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Pack the Pantry and Cut the Ribbon

The North Branford Food Pantry recently held a "Pack the Pantry" and Ribbon Cutting event to officially open the doors. Residents were invited to visit and tour the Pantry and bring items to fill the shelves.

On hand to cut the ribbon were Mayor Anthony Candelora, Co-Founder Lynn Riordan (center) and a host of volunteers and contributors.

The Pantry is located at St. Andrew Episcopal Church at 1382 Middletown Avenue in Northford. It is open on Wednesdays 4:00-6:30PM, Fridays 10:30AM to 12:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00AM to 12:30 PM.



Women's Club Helping the Community



The Northford Women's Club presented a scholarship to Katherine Moeller of Northford on Tuesday May 19th. Katherine, daughter of member Donna Moeller, is a 2015 graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall and will attend The George Washington University this fall. The Northford Women's Club awards scholarships to member's daughters and sons upon graduation from High School.

Photo left to Right: Liz Boissard (co-president), Kathy Delfino, Katherine Moeller, Donna Moeller, Mary Ellen Collett (co-president)



Six members of the Northford Women's Club recently volunteered at Matt's Mission 5K Run Michele Nilson helped organize and promote the event all year long and also ran the race. Liz Boissard, Mary Ellen Collett, Cyndi Basil, Andrea Alexander and Kathy Tobin worked at the finish line filling water cups, greeting the runners as they came in and cleaning up afterwards.

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Wee Care Graduates 6

On Thursday, June 11, Wee Care of North Branford graduated, 6 preschoolers at their 23rd annual commencement. Following the ceremony, friends and family enjoyed an art show and pot luck dinner.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Hartford-A Modern Day Gettysburg



I write this column while visiting Gettysburg with our North Branford Boy Scout Troop. We've toured the museum and learned about the incredible Civil War battle. Throughout the trip, I've received phone calls, emails and texts from constituents, legislators and special interests groups. Many of them frantic over the eminent special session where a vote will finalize the fate of our corporate

giants, small businesses, hospitals, radiologists, surgical centers, nonprofit providers and taxpayers. I receive calls daily from people telling me stories of residents and businesses leaving the state. I can't help but draw a parallel to the slaughter of our brothers and sisters on a battlefield many years ago and the goings-on in Hartford. In both cases, we are eating our own, and it is sickening.

Because so many of these budget proposals never received a public hearing and affected parties never had an opportunity to weigh in on them, there is panic at the Capitol. Some groups, such as the radiologists, are literally fighting for their continued existence while bureaucrats and politicians are realizing that they miscalculated Medicaid cuts in those line items, and they cannot sustain the services without corrections. The Democrats continue to push on the gas pedal, rather than admit a mistake and start this process over.

In my nine years at the Capitol, I don't believe I have ever been so angry. I respect others' opinions, and I'm okay with losing an argument, but I'm not used to seeing one party shut another party and the public out of a process that is so important for the entire state. Despite Republican's opposition to the unitary tax, for example, the Democrats voted against our amendment to remove it. After its passage, businesses, such as GE, Aetna and Travelers, threatened to leave the state and some have begun the process. Now, Democrats are trying to delay the implementation of this tax by one year. They should have listened in the first place and eliminated it altogether. So how are they going to delay this tax? Remember the "ground breaking" property tax reform where cities and towns are going to receive more funding and residents will pay less on car taxes? The ink isn't even dried on that proposal, and they're already raiding it to the tune of \$50 million in each year to make "fixes" to the budget. Bristol Meyers in Wallingford just announced closing their plant. Regardless of their reasons for leaving, that's a \$3 million tax loss for Wallingford. No property tax reform is going to fix this loss. If GE leaves Fairfield, they will have a similar hit. I am amazed that the leadership in Hartford doesn't see this dilemma. Every tax imposed has consequences.

After the last day of school, my daughter begged to go to work with me. I gave in. She came with me to the Capitol. I loved spending the day with her and receiving her spontaneous hugs. As we broke for lunch, she began a serious conversation

about common core and all the standardized testing. She wished we had a different governor who would repeal all the testing. She then asked, "Dad, can you figure out a way to move the business to Ohio?" Her comment was like a punch in the stomach. I cannot protect her from our environment. She hears the stories on the news. She's been impacted by all the changes in her education at school, and she heard the people talking around the Capitol that day. I wish the rest of the legislature was having lunch with her that day. If they could hear the perspective of a child, maybe they'd think and act differently.

