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Northford and North Branford Women's Club Join Forces

We are excited to announce that the Northford Women's Club, GFWC and the North Branford Women's Club, GFWC will be joining forces by becoming one club! Together our clubs have over 100 years of experience with countless volunteer hours both for the state and our community. As one club we will have the opportunity to contribute more to our community and state. One club makes us stronger with more members and more ideas. The new 2018-2019 board was installed at our annual June dinner

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is proud to be able to combine our efforts for the betterment of our community! If you would also like to be a part of this wonderful group please contact Stephanie Thaller at Stephanie Thaller@gmail.com.

(2018-2019 board pictured: Back Row: Stephanie Thaller Capasso, Rose Lynch, Jen Caruso, Kathy Delfino, Elissa Orio. Front Row: copresidents Cyndi Basil and Michele Nilson) Photo and story submitted by the club.

SEPTEMBER PUBLICATIONS & DEADLINE

Due to vacation the Totoket Times will still publish twice during the month of September but the "every other week frequency will be a bit different. Please keep in mind the following deadlines for the month of September as we will skip the last issue in August and push it to September 7th.

Publication

Deadline

Bode - Caruso Family Host "Friedreich's for NoBode" A Fundraising Event to Find a Cure for Friedreich's Ataxia

Branford, CT-Please join the Caruso/Bode family and friends for another evening of fun, food and fundraising to find a cure for Friedreich's Ataxia at 6 p.m. on September 7th at the Owenego Beach and Tennis Club, 40 Linden Ave.

Appetizers and dinner will be provided by Emily's Catering, and there will be a cash bar. This year will feature an outstanding raffle and select fun live auction items. The evening will focus on celebrating "A Grateful Life." with many unique participants to entertain guests throughout the evening. It promises to share how the family rises above all the obstacles of Friedreich's ataxia and still celebrates all the wonderful things life has to offer.

Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased by calling Raelene – 203-246-8820 or Mary - 203-889-6484. You may also go online to purchase tickets at http://curefa.org/FaForNoBode.

Friedreich's Ataxia is a life-shortening, progressive and devastating disease. It slowly but steadily robs people of their ability to walk, talk and use their hands. It causes heart disease, diabetes, hearing loss, and blindness. At the time Sam and Alex Bode were diagnosed as young children, the disease was considered so rare that no research was being done.

However, the Caruso/Bode family has been relentless in rallying communities of families affected by the disease to raise awareness and research dollars. Guided by the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance, scientists and researchers from all over the world are funded to do top-notch research and then brought together to share insights to bring us closer to a cure. In the last twenty years, so many strides have been made that scientists are now hopeful that a treatment is possible. The family is committed to continuing their part in keeping the momentum moving forward.

In 1995, when Sam was first diagnosed, there was very little hope or even knowledge of the disease. Today is different and each day brings tremendous hope, which helps sustain life for the Bode Family. After years of drug development, the FA community is excited to see a new focus on potential drug trials aimed at the root cause of FA in the coming year. Sam and Alex's mother, Mary Caruso states, "This optimism is what makes all the hard work of fundraising pay off, seeing potential trials in the near future and a chance to stop the progression. My first promise in 1995 was that I would always offer hope to my children. This yearly event keeps that hope alive and helps my children celebrate life surrounded by support from amazing friends and community."

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the numbers listed above or visit www.curefa.com



August 31 **September 7** September 28 September 21 We will resume the every other week system again in October when we will come out on October 12 and October 26.

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September	7
September	28
October	12
October	26
November	9
November	23
December	7

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Thanks to Our Veterans **Dear Editor:**

This is a response to "I Shall not Forget," a letter to the editor in the 8/3/18 TT edition that pointedly criticizes and politicizes spending federal dollars for a Veterans Day parade in DC. Thanks to Dr. Rothenberg and our other veterans for their service. But let's examine the reality of the cost for our tribute to all the men and women who have served us in our armed forces.

