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"Proud & Honored to be an America" *by Mukund Nori*



On this day in 1999, I took my oath of American Citizenship. It was not a easy decision for me. I was no refugee fleeing from hardship. I was here legally from the beginning, first as a student, then through the labor certification process, to a Permanent Resident. I was giving up something dear to me - Indian Citizenship.

So, what swayed me? The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to The Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights. As an aside, if you have never read these, I strongly urge you to do so carefully and seriously.

After pondering over these for several years, President Kennedy's Inaugural Address came to mind "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I came to realize that citizenship was not about making money or even the Rights afforded to me by the Constitution. Instead, it was about Responsibility. Freedom of speech is not just about me having the right to say what is on my mind, but also respecting the right of someone else to say something abhorrent to me. Freedom of religion is about allowing everyone to practice whatever religion they choose or none at all, even if what they espouse goes against my values.

The right to bear arms comes with the responsibility of ensuring their safe and legal use. The protections afforded to us by our Constitution apply equally to ALL of us, regardless of race, gender, religion or any other classification and it is the Responsibility of ALL of us to uphold it. It is with this responsibility in mind that I became an American. Applying for citizenship was one of the best decisions in my life. I am proud and honored to be an American.

Tomorrow, my wife, Laima Nori, takes her oath. She had her own journey and is becoming a Citizen independently through her own qualifications. I am proud of her and will be at her side when she can finally claim to be an American.

God Bless her and God Bless America!

Democrats Pick Candidates for November Election

The Democratic Town Committee recently held their Caucus to nominate their slate for the November Election. For Town Council they have brought back present council members; Joseph Faughnan, Marie Diamond and Dan Armin. To round out the six person team they have added Frances Lescovich, George Miller and Elisabeth Caplan.

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The Public Speaks, And The Finger Pointing Begins



In a recent Hartford Courant editorial, Speaker of the House, Brendan Sharkey blamed Republicans for “routing for failure” and causing the negative outlook in the state. I would not normally acknowledge this type of partisan bickering, but it points to the heart of the problem with the Democrat leadership in Hartford who unfortunately were the driving force be-

yond this year’s budget. Speaker Sharkey confuses genuine opposition to policies and any proposed alternatives as bad for Connecticut. His editorial might as well said, “Shut up and put up”, and that exactly how the budget process worked this year. The leadership went behind closed doors, crafted an onerous tax package, and sprung it upon the legislature for a quick vote. After it passed and the public realized what was in it, the outcry began along with companies and residents announcing their plans to leave the state.

Republicans asked to be full partners in the legislative budget process, but we were denied. We came up with our own alternative budget that had no tax increases, pared the state bureaucracy, supported our most vulnerable residents, and compelled the public employee unions to negotiate some concessions that Governor Malloy promised four years ago but never delivered. The Democrats summarily ignored this proposal and now the Republicans’ opposition to these taxes and spending policies are being blamed for Connecticut’s problems.

I never believed that awful budget would have passed this year. It did. After some of our major employers announced plans to leave, Hartford scrambled to try and fix it. Each day, however, a new tax or bad policy was uncovered. For instance, residents headed for Hammonasset Beach only to find out that the state parking fee now has a 6.35% sales tax added, and lines of cars piled up as cashiers tried to make change. Car washes had two days to try and figure out how to collect sales tax through their automated machines that were not equipped to collect the tax. Teenagers found that they had to wait longer for driving exams so that DMV, with their already limited resources, could issue licenses to illegal immigrants. Now, as if all this wasn’t enough, and before the ink is even dried on the \$1.8 billion tax increase, Democrats are contemplating a Special Session in the fall to create a mileage tax where residents will be taxed based upon the amount of miles driven.

Speaker Sharkey fails to see the cause and effect of the public’s reactions to these bad policies and merely wants to cast blame on the Republican opposition. The fact that he took part in crafting a tax package behind closed doors, refused any Republican input in the budget process, and voted for these policies demonstrates how out of touch he is with what residents expect out of our leaders. I truly hope that his finger pointing is merely a strategy to combat the growing public wrath and to blur the record, and he doesn’t actually believe that Republican opposition to these taxes is causing the statewide negativity. If not, we are in for even more trouble.

Drive Safely this Labor Day

Dear Editor:

The arrival of Labor Day weekend is a time to relax, take a trip, and toast to the end of summer, or all three. Many adults will choose to celebrate the holiday with alcohol, so it’s important to remember the importance of designating a driver or skipper before festivities begin.

