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The Harmful Effects of Collective Bargaining in Connecticut

By: State Representative Vincent Candelora



It's with great dismay that I inform you of the legislature's recent activity. On July 24, a new state employee union concessions deal was passed by the Democrat-controlled majority in the State House of Representatives. On July 31, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman cast the tie-breaking vote in the State Senate to cement the agree-

ment's passage. Despite passage of this agreement, Connecticut still does not have a budget. It seems the Democrat majority is attempting to incrementally pass a budget with this latest vote, and this strategy is undoubtedly leading to tax increases and municipal aid cuts. They will claim these decisions are inevitable, but I disagree. They are causing a greater fiscal crisis.

This recently approved ten-year union agreement will undoubtedly have harmful effects on Connecticut's economy for decades. Despite the efforts of Republicans in both the House and Senate, the legislature approved this new union contract. After its implementation we can surely expect the following: an increase in taxes, cuts to important social services and reduced funding for municipalities. All of this is done to account for obligated wage increases, benefits, and guaranteed employment for unionized state employees.

While the agreement does increase the amount that state employees pay toward their pensions and health care, it caps those increases leaving the state to fund any health care cost overruns over the next decade. The agreement includes several changes to existing individual union contracts that actually increases costs for the state. I'd like to point out an important discrepancy within this contract – the benefits of unionized state employees continue to dramatically exceed the benefits that municipal union employees and private sector employees in Connecticut receive. All of these benefits ultimately are driving tax rates up and leading to the out migration of our residents, including our retired state employees, over a third of which have left Connecticut.

On top of that, this agreement limits the state's ability to privatize or find ways to make government more efficient by consolidating services or departments through a no layoff provision. So while our non-profits who perform the same services at a lower cost than the state are forced to operate with less funding, our state agencies have guaranteed funding.

At face value, this new contract and the state's budget appears to be balanced for the first fiscal year (FY '17-FY '18), but the reality is that it will ultimately have harmful effects on the state's ability to attract new business and grow jobs. What's even more damaging to Connecticut is that it will surely lead to massive deficits in the future and further perpetuate the tax-and-spend mentality that has drained the state's taxpayers and businesses for so many years already. For ten years, I have fought these type of bad fiscal decisions, and I am amazed that Governor Malloy and the Democrats in the legislature continue down this path expecting a different outcome. I'm becoming more convinced that the only way this state will change is with a change in the political makeup of the legislature.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well Brother, you and Mary always said I had my own way of looking at things and I can find humor in almost anything. The findings I am about to discuss are in no way an indication of my feelings. I am hurting more than I thought I would but the hurt hasn't stopped me from making several observations.

The first is, will I ever get an Edible Arrangement with fresh and tasty fruit. They are done up quite beautifully but they lack taste and crispness. Perhaps it is a product of the way they are put together but I was 0 for 3 in the taste department.

I tried to cancel Mary's Comcast service. Although they have been accepting MY check for the last three months, they could not cancel the account because my name was not on it. When I explained that she was dead, that still was not one of their options for cancelation. When I asked for a supervisor, I was told there were none there. The only solution was to bring in the box. When I explained again that she was dead he told me there was nothing he could do, I then gave him the address of All Saints Cemetery and told him to forward all future correspondence to that location.

When her cell phone rang, I picked it up thinking it was mine. When the caller asked if Mary was available, I told him she wasn't. He then asked when she would be available so I explained she had passed away. His answer was, "Have a good day and I will try again at a more convenient time." I hope if he does try and he gets her, he can get back to me with the new number.

Another thing that gets me thinking are the questions and comments from people offering their condolences in the receiving line. I don't mean to insult anyone who used one of these because I have done the same thing. It's an awkward situation but I cringe at:

"If there's anything I can do let me know". At that point no one can do anything and I wonder what they would do if I asked.

With a line going out the door people actually stopped to ask questions like "How did she die?" "Was she sick?" My immediate responses were "her heart stopped beating and "We are all sick in our own way".

Another annoying thing is when people point a waving finger and say "first your brother, now Mary. You'd better take care of yourself or you will be next." I'm no brain surgeon but if I am the youngest of three and the other two have died, I guess I would have to be next.

Following the Church service, someone asked me who picked the hymns. I explained to them that Mary, being a long time member for the choir had discussed this for years and these were the hymns she wanted. "Well it was nice" the lady replied, "but I like Let There be Peace on Earth". Sorry I didn't consult with her and maybe next time we have a funeral we'll see if the priest can set aside some time at the end for requests.

With only two weeks gone by people are still finding out and reprimanding me because they didn't know and I did not inform them. I apologize for running the death notice in the paper for two days, putting it on facebook and calling every friend and family member in both our phone data bases. Maybe next time we can have a plane take a sign around the community. No wait, I can't do that because "I'm next".