Facts About the Fourth of July

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes. July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broad-sides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

Enjoy July at Dudley Farms

The Dudley Farm Museum exhibit for July is "Stitching It All Together", featuring quilts and coverlets from the Museum's extensive collection. This display is being held in conjunction with "A Stitch in Time", exhibits by The Five Historic Museums of Guilford featuring quilts and coverlets from each of the local museums.

"Sunday Afternoon at the Farm" is an invitation to bring a picnic lunch and stay for an afternoon program: Basket weaving with Donna Lowell, one of the Farmers' Market Vendors on July 12; guest presenter Lorrain German of Mad River Antiques, "More Than Just a Quilt" on July 19th; and Quilting in Action with the Dudley Farm Quilters on July 26th.

The Museum is open Thursday-Saturday 10AM to 1PM, and Sunday from 1 to 4PM. Programs for "Sunday Afternoon at the Farm" and other programs will be publicized via website (www.dudleyfarm.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum).

The Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road in North Guilford. For more information call 203-457-0770.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Parents of minor children face many tough questions. One question that many parents don't want to ask themselves is, "Who will care for my children should I pass away or become incapacitated?" This is a difficult issue that many people struggle with. However, parents should nominate a Guardian for their minor children in their estate planning documents. Adding Guardians to your estate planning documents is the "easy" part; choosing a Guardian is a more difficult matter. My best advice would be to look for a good choice, not necessarily the perfect choice. The perfect choice does not exist. You are the perfect choice, and you are really looking for a "runner up". Trust your instincts.

How should you approach choosing a Guardian? There is no magic answer, but I recommend that you consider many different issues. Start with a long list of possible choices. Make a list of ALL the people you think could be good Guardians. Don't limit yourself. Think about siblings, parents, and other extended family members. Friends can make terrific Guardians as well.

When selecting a Guardian to raise your kids, I recommend that parents focus on "the love." Parents should consider whether each couple or person on your list would truly love your children if appointed to be their Guardian. Ask yourself, do these people have the capacity to love my children like I do? After all, you want the Guardians to treat your children as you would. Consider their values and philosophies. The people on your list most likely will share your values and philosophies on life, child rearing, religion and education.

Many parents are very concerned with the financial situation of potential Guardians. My advice is simple: don't worry too much about the finances or the size of someone's house. Don't eliminate a person because you think they don't have a high enough net worth. It's your job to financially plan for your children. You can provide funds for your children through proper estate planning. Many parents utilize life insurance to create an instant estate to care for the family that they leave behind.

After disregarding the financial issues, parents should consider some of the practical factors associated with Guardianship. How would raising your children fit into the Guardian's lifestyle? Do they have the necessary health and stamina to raise your kids? Do the potential Guardians have other children? If so, do they get along with your children? I could go on (and on) but I think you get the point. There are many important considerations when choosing Guardians. Look for love first and then address the practical factors of whether or not a person could handle the job of a lifetime.

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

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WIT & WISDOM

Last summer, Dr. Frye, Director of Arkansas Children's Hospital led a group of international pioneering physicians and scientists in this historic conference of autism researchers, calling for a new frontier in science and autism, connecting the enteric (gut) microbiome (bacteria) plays in its connection to the brain. Mounting evidence shows them that there is a leak between the gut and the brain. That the gut can have previously under recognized, influence on cognition and possibly even behavior, leading to genetically modified foods as the likely culprit, since the increase in autism increased in perfect proportion to the increase in the development of GMO food.

Dr. Frye states that several lines of research also points to the possibility that changes in the gut either causes or are highly associated with driving core ASD (autism spectrum disorder) symptoms. Further proof that something entirely foreign to our digestive system can be responsible, such as has been incorporated into our food.

As my previous stories disclosed Glyphosate (Round-Up) has just been disclosed as not only being the cause of autism, but is cancer causing as well. That its revelations surpasses every other failure of our agencies to protect our health should bring the government into immediately banning all further distribution until they can be proven otherwise, but the opposite is actually what's taken place. Other than the original announcement that Round-Up cancer causing the amount of publicity is virtually nil. France immediately banned all sales of Round-up. With the likelihood of the genetically altered foods.