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Tony Lota

Alcohol Awareness Coordinator

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Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, it’s been a pretty active month. On the home front, we celebrated the usual family reunion with more than 60 people. Yours truly participated in several family games including the tug of war. I even had a few beers. Two things I haven’t done in many years. I’m either going through a second childhood or losing my mind.

I also decided on one of our beautiful weekends, to wash the outside of the house. A normal chore for most but over the top for me. I am now thinking of painting some rooms inside. Again, these are normal for most and I remember you always telling me to hire someone as these chores were for people who were in better health. But I am now up to tackling these chores. I pay for it for a few days after but it feels good to do them myself. Either I’m getting better or again, losing my mind.

On the town front, the RTC and DTC recently held their caucus to name the slate for the November election for both Town Council and Board of Education. The Republican’s will be running five previous council members and the Democrats will be running the same three, plus familiar names for the open three seats. It’s amazing how we maintain the same old same old. When a number of people are yelling and filling the room for the wrong town meetings to support their special interests causes. They scream for “new blood”, but none of them go to the caucus and throw their name in the ring. Unless they are preparing to put together a special party, we will have the same faces on our Councils and Boards. I guess what I’m saying is that it might be time for some of these people to either put up or shut up.

I went to the POCO and walked around and even returned on Sunday to announce the winners of the 5K race. This was something else I was not able to do last year. The passion and community spirit at the feast is unbelievable and the people who work hard to put this event together, go beyond the call. I still have some of my own opinions on this event but as I mentioned previously, one should either put up or shut up so I will shut up and congratulate the troops for a very special and successful community event.

The North Branford Food Pantry is now serving close to 70 families in town. With the help of residents, civic organizations and businesses, they were able to restock the shelves as they were becoming depleted. The hope is that people continue to support the pantry so no one in town goes hungry.

On a Yankee note; As I am writing this letter, the Yankees have just been swept by Toronto. The Bluejays are now only 1.5 games out of first and Baltimore is climbing after that wild card spot. I told your nephew (my son) this would happen as the Yankees made no moves at the trade deadline. He told me not to worry and after the sweep he called in a panic. It doesn’t look good for the Bronx Bombers.

I just heard the news about Frank Gifford. I am too young to have seen him play but I do remember going to the cousins every Monday for Monday Night Football when he was with Meredith and Cosell. I don’t remember many of the games but I remember the camaraderie and laughs we all shared watching the games. Now there is Monday night Sunday night and Thursday night football and that is another great tradition we no longer enjoy. Reading about the death of Gifford brought back some old memories. I am grateful for his contribution. Well that’s it for now. Take care and I’ll see you soon.

North Branford Police Department Traffic Enforcement - Press Release

The North Branford Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, August 14, 2015 from 7PM - 3AM Saturday, August 15, 2015. This checkpoint will be conducted in the 1200 block area of Foxon Road, between the intersections of Twin Lakes Road and Cedar Lake Road in the town of North Branford.

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WIT & WISDOM

What I’m about to disclose will probably have our readers under 30 shaking their heads because like us you’re leaving your doors and windows open unless of course your air conditioner is on. From the time I was born to about 30 years ago screen doors and windows were an absolute necessity. I haven’t seen screen doors advertised for years.

I assume most of you keep your windows open at night with the screens keeping most of the night navigators out. However, some little fellows manage to get through and make your bedtime an amusing event and even wonderment of how they do it. Last night my dearly beloved and I laid in the dark watching some Fire Flies/Lightning Bug, take your pick, perform their mating rituals just above us. Their slim, lean structure makes slipping through the screen possible and a pleasure to behold. Don’t kill these little creatures, they do no harm and enrich our lives.

What prompted this epistle was a fly lit on our sink. About 1 or 2 are the most we will see each year. Thirty years ago flies were everywhere. One hurried in to close the screen door before too many managed to get in. Gathered in such swarms it was an effort in futility and a few always managed to slip in. Some people had long sticky tapes hanging in hopes they would alight there before landing on your food or worst still, you, inflicting a painful bite. There were even thin sheets of paper impregnated with some poison you get in a saucer with sugar and water to entice them in for a drink. My favorite mode of attack was to take the vacuum cleaner and with the long tube, so as not to alert them as to my presence, that also made reaching the ceiling, their favorite alighting place easier to reach. It was a summer long fight. They were carriers of disease, besides making a picnic a fight to keep them from landing on the food, besides the swatting that you had to engage in as they always seemed to land on the most impossible to reach spot, like your back.