The Pentagon has confirmed that the parade is expected to cost about \$12 million, according to initial planning estimates. It MIGHT be as much as 30 million. But does this expense really take money from our veterans when compared to other more useless, lavish or frivolous expenses?

On 11/27/17 Newsweek reported that - during his presidency - Obama's vacation travel expenses with family and friends cost U.S. taxpayers \$114 million. Obama, having earned annual salaries of \$80,287 in the Illinois State Senate, \$32,144 at the University of Chicago Law School and



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\$400,000 as President, plus around \$3.3 million on his two books, now, somehow, has a net worth of \$40 million, but he still couldn't afford to repay what he spent on his vacations unless he used the billions amassed thus far in his "charity." Experts estimate that the "Obama Foundation" will spend more than \$1.5 billion just to construct the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago.

So, while Obama uses billions of dollars to aggrandize himself, our military is spending a relatively meager sum to celebrate the too often unrecognized service of many hundreds of thousands of men and women who have served and protected us. Other traditional Veterans Day celebrations have been funded for decades in New York, Oregon, Washington, Alabama, Las Vegas, Houston and Jacksonville, not to mention countless other smaller cities and towns (e.g., Branford, CT) without complaint or notice of the expense.

My point is not to question or bemoan the Obamas' lavish lifestyle (fertile ground for that and it's comparison to Trump's). I simply take is-

> sue with the motives of those who question this particular - and relatively small – expense to honor the honorable while remaining mute to the myriad of mind boggling spendthrift issues in every quarter of government. Sincerely, **D. Kirt Westfall**

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EDITORIAL

State Representative Vincent Candelora

On-Line Gaming and Sports Betting



Although session is over, the issue of sports betting may cause the legislature to go back in. As a result of a U.S. Supreme Court case, states now are looking to legalize and regulate sports wagering through on-line platforms. Connecticut has a unique issue. The Mashantucket and Pequot Tribes are attempting to claim exclusivity over this type

of gaming by citing the compact between them and the state, which permits the exclusive operation of the tribal casinos in exchange for a portion of the slot payments going to the state.

Under the compact, the tribes have exclusive right to a list of authorized games. Sports betting is not one of them; however, the tribes have offered to allow sports betting in exchange for on-line gaming. Despite the state's attorney general's opinion that sports betting is not contemplated in the compact, this issue needs to be negotiated with the tribes in order to avoid litigation. The tribes may assert that if the state does not give them exclusive rights to sports betting, the compact is violated and they may withhold any future payments of slot revenue to the state.

I believe that the time has come to comprehensively address this issue with the tribes. Given the expansion of casinos in Boston and Springfield and the evolution of on-line gaming, Connecticut needs the flexibility to properly regulate the market. When the state expanded the lottery to include Keno, the tribes asserted that this new game violated the compact. The Governor negotiated a deal that provides 25% of the revenue of Keno to the tribes without them spending a dime to develop the program. In its first year, Keno brought in 70 million dollars. At the rate of Keno's growth, the slot revenues received by the state will be wiped out by the money the state needs to hand over to them for Keno.

I believe the compact needs to be renegotiated comprehensively. As we move forward in an era of on-line gaming, there is an opportunity for businesses and the state to generate revenue. We cannot put this state in a position of handing all of these opportunities over to the tribes to the detriment of its residents and businesses.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, we made it through another Vermont weekend Family Reunion. After all the heat and humidity we have had, I was looking forward to the cool Vermont air. It was wonderful as the rain up there was much colder than the rain down here.

Fifty people in a hotel trying to pass the time through the raindrops. This year we decided there is too much food so we were only going to have break-fast and then snacks and maybe one night of a real dinner so we would have more time to do things. It was tremendous because we had so much time to do so few things. Some did go mountain climbing in the rain. I passed as I didn't do mountain climbing in good weather when I was in "good shape".

One group decided Board games was the answer to occupy our time. I get bored with board games very quickly. That phrase did impress my wordsmith five year old grandson.