Finally to all he people who told me "She is in a better place". Her condo was much nicer than All Saints Cemetery. All this being said, I am grateful to all the people who took the time to stop me on the street, send a card, call me or reach out in any other way. They don't realize what a kind word or thought means at times like this.

Well, I'm sure you have reached out to take care of Mary. Tell her I said hello and I'll see you both soon.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Recently, I have been hearing the same question from my clients: “What is the difference between and Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?” On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation? In other words, my clients want to know if a particular kind of trust will prevent certain things from happening.

Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administrates the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

In several ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. Both trusts act like a “legal container” that holds property for the benefit of the “beneficiary” of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. The beneficiary may be the grantor or some other person or entity.

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“Do Your Own Research”

Dear Editor:

In many recent issues, a half page opinion article by Attorney Kirt Westfall has been published. These articles are written with an authoritative and instructive aura promoting his particular political beliefs couched in a seemingly rational argument supported by claims that purport to be fact based. They contain thinly veiled contempt and disrespect for those who don’t share his views. This is the second of Mr. Westfall’s articles that I have found to be misleading at best.

First point: Mr. Westfall claims that President Obama tried to “sign away US Independence in the Copenhagen Climate Change Treaty.” After researching the source material for this article, I found that the “treaty” Mr. Westfall quotes, chapter and verse, in support of his opinions is not the document he claims to be referencing. Mr. Westfall’s itemized list of all the ways the US would lose sovereignty was merely a negotiating text titled, Framework Convention on Climate Change, that included lists of all potential asks and potential solutions. This document was used for a negotiating tool only and could not have been Signed by President Obama - or anyone else.

The final document resulting from that conference was intended to be an accord, not a treaty (which requires congressional approval). Anyone can look up all documents related to this 2009 convention by going to the United Nations Convention on Climate Changewebsite. The negotiating text Attorney Westfall was quoting can be found at the following United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change website:

<http://untee.int/tresouree/does/2009/awglea7/eng/inf02.pdf>

Second point: Delegates to the convention did not adopt the Accord that came from the Framework, but “took note.” President Obama’s signature agreed only to “take note of” the final plenary at the Copenhagen United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which I stress, was NOT the text Mr. Westfall quoted. The actual text of the Accord, and the final plenary (which was not adopted), as well as all other documents relating to this convention can be found at this website:

<http://untee.int/meetings/eopenhagende2009/items/5262.php>

Wit and Wisdom

About 3 year ago I sent my friends, Terry and Jan Todd an email mentioning I had ordered 2 Peach Trees to replace 2 others that were reaching the end of their fruiting life giving no thought as to my own aging. Terry sent me a reply stating, “It was the greatest example of optimism he had ever experienced”. Only then did the likelihood of my being here long enough to enjoy it’s fruit entered my mind, but last Spring remembering Terry’s letter I emailed him and said, “Terry, if I live till Fall I may experience the pleasure of those Peach Trees and indeed I have. Watching these trees with anxious anticipation the 4 peaches that I saw start as tiny buds grew in all their glory until yesterday Marge and me, had the pleasure of their exquisitely delicious fruit. Marge at 102 and me at only 100.

But this isn’t the end of this tale. I learned of Sea 90 a natural accumulation of all the 90 minerals present in our sea having been deposited there from every rain storm since time in memorial. Learning from Dr. Murray’s book “Sea Minerals” I thought I had made my instructions clear that it was to be mixed 1 tablespoon to 1 gallon of water and sprayed over the whole orchard area. A mistake was made that proved a blessing in disguise. When I came to plant the trees, now flourishing were the trees that were on their last legs. They were rejuvenated and growing like new ones and still are.

The best part of this story is yet to be told. Surely there are many of you who dreamed of growing your own fruit when you bought your to be last and dreamed of homestead with your own beautiful, delicious apples, pears peaches, plums and every imaginable fruit shown so magnificently in the catalogues you gathered to be sure to chose the right variety. Yes, they grew, but when they produced their first fruit you were struck with the need of they being saturated with toxic chemicals of every denomination to get those beautiful fruit that captivated you with their splendor in those catalogues. When the cost and the effort became apparent and those beautiful creations were carriers of chemicals that were the last thing you wanted to ingest your dream quickly faded and if not remove are still standing there as decorative contributors to your landscape.

Yes, fruit was the most difficult of all food to raise organically, but despite the effort of all the pesticide, insecticide and every other poison provider to keep hidden, raising your fruit, can now be done completely free of any spray, so the many of you with trees planted years ago, that never seemed to produce like the beautiful ones you were captivated by the pictures there of in the catalogue I will tell you how.

Don’t give up. Sea 90 will bring them back to life and growing them in bags, the greatest innovation discovered by the Japanese that will free you from ever spraying or resorting to netting ever again.