With refrigeration keeping our disposable food out of their reach until refuse pick-up day and then safely deposited in a plastic bag their means of survival was obliterated. Something else probably not considered is the processed food so much a part of the average persons diet today, it is devoid of life sustaining nutrition that even flies can’t live on it. Which reminds me of the Britain opposing toxic sprays on their fruit when first introduced, with “If the bugs can’t live on it neither can we. I’d rather have a worm in my apple than eat the spray that’s poison”.

Probably most of you never stopped to think how much improvements in sanitary condition has not only made life tolerable year round, but plays an important part, probably the main part in the virtual elimination of the childhood diseases that were epidemic in my youth. This warrants an indepth address which I will do in my next article, but to prepare you for it let me tell you of how a visit to an M.D. a year or so ago when I, out of the blue said, “Doctor I believe the improvements in sanitation had more to do with the disappearance of the childhood diseases than all the vaccines and inoculations”. Even more surprising was his answer When he said, “You’re right”.
Alton Eliason

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I Knew I was a Genius

by Lindsay Lee Wallace

I’ve realized recently that how smart I am depends almost entirely on context. When I’m sitting in math class, being asked to calculate the value of *x*, my brain is suddenly slogging through mud. I feel about as intelligent as the fly on the windowsill that will likely suddenly be demanding my full attention. When I’m working at the daycare, on the other hand, I am suddenly a fountain of knowledge. I alone know what we’re having for snack, what toys we’ll be playing with, and even what all the mysterious symbols in our story books are called (letters), and the secrets they hold. As I’m about to head off to college, this is a somewhat comforting idea. If I’m ever feeling particularly unintelligent, out of my element as so many can be when confronted with a wider variety of intellectual difference than they ever may have faced in high school, I’ll remember that I am, at the very least, smarter than a three year old. I’ll take the age-old adage a step further and, instead of picturing those who intimidate me in their underwear, I’ll picture them in diapers.

Another thing I’ve noticed from spending the lion’s share of my time surrounded by small children is how very *small* they truly are. This may—alright, it almost definitely will—sound obvious, but children as so short. In the past, whenever I watched someone manhandling a small child with ease, I was flabbergasted. You have to be gentle with them, right? They’re fragile, aren’t they? And yet, even as I was thinking these things, I was also nursing a slight sensation of jealousy. Clearly somebody who can toss a child about like a hacky sack, instead of walking on eggshells around said child as I had the tendency to do, has truly reached the pinnacle of comfort and competency with miniature humans.

And so, the first time I pulled a squalling, knee-scraped child onto my hip, murmuring “You’re alright,” with just the right mixture of comfort and authority, and brushing hair out of his teary eyes, I had to take a moment to soak in the feeling. For one thing, although he had only just received the ice he’d asked for, his reservoir of tears was already drying up (I’ve been learning that those small bodies are ideally designed to take a tumble or two and emerge unscathed). For another, I had officially proved myself capable of basic interaction with a small child, and in that moment, I knew I was a genius.