It's amazing how we can sit around for hours telling the same stories over and over again yet adding stuff in he middle (never verifying its authenticity), to add spice to the story.

It's pretty remarkable how our extended family has grown and the variety of ethnicity and age that comes to the table. Italian, Irish, Black, Spanish, Portuguese, Asian, Polish and more just adds to the variety of conversations and food items. The differences in age ranged from 77 to 1 and the three generations also make for interesting and educational topics. This wide difference in backgrounds would have been a shock to our parentss and grandparents who thought anyone outside of Italian was from another world and they would cautiously accept them.

Even tough alot was missed because of the weather, more was gained as we had time to sit around and talk about; our parents and grandparents, old traditions and new traditions, tragedies and successes. I was particularly happy because I had my entire family with us. Kids, grandkids, son-in- law and hopefully future daughter-n-law. My wife does a great job of keeping the family together through family Sunday dinners, phone calls, babysitting, nightly walks and anything else she could think of to get us together.

I recommend everyone start this with their own families. The first one is hard but once you establish an e-mail chain, and different responsibilities, the tenth and fifteenth become easy. We now have the middle generation organizing it and the old folks like myself just pitch in and help out where are needed and try to stay out of the way (that never happens) when we are not.

I know you never came to these things but Mary used to love them and she would have loved this one because she didn't move around to well and she would have loved everyone just hanging out keeping her company. She might not have had enough time to knit and read. I did get some walking in as I am preparing for Italy but I'm still a little worried about keeping up with the group. Well we'll se what happens and until next time, I'll see you soon.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS FASCIST!

Accusations of "FACSIST!" have been bandied about since the 2016 election. So, what exactly is Fascism and what kinds of things do "Fascists" do?

According to Webster, Fascism is characterized by a "centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition." Central to the Fascist creed is the government's control of the private economy, it's regulation, direction and control of industries ranging from banking to energy. Mussolini's Italy and Hitler' Germany took control of all major industries, most particularly, the auto and energy industries. In our recent history we have witnessed our federal government take over, control and dominate private industry. From energy to auto, health, banking, and the taking of land, our government has been frighteningly bold in its takeover of what once were private, free markets. From Roosevelt to Nixon, Bush and Obama, our federal government – usually spearheaded by a domineering executive branch – has increasingly taken control of our private economy.

The 2015 "Clean Power Plan" set new EPA regulations that threatened to eliminate our principal power source - coal - without any plausible substitute. The FCC now directs and controls Internet delivery speeds. The Lands Management Act of 2009 took over millions of acres of private land. The 2009 stimulus insinuated the federal government into private energy distribution and development, picking favorites and often failing miserably in developing electric cars, renewable electricity (Solyndra), cleaner coal, and biofuels. The previous administration dramatically curtailed research, development, production and distribution of domestic oil, gas and coal. It even insinuated itself into our children's lunch choices. In 2012, new standards for vehicles added about \$2,340 to the cost of owning a new car, imposing more than \$500 billion in costs and putting new vehicles out of reach of many middle and lower income people. ObamaCare now directs healthcare prices, coverage and profit margins and will likely lead to complete federal control of our health care. The government can now take businesses into receivership if they pose a "threat to the economy."

More frightening than this trend toward what we politely call "Socialism," is the forcible suppression of political opposition. In October, 2017, the IRS expressed "its sincere apology" for mistreating more than 40 conservative groups in their applications for tax-exempt status. In addition, 427 other groups sued and settled their case against the IRS for similar politicized mistreatment. The ability and willingness of those in power to use the FBI and CIA to spy on us and manipulate the legal system is horrifying. When these things are done at the behest of the chief executive officer of our nation it stands as hard and fast evidence of a dictatorial leader using severe social regimentation to forcibly suppress his opposition... Fascism.