I beg you to join me and all the others so troubled by our government's failure to do anything to ban these foods until they have been properly tested. While most of the civilized world has banned these foods, we continue to allow our people to be used as unwitting guinea pigs. How can our nation exist with every second child autistic?

You can save yourself by not eating any processed foods, the most likely contaminated, and restricting your diet to fresh; preferably locally grown organic food of which we have several sources.

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Pictured left to right: Natalee W, Kaylee K, Abigail C, Sofia L, Gianna M, Janae M, Marissa W.

(Photo Courtesy of Melissa Robinson Kowalewski)

Join the Cookbook Club

The North Branford Library Cookbook Club recently met at the Atwater Library, exploring the Alice Waters book, "The Art of Simple Food."

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New members may sign up at the Atwater Library for upcoming meetings, or just to get more information.

Cub Scouts Building a More Beautiful Town

The North Branford Cub Scouts pack 455 worked very hard this year, collecting refundable cans & bottles. With the money that they earned they were going to make North Branford a more beautiful town. So, they purchased a tree & planted it at the North Branford Congregational Church. For more info on Cubscouts call 203-214-7442.



The NBIS Interact Club Strikes Again!

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Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 3-15). For more information about the Annual Night Out or to purchase tickets, please call (203)481.7277 or visit www.camprisingsun.com. The annual Night Out is sponsored by the Camp Rising Sun Charitable Foundation and organized by Camp Rising Sun staff and the families of campers.



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 Ney, Mia
 Odell, Kevin
 Rawson, Bradley
 Rogers, Caitlyn
 Sagnella, Nicholas
 Seymour, Cory
 Sidle, Jacob
 Silva, Emanuel
 Simmons, Sean
 Sokoloff, Rachel
 Tirolla, Alessandro
 Tomaso, Marissa
 Vega, Christian
 Weaver, Vanessa

Grade 11 Honors

Balzano, Theresa
 Basil, Haley
 Browne, Tim
 Burkle, Adam
 Carangelo, Michelle
 Diaz, Christian
 Doody, Julia
 Dulak, Maggie
 Farkash, Alexa
 Giammattei, Gabrielle
 Giardina, Madison
 Golia, Lindsay
 Hernandez, Richard
 Klemme, Benjamin
 Kruser, Jillian
 LeMere, Sabrina
 Miller-Karsmarski,

Laurel
 O'Neil, Taylor
 Pantera, Michael
 Pokora, Mary
 Pollick, Mara
 Romanella, Patrick
 Romero, Frances-
 Scala, Michael
 Taft, Christina
 Tiani, Michaela
 Turner, Jessie

Grade 0 Honors

Alexander, Shaina
 Allain, Niklas
 Arouna, Cowiya
 Buffone, Marc
 Cappello, Nicole
 Chime, Tenzin
 Coan, Beatrice
 Curran, Jack
 Czarkowski, Stephanie
 DeLucia, Anthony
 Fraenza, Ashley
 Gargano, Jazzmine
 Garrett, Emma
 Gee, Ashley

Giatrelis, Nicholas
 Henry-Price, Machaela
 Kusmit, Shaun
 Lombard, Morgan
 Luke, Samantha
 Mastriano, Gregory
 McKee, Brian
 Mingione, Pasquale
 Nadeau, Parker
 Nuterangleo, Alexa
 Oliver, Kelly
 Palma, Katerina
 Querfeld, Robert
 Regan, Keane
 Seymour, Stephanie
 Sibley, Matthew
 Tirolla, Giovanni
 Wilson, Patience
 Zargo, Kari

Grade 9 Honors

Ash, Nicholas
 Bryden, Jenna
 Cacopardo, Jarrett
 Cirivello, Jessica
 D'Amico, Marisa
 DaSilva, Veronica

Dewitt, Julia
 Fair, Bayley
 Fama, Jenna
 Fillion, Katelyn
 Gall, Matthew
 Ghobrial, Benjamin
 Giglietti, Gabriella
 Goeman, Sahdalia
 Hammond, Brianna
 Hammond, Brooke
 Hill, Natasha
 Jablonski, Jeffrey
 Jette, Thomas
 Mingione, Ryan
 Muller, Kaitlyn
 O'Neil, Thomas
 Odell, Caitlin
 Ouellet, Courtney
 Palma, Francesca
 Ramada, Danielle
 Smola, Zachary
 Streeto, Joselyn
 Sullivan, Madison
 Sullivan, Sarah
 Wilkinson, Emilie
 Wilson, Madeline
 Zampano, Marie