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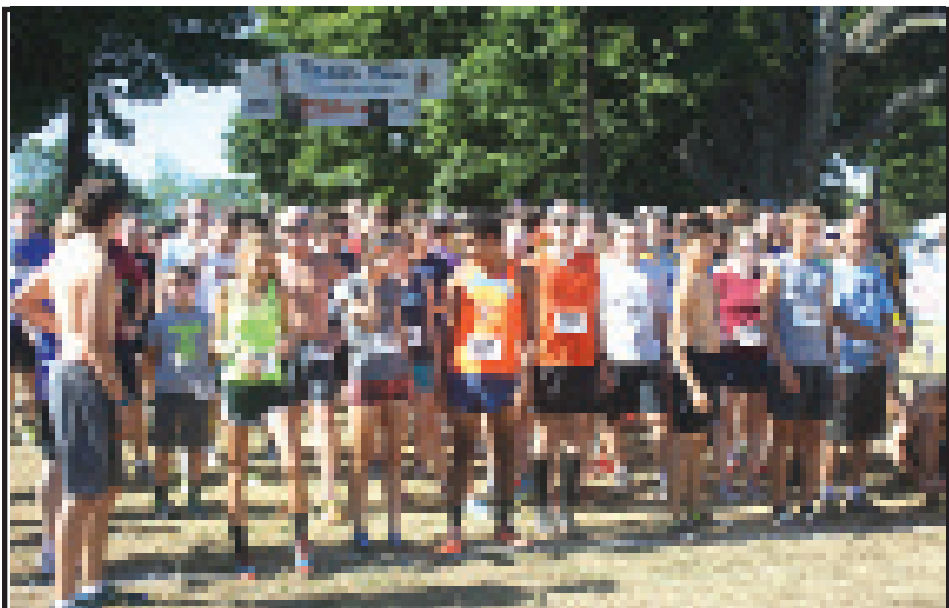
A two-day program of freshman orientation, THE FRESHMAN CONNECTION, will be held on Thursday, August 20th - (8:45-noon) and on Friday, August 21st (8:15-1 :30). Thursday's activities are held at North Branford High School and on Friday the students will be bussed to Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT for a series of activities promoting leadership, cooperation. teamwork and trust.Please have your child bring the signed permission slip to the high school on Thursday, August 20th. The slip has to be completed so the facility can be provided with a medical alert list and a final count prior to arrival on the 21st. The 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. You are urged 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.

All parents/guardians of incoming freshman students will be mailed additional information including a full schedule. Please feel free to call the high school if you do not receive this information. .

The mission of North Branford High School is to foster a strong learning community focused on excellence in academic rigor, school climate .and civic and social responsibility.



Bruno Serving Swab Summer in Coast Guard
Stephen Bruno of North Branford recently graduated from Xavier High School in Middletown. Stephen, who captained the Crew Team, is now a Cadet in the US Coast Guard and will be serving his Swab Summer.



POCO 5K an Enormous Success

They came from as far as Moodus with more than 250 participants for the 5K race organized by NBHS Cross Country coach Floyd Parness. It started off with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by NBHS senior Catie Moran and it just kept getting better. Here’s the tale of the tape.

Ladies: Overall winner Kayleigh Roberts. 1st - 3rd place: Age 14 & under: Emily Sienna, Kace Wines & Theresa Gaudagnino. 15 -19: Loren Ricci, Courtney Cosgrove and Tracy Crookston. 20 -29: Kellie Walker, Alyssa Lombardi & Alyssa Arre. 30-39: Sara Cates, Civita Brensinger & Kristen Hunter. 40-49: Anna Iacovella, Jennifer Chandler & Sheryl Quellette. 50-59: Stacey Lane, Paula Hill & Christine Cote. 60 -69: Christine Wilson, Trudy Paquin & Belinda Fowler.

Men: Overall Winner: Zachary Williams. 14 & under: Trevor Holzer, Massimo Corrick & Nathaniel Smith. 15-19: Ryan Brennan, David Tacey & Richard Hernandez. 20-29: Andrew Zeccola, John D’adam & Arthur Sickler. 30-39: Brendan Blossom, Joe Scelia & David Laughran. 40-49: AV Florio, Mark Driscoll & Paul Baldini. M50-59: Ron Lombardi, David Walker & David Harvey. 60 -69: Richard Zbrozek, Rick Mahoney & Edward Perkowski. Over 70: Alexander Metto.

In the One Mile Fun Race, Christina Ponzio & Trevor Holzer took first. Female 1-9 was Lily Otero and Male 1-9 were Noah Godoy, Salvatore Parese & Emelio Parese. Female 10-12 were Avery & Riley Kendall.

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Girls U12 Wins Tournament

The North Branford Girls U12 soccer team recently won The Clinton Invitational Tournament with 4-0-1 record only giving up 4 goals while scoring 11. Left to right standing. Adrianna Lucibello, Lia Prato, Sam Barrett, Lexi Marcarelli, Jennifer Alaska, Allie Appicelli, Adrianna Cacopardo, Ashlee Amendola, Alessia Valentino, Catie Dow, Mallory Preiss, Alexis Betzner, Maya Damiani, Zoe Miller. Front goalies Gabi Pesticci, Olivia Ferreira. Coach Ed Preiss Missing from Photo: Coach Vinny Valentino, Julia Casella, Marlena Karsmarski.