Control of media communications and the "news" is also fundamental to Fascism, the underpinning of its ability to control the hearts and minds of the citizenry. A Fascist regime has its media in lock step with its policies. The free market of ideas – the heated exchange of arguments and opinions – between the media and the administration is anathema to Fascism and a healthy sign that we are safe from it.

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Recycling News Bulky Waste Pickup Schedule*

As of last year <u>bulky</u> waste pickup is now **monthly** (instead of weekly). Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2**nd **full week** of each month:

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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Something For Everyone! Great crowds once again turned up for the annual Potato Festival.

Great crowds once again turned up for the annual Potato Festival. As usual, the 5k run on Sunday morning was a great success. There was even something for the youngsters (pictured above)to get them started on the right track (pun intended) as the races began with a one mile fun run.

This year was the tenth race but the second annual "Floyd Run" named after the founder of the race. Many turned out to honor the former coach and friend.

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A one day program of freshman orientation,

THE FRESHMAN CONNECTION, will be held on Thursday, 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, 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: Thursday, August 23 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.

High School Reunions The Wilbur Cross High School class of 1958 celebrates its 60th class

The Wilbur Cross High School class of 1958 celebrates its 60th class reunion with a buffet lunch cash bar at Seasons (formerly Country House Restaurant) RT 80, East Haven, CT, on Sunday, September 16th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm cost is \$ 55.00 per person.

Please Make checks payable to Wilbur Cross Reunion Committee, c/o Pat Franco, 10 Nida Dr., Northford, CT 06472.

For further information call Pat Franco at (203) 484-4573.

Hamden High School Class of 1968 will hold it's 50th reunion on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus on Whitney Avenue. The \$55. per person event includes hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and live band. A cash bar will be available.

Additional information on the reunion can be found at Hamdenhigh1968. weebly.com or contact Peter Anderson, 21 Bruce Ave, Southington, Ct 06489 or call 860-621-7887.

New Beginnings at NB Libraries

LIBRARY



For Lauren Davis, new town Library Director taking the present position as Director, is like coming home again, working with a familiar and dedicated staff. Along with that staff, Lauren wants to create more collaborations with different businesses and groups in the community, as well as welcoming volunteers to the libraries.

Also, Lauren wants to offer a variety of programs and events for all ages. Whether

the programs are cutting edge or traditional, with the goal of enriching the lives of the people they touch.

To contact Lauren, please call 203-315-6020 or (Smith Library) 203-484-0469. You can also e-mail director@northbranford.lioninc.org.

Library Director Lauren Davis recently hired North Branford resident **Jason Ash** as a Librarian Assistant to work at the Atwater and Edward Smith Libraries. Jason's duties include; running the circulation desk, assist ing patrons, shelving books and magazines and reference and computer support including tech support.

Since he can remember, Jason's mother would bring him to the library where they would check out books. Jason has a thirst for knowledge and a love for books, especially historical fiction.

When not reading, Jason enjoys watching programs on Discovery, History and Science channels.

Jason will be a senior at North Branford High School this fall. His future goal is to be a Computer Systems Engineer. *Photos and*

stories by Jo-Ann Buccetti

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Diamond Club Picks Class of 2018

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Inc. will hold its annual Hall of Fame Induction dinner to honor those who have contributed to baseball in the area.

It will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Monticello's Restaurant, 577 S. Broad Street, Meriden, CT. Hors d'oeuvres will be at 5:30 p.m. Dinner follows promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Those being inducted include Chuck Coyle, scheduler of the East Shore Travel League of East Haven; John DeFrancisco of Derby, former varsity baseball coach at Derby High School ;Ed DiPersio, founder of the Connecticut high school All Star program and baseball book author; George **Dummar** (posthumously), former varsity coach at Branford High School; Bill Mrowka, varsity baseball coach at Cheshire High School; and Lou



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Verdi of North Haven, former assistant coach at Quinnipiac University and North Haven American Legion baseball.

John Adamovitch of Woodbridge will receive the Andrew Gassira Umpire Award.