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Patrick William Raynor was named to the Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, MA.
Melissa Sorrell was named the the President's List at Goodwin College in CT.
Brittany Bonito and Lindsay Demonstranti were named to the Dean's List at Endicott College.
Melissa Funaro and Stephanie Pantera were named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA
Sarah Torzillo, Cathy Donath and Gabriella Jara were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.
Dylan Podbielski was named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.
Stephanie Albino was named to the President's List at Central Connecticut State University.
James Ciocca and Jack White received degrees from Western New England University in Western, MA.
Jesse Walters was named to the Dean's List at Western New England University.
Christopher Skerritt, Corey Podbielski, Jordan Gleason and Eric Podbielski earned degrees at Springfield College.
Bridget Anderson, Christine Battle, Christopher Burkle, Rhiannon Cappetta, Joshua Dill, Joseph Dodson, Nicholas Ghobrial, Justin Grannis, Cory Onofrio, Marissa Romano, Tyler Sintay and Dane St. John were named to the Dean's List at UNH

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NBHS Baseball Graduates Proud Seniors

The NBHS baseball team recently held their annual banquet and recognized their senior graduates. Front row; Austin DeFrancesco and Tyler Hawk. Standing left to right; Dean Gullo, Marc Mongillo, Evan Abbagnaro, Mike Querfield, Sean Halligan (first team Coaches All State and All Shoreline, NBHS MVP), Nick Candelora (NBHS Desire & Dedication), Jay Quido(Southern Connecticut Diamond Club “No I in team Award”), Xavier Santiago, (second Team All- Shoreline and NBHS Desire & Dedication) and Will Coleman, Honorable Mention All- Shoreline.

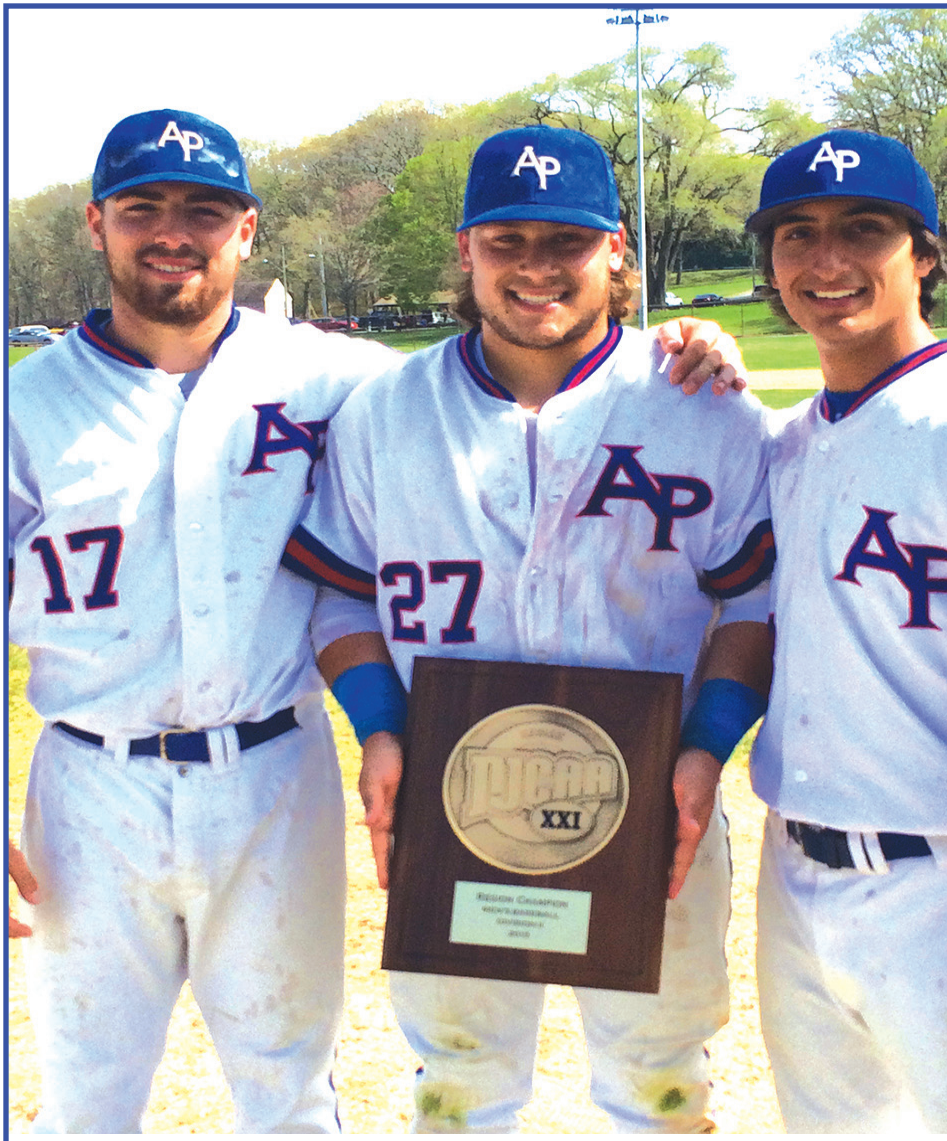
Junior Matt Chamberlain was also named to the Coaches All-State Team and was co-recipient of the NBHS MVP. Senior Eddie Miller is missing from photo.