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Contact Coach Babby Nuhn 203- 484-1465 or Amy
Norton 203-214-9198. bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org
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**Harlem Superstars take to the court
with North Branford Youth Basketball**

It was a great summer for the North Branford Youth Basketball program. 165 kids took part in this year’s 2015 Summer Basketball program. The Harlem Superstars surprised the kids & took part in teaching, entertaining & certainly laughing with the children & generously donated their time to the league on 2 different nights. It was a huge success & the children & their families could not have been happier.

NBYB would like to personally thank Steve “Surfer Boy” Faulkner & Rick “7 Footer” Lopes for spending time with the kids and making what was a great summer even better. We look forward to seeing all the kids in NBYB’S recreation & travel program beginning in October 2015.



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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 Marenna. 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 9am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

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Totoket Historical Society News

The Totoket Historical Society has an urgent need for donations of small “attic treasures,” linens, costume jewelry, small gift items, hand-made articles, etc. to sell at the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21. All items should be in good condition. Donations may be dropped off at the Reynolds-Beers House at 1740 Foxon Road on Tuesday from 5 – 8 p.m. or Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m. To arrange for pickup of larger items, call Helen at 203 481-5268 in the evenings.



Interested in the Little Red School House? Help us to preserve this piece of history! We need ideas! Do you know how to research grants or write them? Please come to one our organizational meetings: Tuesday, August 25 at the Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd.

in North Branford or Wednesday, August 26 at the Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd. in Northford. Bring your ideas and willingness to help!

The Gordon S. Miller Farm Museum on the Reynolds-Beers House/Atwater Library campus will be open from 9-12 on Saturdays-Aug. 16, Sept. 20, and Oct. 18.

The THS meets regularly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Reynolds-Beers House. Please join us! Not a member yet? Send an email to totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com and someone will get back to you

Church Carnivals & Activities

Peach & Chowder Festival • Plus - The Church of Christ Congregational, in Stony Creek, will be holding their Annual Peach and Chowder Festival on Saturday, August 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us on the front lawn of the church for fresh homemade peach shortcake topped with freshly-whipped cream, clam or corn chowder, plus hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages. In addition there will be a Silent Auction filled with wonderful goods and services including a Vermont vacation package. Free admission and parking. The Church of Christ Congregational is located directly across from the beach in Stony Creek (Branford) at 192 Thimble Islands Road. In case of rain, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall directly behind the church. All proceeds will benefit the Church of Christ. *For more information call 488-7827, or visit stonycreekchurchct.org*

Northford Congregational Church will be having a Summer Festival to benefit the church on Fri., Aug. 21, from 4-8 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 22, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

The festival will include food trucks, fried dough pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers, beverages, live entertainment, local craft vendors, and kids activities. Participating food trucks are: Sugar (cupcakes) on Fri. only, Keifer’s Kettle Corn (kettle corn, Italian ice, and fresh-squeezed lemonade), Joe’s Ice Cream, and Art’s Curly Fries (fries, mozzarella sticks, and chicken nuggets). Please come and add to our inter-community prayer flags started during vacation bible school and continued at our river worship service. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission and parking are free. For information, call 203-265-0022.

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.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10 along with St Elizabeth Parish both of Branford will be hosting an End of Summer Carnival to be held Wednesday, August 19th through Saturday August 22nd at St Elizabeth Parish Grounds, 65 Burban Dr. Branford. Hours of operation: Wed-Fri 6-10PM, Sat 5-10PM.



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There will be an informational evening on Thursday, September 24th, 7 PM, at St. Augustine Church hall, 30 Caputo Road, North Branford to join the Carnival fleet.

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For more detailed information, to book your cabin, or to reserve your free seat at our informational evening, please call Mary or Jim Lovelace at 203-481-6082.

NBCC Chicken BBQ Dinner

The North Branford Congregational Church will host their Anual Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday, August 29th, with continuous seating from 5 -7PM. Tickets are \$15. per peson anc there is no charge for children under 10.

To reserve tickets, please all Carol Sabia at 203-488-5746 or Debbie Kelly at 203-488-1332

The Dudley Farm Museum exhibit for August is “Selling It: 19th Century Advertising. The Museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 10AM to 1PM and Sunday from 1 to 4PM. Programs for “Sunday Afternoon at the Farm” include a weaving demonstration on the Museum’s barnloom August 9th and August 16th will feature a paper-making demonstration. Other programs will be publicized via website (www.dudleyfarm.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum). The public is invited to pack a picnic and stay for these activities. The Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road in North Guilford. For more information call 203-457-0770.

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