More to come. Alton Eliason

Third: Since Attorney Westfall based his claim that “the globalists really did try to replace and eliminate the consent of the governed” on the wrong document, his allegations have no basis in fact. Atty. Westfall’s indictment of globalism as a tool to implement global Marxism and to control world markets can thus be shown to be a completely erroneous analysis.

The Accord, even if it had been adopted, would not be legally binding on any country. So much for Attorney Westfall’s Marxist/Elitist global take over of the US.

Mr. Westfall’s article on the Copenhagen agreement conjoins two opposing ideas. Marxism envisioned a communist economic model that opposed elitism. There is no economic or political model called Marxist/Elitist. It is clear that Mr. Westfall walks among the conspiracy theorists that envision loss of our national sovereignty at every turn. I suggest he turn his attention to the elitist cadre of billionaires that Mr. Trump has installed in his cabinet. This particular collection of elitists are happily co-opting our government for their personal benefit and the enrichment of their corporate partners at the expense of the health, safety, and freedoms of ‘we, the people.’

This citizen is not content to trust industry to regulate itself. The failure of proper regulation has resulted in horrific assaults on our citizenry throughout modern history. The dismantling of environmental regulations is a terrifying thought to me and should be to all whowant safe chemicals, cleanwater and air, food, safety and a healthy planet. Every year we hear about new outbreaks of salmonella, drug resistant bacteria, as well as contaminated air and lead poisoned water. Congress has cut funding on regulatory staffing consistently since 2012. I am more concerned about the fox watching the henhouse than I am about a Marxist takeover of the United States.

There are challenges on the global stage that require international cooperation and yes global initiatives. No one entity can solve climate change, but Mr. Westfall’s world-view does not acknowledge that human activities contribute to climate change. International cooperation in the global community can have corrective impact on global threats.

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The distance around the lake is approximately 7 miles, but participants may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted along the trail. Water and comfort facilities will be available. All walkers must be on the trail by 11:00 A.M. as no one will be allowed to start their walk after that time.

On the day of the walk, a shuttle will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 am. The walk begins at the Beech Street entrance and access there will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Poms Lane where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome, but no bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail. Registration fee is \$10.00 for anyone over the age of 6. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

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Letter continued

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Thanks to all this global international cooperation, the damage was mitigated, the hole in the ozone layer was diminished, and a real threat to the health and wellbeing of people was averted.

Attorney Westfall is entitled to his opinions, but remember, they are merely his opinions. Be certain that opinions claiming to be supported by facts are accurate and true. Don’t take my word for it; do your own research.

Sincerely,
Susan DeSilver

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Mia Doody was named to the Dean's List at SUNY Delhi a member of the State University of College of Technology.

Courtney Delcolle graduated from Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY.

Sarah Clalmita was named to the Dean's List at Loyola University in Maryland.

Michael Funaro was named to the LEC All-Academic team from Eastern Connecticut State University.



Freshman Orientation Program To be Held at NBHS

A one day program of freshman orientation, ***THE FRESHMAN CONNECTION***, will be held on Wednesday, August 23rd from 9:00-noon. All activities are held at North Branford High School. This important program is intended to better acquaint your son/daughter with the many opportunities at the high school, to provide necessary information about the start of the school year, to promote class unity, and to help your child make a successful transition to the high school. **We urge you to have your child attend; there is no cost to you.** For those students participating, we plan to distribute schedules. Those students unable to attend will receive their schedules the first day of school.

In addition, this year we are offering a parent orientation from 11:00-11:30 where parents are invited to join school staff as they review relevant school policies, discuss various support systems in place, and participate in a questions and answers session. Parents are invited to join their son/daughter immediately after for lunch.

Tentative Schedule:

Wednesday, August 23rd

AUDITORIUM LOBBY AREA

8:45 a.m. Check in- Lobby of auditorium.

AUDITORIUM

9:00-9:30 Welcome/School Promotional Video

9:40-10:15 NBHS Student Panel- Discuss various areas of school life, opportunity for questions

10:20-11:20 Meet with student mentors, distribution of schedules with room numbers/teachers, tour school & assistance with high school layout, PBIS and bullying prevention

11:00-11:30 Parent Orientation- review of pertinent school policies, support staff, communication. In auditorium

11:30-noon Lunch- Hot Dogs/Beverages provided for Students AND Parents

Pick-up at the Auditorium entrance area

All parents/guardians of incoming freshman students will be mailed additional information.



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203-214-9198 bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org

or amynorton7@comcast.net



2nd Annual Richard M. DeCrosta Golf Tournament

North Haven Sons & Dughters of Italy will be holding their second Annual Golf Tournament 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

To register or obtain more information, call 203-269-6023.