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Week 5	July 20-24
Week 6	July 27-31
Week 7	August 3-7
Week 8	August 10-14
Week 9	August 17-21

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF TRIPS ~ Subject to change

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

A.M. YOGA

Who: Teens - Adults
Session: July 14 – August 18
Time: Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$55

Description: Stretch, strengthen, and relax the body and mind. Breathing exercises and guided meditation will help you release tension and stress. No experience necessary.

CUPCAKE DECORATING

Who: Ages 9 – 12, boys and girls welcome!
Session: July 9 – 30
Time: Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30

Description: Come and learn versatile ways to decorate cupcakes! You will transfer your cupcakes into amazing creations. No previous experience necessary and best of all, come have fun and take decorated cupcakes home.

MINECRAFT – ISLAND SURVIVAL

Who: Ages 6 - 9
Session: July 6 – 9
Time: Monday - Thursday, 8:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Fee: \$132

Description: You will access a proprietary MinecraftEdu mod created for this class to address all of the 21st century skills: critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, decision making, collaboration and more. Come hang with your friends as you mine craft and build together to survive.

FIELD HOCKEY

Who: Entering Grade 2 – Entering Grade 8
Session: July 6 – 9
Time: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Where: North Farms Park
Fee: \$80

Description: Come and learn or freshen up your field hockey skills. Basic skills will be taught; and for the experienced, we will build on all the skills needed to be a field hockey player. Stick, mouth guard, and shin guards are mandatory. Sticks can be provided if necessary. Please let us know at time of registration.

FREE PAINT

Who: Adults
Session: July 2nd – Aug. 27th
Time: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5

Description: Enjoy time creating a painting, greeting card, frame, etc. Supplies including a variety of paints, colored pencils, pastels, brushes, and paper will be provided. At the end of the 8 weeks all artwork created will be displayed. Work on projects during your leisure throughout the session dates.

ANGEL ORNAMENT

Who: Adults
Session: July 14th
Time: Tuesday, 12:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Where: Guertin Room
Fee: \$1

Description: All materials for this craft will be provided. Join in on this simple fun craft to make something that can be for your home or a great gift for someone. Little experience is necessary.

TRIP

Finding Neverland on Broadway

Wednesday, August 12th - Cost: \$80 resident/ \$85 non-resident RT motor coach transportation, leisure time in NYC, and Rear Mezz ticket to 2:00 p.m. show. Enjoy Producer Harvey Weinstein’s musical exploring the power of imagination to open up new worlds starring Matthew Morrison, Kelsey Grammer, & Laura Michelle Kelly.

Les Miserables on Broadway

Wednesday, August 12th -Cost: \$110 resident/ \$115 non-resident RT motor coach transportation, leisure time in NYC, and Front Mezz ticket to 2:00 p.m. show. Come see this epic classic with such magnificent songs as “I Dreamed a Dream”, “One Day More”, “On My Own”, and many more!!

