flyer for a narrated roundtrip ride through scenic Vermont. View fall foliage like you have never done before. Lunch will be at the beautiful Castle Hill Resort and Spa.

North Branford Senior Center

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

\* Senior Hot Lunch available – Check out the menu at nbparkrec.com

Cold Salad option available weekly

Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

\*As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip at 12:30. Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!

Gouveia Vineyards - Wednesday, August 9, 12:30, \$12.00

Wine tastings are \$12 per person and includes the tasting of five wines; four that are preselected and one that you choose and you keep the etched glass!

Lunch and Conversation with Judge Brian Fischer- Monday, August 14, \$3.00 for lunch. Judge Fischer will talk about the role of a judge, civil, criminal, juvenile and family matters and the differences between a jury or court deciding matter. He will also answer any questions about our system.

The Big E – Wednesday, September 20, \$22.00 includes transportation & admission. Enjoy a day at the fair! Explore the New England State buildings, shop the vendors, experience the agricultural events, enjoy the entertainment and dine on some fun fair food! Please sign up to ensure your spot for a day of fun.



A Spud-Tacular Weekend of Fun Ahead at 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Potato and Corn Festival

The North Branford Parks and Recreation’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Potato and Corn Festival will be held on the town-owned Augur Farm property, 290 Forest Road, Northford (use this address for GPS) Route 22 from

Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6.

Admission is free. This event is held rain or shine. Parking is available onsite for \$10 (general/handicapped) or \$15 (premier ONLY on Saturday evening) and free parking is available at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, and the North Branford Auditorium Parking Lot, 654 Foxon Road, North Branford, with shuttle service.

Festival hours are Friday, Aug. 4 from 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. with fireworks at dark; and Sunday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Floyd’s 5K Cross-Country Race at 9 a.m. The festival offers amusement rides, entertainment on two stages throughout the weekend, craft vendors, food vendors, free games and contests, and, of course, potatoes and corn! On Friday, there is a Car and Motorcycle Show; on Saturday, there is a tractor pull and hay rides, a cornhole tournament beginning at 9:30 a.m.; and a fireworks display; and on Sunday, there is Floyd’s 5K Cross Country Race, a petting zoo and North Branford Day (discounted rides with ID).

For information, visit [www.nbpotatofest.com](http://www.nbpotatofest.com) or call 203-484-6017.

Check out our

Potato & Corn Festival

insert in Today’s issue of the

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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](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

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

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

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service and9:30am. 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.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com)

**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.

**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 and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

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

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Parish Baseball Game Bus Trip

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish at Citi Field for a day of Baseball on Saturday, August 5th. New York Mets vs. Los Angeles Dodgers. Bus leaves St. Frances Cabrini Parking Lot, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven at 1pm. Ticket cost is \$80 per person which includes bus & game ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Sharon at 203-239-5700 or 203-234-0215.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES AND PREACHERS

AT NORTHFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m. Bob Barton will conduct services and preach on July 30. Rev. John Afmann will conduct communion and preach on August 6. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

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

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Earn a certification in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Interactive course recommended for high school juniors and older, and anyone who interacts with youth. Developed by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration), a federal agency. Delivered by certified trainers. Limited to 25 participants. At least ten participants needed to run course. Light refreshments provided.

Fri., Sept. 29 – 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 30 – 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Northford Congregational Church; 4 Old Post Road; in the Northford section of North Branford, CT

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**The current schedule is:**

**8/1** Presentation by United Illuminating. Topics include Home Energy Solutions, Weatherization, Conservation, Free Services, Changing a Supplier.

**8/15** Presentation by Agency on Aging. Topics include Choices Program, Free Medicare Part B, Respite Care, Changing Health Insurance.

All classes are 10:30 to 11:30 AM with an additional half hour for any further questions, if needed. Flyers are available in both Public Libraries, North Branford Town Hall, Stanley T. Williams Community Center, as well as [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com), and North Branford Social Services Facebook page.

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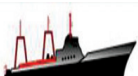


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