North Branford High School Cheerleaders Attend Training Camp

The NBHS cheerleaders recently attended a summer training camp sponsored by the New England Cheerleaders Association. Here is a list of Awards:

Jumps Ribbons: Kaley Oliverio, Annika Pearson, Brooke Hammond, Maddie Humphrey.

Best Jumper at Camp: Maddie Humphrey

Tumbling Ribbons: Maddie Humphrey, Kaley Oliverio, Jessica Armin

Most Improved: Lucia Nuzzo

Hip Hop Dance Medals: 4th Place - Maddie Humphrey, 2nd Place - Jessica Armin,

Dianna Riley Award: Kaley Bonaldo

Captains Awards: Marisa D'Amico, Brooke Hammond

Advanced Top Gun Stunting: 1st Place

Brooke Hammond, Kayla Bonaldo, Kaley Oliverio, Ariana Esposito

Best High School Cheerleader at Camp:

3rd Place - Maddie Humphrey

2nd Place - Kaley Oliverio

Team Awards:

Electrifying Skills Ribbon

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ACTIVITIES

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, bullying, 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!**

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.

Summertime Supper Club - Wednesday, August 16, 4:45 at Campania Ristorante & Taverna in Branford. Enjoy an exclusive menu of authentic Southern Italian cuisine prepared by Chef Luciano Rossitto. See front desk for details and sign up!

Senior Women’s Conversations - Wednesday, August 16, 1:00, FREE. Explore healthy aging topics with East Shore Nurse Educators.

Foxwoods Casino and Outlets - Monday, August 21, 8:00am \$15.00. Enjoy a day at the casino and shop the outlets. Senior van trip.

Big Y Tour– Wednesday, August 23, 10:45, FREE
Learn how to interpret the pricing tags and labels as well as other interesting facts.

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
Was Had at the 16th Potato and
Corn Festival
This Past Weekend

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

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; nchurch@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

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 Chruch trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?

Have you been Baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist and would like to do so?

If you or someone you know falls under either of these Categories, we invite you to join us for our RCIA program!

Classes begin on Thursday, September 14th from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Augustine Church

in the Parish Center at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford.

Call the parish office at 203-484-0403 to register or for additional information.

DEATH NOTICE



Jeanne M. Hudson, 38, of North Branford passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Connecticut Hospice on July 16, 2017. She was the beloved daughter of F. Lee Hudson III of North Branford and Sandra Hudson of East Haven.

Jeanne attended North Branford High School. She received her Associates Degree at Gateway Community College, and was a Phi Beta Kappa member working towards a Bachelors’ Degree at Southern Connecticut State University. Jeanne was an avid pool player. She loved cats and

enjoyed traveling. Jeanne loved spending time with her Dad, working with him at Country Fairs throughout New England. In addition, she worked as a bank teller for Key Bank in Branford, CT. She was a wonderful and caring person, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Beside her parents, she is survived by her brother William and his wife Robin Hudson of Naugatuck.

In memory of Jeanne, you may contribute to a Go-Fund-Me page for Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. <https://www.gofundme.com/memorial-brick-jeanne>.

To leave an online condolence or tribute, please visit www.keenanfuneralhome.com.

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 **2nd full week** of each month:

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Come and “*try out*” a meeting with us on a second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Email us for a guest reservation at an upcoming meeting (no meeting in month of August): recycle@townofnorthbranfordct.com or call 203-484-6005.

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

Hope Christian Church to Host Jubilee Gang

NORTH HAVEN CT– “End of Summer Blast,” fun event for the entire family. Jubilee Gang travels across America, holding children events at churches. They will be at Hope Christian in (North Haven CT) Friday August 18 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM) & Saturday August 19 (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM) This is a free event, everyone is welcome to attend. **Jubilee Gang (www.jubileegang.com) is a:**

- High energy multi-media ministry to children and families.
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- The Jubilee Gang is very interactive. Children won’t just sit and watch, but will be given a chance to participate.
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- Hilarious skits with puppets and characters.
- Powerful object lessons and illustrated sermons that drive home the bible message for the evening.
- Even though the Jubilee Gang is geared toward children, the whole family will receive ministry. Their presentation is simple enough for a child to understand, but the message is relevant to all ages. Hope Christian Church is located at 211 Montowese Ave in North Haven. For more information, go to www.hopeag.com or call (203) 234-7328

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Fall Ball for Seniors

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The first will be at the Woodwinds, in Branford on September 14, from 11:00-3:00. This is co-sponsored by Artis Senior Living of Branford and Mary Wade of New Haven. A portion of the proceeds will be going to The NEYAH Team for the Alzheimer’s Association Walk and the Parkinson’s Disease Association.

The second will be at Aria, in Prospect on October 18, from 11:00-3:00.

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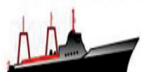


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Wednesday, August 16th

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