EVENTS

North Branford Annual Senior Picnic - Thursday, July 9th

In conjunction with the North Branford Rotary the North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center will be holding a FREE outdoor picnic for all our Town’s senior citizens @ **Totoket Valley Park**. A complete BBQ dinner will be served at **6:00 p.m.** including hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, watermelon, dessert, and beverages. Afterwards enjoyment **entertainment by The Barons at 6:30 p.m.** Registration is required and you can do so by calling **203-484-6017**. Bring a lawn chair. We hope to see you there! If there is inclement weather the event will be held at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center.

SUMMER CONCERTS ARE BACK!

Totoket Valley Park, Route 22

Sundays, 6 p.m.

- July 5** Ballroom Thieves - Folk rock
- July 12** The Timmy Maia Experience
- July 19** G-Network - Alternative & classic rock
- July 26** Martini Time - High energy CT cover band

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Summer worship service and Sunday School, 9:30AM. 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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenda. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email: www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Independence Day Barbeque

Church of Christ Congregational

Church of Christ Congregational, Stony Creek will be having an independence day barbeque on Saturday, July 4 from 11:00 am-1:30 pm on the front lawn. A meal of grilled chicken kabobs & vegetables, with cole slaw, potato salad, and dessert will be \$7, with an additional kabob only \$4 more. The Church of Christ Congregational is located at 192 Thimble Islands Rd., Stony Creek, across from the Town Beach. Rain or shine. All proceeds will benefit Church of Christ.

For more information call 203-488-7827.



For children ages 4-12!

July 27th—31st

9:00AM—Noon

We are so very excited to announce that the parish communities of St. Augustine and St. Monica will be hosting our very own Vacation Bible School the week of July 27th to July 31st. We will meet at St. Augustine in the Church Hall M-F from 9am-Noon. This fun week is open to all children from ages 4 to 12.

The fee is \$25 per child for the week and includes the program, materials and a snack daily. Please call either Judy Derbacher or Bernie Lysaght at 203-484-0403 for additional information or to register your child.

Northford Congregational Church

Vacation Bible Camp - The Northford Congregational Church will have Vacation Bible Camp Weekend on Fri., July 17, 6 - 8 p.m., Sat., July 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (includes lunch!), and Sunday worship service at the Farm River at 9:30 a.m. Activities will include storytelling, crafts, painting and games. Offered to children Pre k - 12 years old.

For information and to register for this free program, contact Kathy at 203-823-1023. Space is limited. Please join us for this fun, exciting weekend!

Community outreach for this event includes donations for the local food bank (non-perishable food items), donations to the animal shelter (pet food, supplies, toys, and blankets), and bell tower donations (bring your loose change).

Summer Worship Services - During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, July 19, there will be a 9:30 a.m. worship by the Farm River in Northford instead of in the church building. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained). The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park.

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 section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Like us on Facebook. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

North Branford Fire Department

A reminder to everyone that burning of brush is allowed in North Branford. The following is the process that must be followed. Any questions, call the Fire Marshal's office @ 203-484-6016

Residential Burning Permits

- 1) Forms shall be available for residents to pick-up at the Fire Marshal's office and Town Manager's office located at Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road. Forms are also available on the Town's website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com
- 2) **Completed forms must be returned to Fire Marshal's Office. Applications must be received by the Fire Marshal's office three days prior to burning.**
- 3) Upon receipt of a completed signed form, the Fire Marshal's office may physically inspect and photograph the site where the brush is to be burned. **Only brush can be burned. No limbs over 3 inches in diameter. No stumps or leaves. Permits are issued for 30 days. Burning can only take place between 10am and 5pm.**
- 4) A copy of the form will also be faxed to the North Branford Police Department.
- 5) **The resident will be instructed to contact the North Branford Police Department @ 203-484-2703 on the day they wish to actually conduct the burn.**
- 6) If complaints are received, police officers will be dispatched to determine if a nuisance exists. If deemed necessary, the appropriate fire company will be dispatched and the fire will be extinguished.
- 7) If the resident does not have the appropriate approval to burn, at the discretion of the local burning official or the incident commander, police intervention may be required. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute sec. 22a-174, failure to obtain the necessary approval to burn is a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by fine of \$ 200 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.
- 8) **Applicants must follow all guidelines and requirements.**
- 9) **You are required to have a 50 foot buffer from any structure or property line. You are required to have a water supply, capable of extinguishing the fire.**
- 10) Chimineas and fire pits less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit.

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

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Local Craft Vendors Wanted

Northford Congregational Church will be having a Summer Festival on Fri., Aug. 21, from 4-8 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 22, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Local craft vendors are wanted for the two days. Vendor spaces are limited, so it is important for vendors to sign up as soon as possible. For information, send an email to abbey.leximay@yahoo.com or call 203-265-0022.

The festival will include food trucks, fried dough pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers, beverages, live entertainment, local craft vendors, and kids activities.

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 section of North Branford.

HELP WANTED

Twin Lake Children's Center of North Branford is looking for a certified preschool teacher to begin mid August 2015. Must have a Child Development Associate or education in early childhood education. Position is for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 to 1:00. If you are interested please email your resume to Carol8615@sbcglobal.net.

Twin Lake Children's Center looking for part time person to work afternoons with the babies. For more information please call 203-484-6700 or send an email to Carol8615@sbcglobal.net

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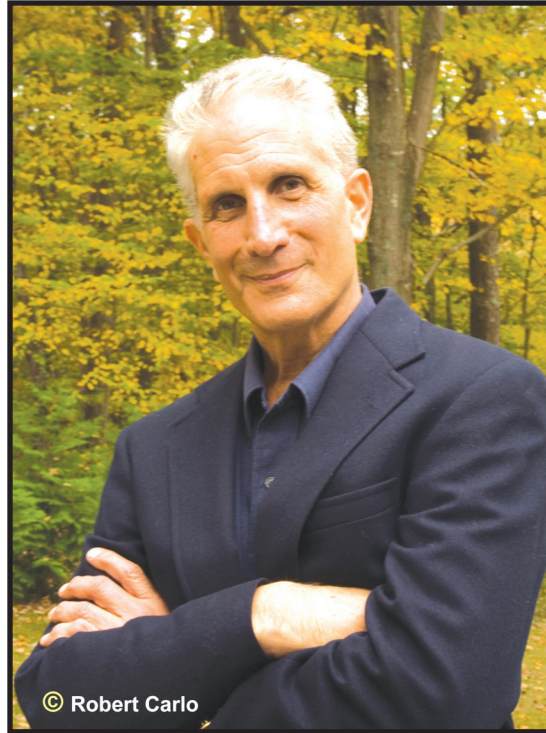
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Anthony Riccio to Discuss Latest Book



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Local Italian author, Anthony Riccio, will discuss his latest book "Farms, Factories and Families" on Sunday July 12th at 5:00 pm at St. Francis Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven, CT.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805. Refreshments will be served.

Anthony Riccio grew up in an old ethnic neighborhood of New Haven, Connecticut, where the constant hum of the local American Steel and Wire mill could be heard in

the well-tended backyards of Italian immigrants. He returned to the ancestral villages of his grandparents in Italy while pursuing an M.A. from Syracuse University. Anthony later became the director of the North End Senior Citizen Center in Boston, where he conducted oral-history interviews and photographed elderly, Italian Americans of the North End neighborhood, which resulted in his first publication: "Boston's North End: Images and Recollections of an Italian-American Neighborhood."

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is a local branch of the National Order Sons of Italy in America. The Lodge is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to perpetuate cultural Identity and solidarity within the Italian American community. The Lodge intends to embody the attributes of generosity and goodwill as well as sustain social and cultural vibrancy of the Italian American heritage by uplifting human services, binding diverse historical Italian traditions and honoring the legacy of Italian immigration to the US.

Drive for Homeless Felines

Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center will be holding a Summer Food & Supply Drive on Saturday, July 18 from 11am to 3pm. The all-volunteer feline rescue organization is in particular need of canned & dry cat food, paper towels, tidy cat litter, kitchen trash bags and laundry & dish detergents. Items can be dropped off between at BCC Feline Rescue & Adoption Center located at 2037 Foxon Rd, North Branford.

Please visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org for BCC's complete wish list.

"The Navels" outdoor concert / THS picnic dinner at Atwater!



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For further information call the library at 203 315-6020. Rain date: Tuesday, July 21

NORTH BRANFORD REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

TO: Enrolled members of the Republican Party, Town of North Branford:

You are hereby informed that there will be a Caucus of the enrolled members of the Republican Party on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Edward Smith Library, Old Post Road, Northford, CT for the following purpose:

To select party endorsed candidates for the offices of Town Council and Board of Education. To conduct such other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

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