Michael "Tex" Volpe of East Haven will receive the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

The 1992 and 1993 Cheshire High School championship teams will be honored as "Teams of the Past."

Anyone needing tickets can contact Rose Mentone at 541 Hill St., Hamden on or before October 19, 2018 at mentone@comcast.net or go to southernctdiamond club.org. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a full-course surf and turf dinner or vegetarian, if preferred.



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8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK SESSIONS

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Saturday Morning Clinic & In-House Program Conducted by Professional Coaches from Victory Soccer School

*****Dates and times subject to change**

For More Information Contact the Club President Al Johnson at president@nbsoccer.com

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North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

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Our Fall/Winter 2018 Programming brochure will be in your NEXT issue of the Totoket Times!

Be on the look out for: **NEW Classes! NEW Trips! NEW Community Events!**



ACTIVITIES

Karate - #16510

Saturday, August 25 - September 15 When: Where: Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy Fee: \$45 res / \$50 nr Grasshopper's Karate Ages 5-6 Who: 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Children's Karate Time: Ages 7 - 12 Who: 10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Time: Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy Instructor: **Description:** Focused on the needs of the novice, this class teaches the ancient fighting style of Japan. Predominantly a striking art using punching, kicking, knee strikes, elbow strikes and open-hand techniques. This class also introduces students to modern styles of grappling, throws, joint locks, restraints, and vital point strikes.

NRA Basic Pistol Safety Course - #12010

Who: Ages 21+ September 15 When: Saturday, 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Time: STW Community Center Where: \$159 Fee: Instructor: Tom Smith Description: Acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitude needed to safely handle handguns. Upon completion of this one day course, you will earn a certificate which can then be presented to your local municipality as part of the requirements to apply for a pistol carry permit. Live fire of assorted pistol calibers. Please bring a notebook and good attitude.

North Branford Senior Center 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m. Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am

RECREATION



As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



Stop by the community center and pick up a copy of our monthly Senior newsletter for upcoming trips and activities!

Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Target - Friday, August 24, 12:30pm After lunch, enjoy a trip to our local Target in North Haven!

<u>Clinton Crossing - Friday, August 31, 10:30, FREE</u> Shop Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets and Gourmet Food Trucks, the world's finest outlet shopping! Shop, stroll and eat at your leisure!

<u>Movie at Smith Library - Wednesday, August 29, 12:45pm, FREE</u> Join us for <u>The Post</u>, a cover-up that spanned four U.S. presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and harddriving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.



Big E Trip - Wednesday, September 19, \$25 Come celebrate Connecticut Day, enjoy the fair, shop the vendors, experience the agricultural events, explore the State Buildings and dine on some fun fair food! Seating is limited, please register in advance.



Medical transportation for our North Branford/ Northford residents coming soon! Please give us a call so we can put you on our list.

CRAFT SUPPLIES WAN

Do you have an over abundance of craft or art supplies you are looking to get rid of? Consider donating them to the STW Community Center. No donation too small! We are looking for supplies for an upcoming community event. Give us a call or stop by during regular business hours.



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SAVE THE DATE

Back by popular demand! Community Wide Tag Sale - Junk in Your Trunk Saturday October 6th • 9:00am - 1:00pm **Rain Date October 7th**

Sell your tag sale items from the trunk of your car!



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped wrap potatoes for the 2018 Potato Fest!

North Branford Park and Rec & Senior Center is thrilled to announce our partnership with La Cucina!

La Cucina is a local business that offers freshly prepared, quality meals.

Be sure to stop by every Monday to check out their menu for the week!

Orders must be placed by noon on Wednesday and accompanied by a check or exact change (the front desk will not be able to make change).

Order pickup will be between 2:00 pm on Thursday and 4:00 pm on Friday during normal building hours.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. 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 wecome 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. Office hours: Tues. & Wed. 10am-1pm. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Summer Worship service for July & August: 9:30am. No Sunday School.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is <u>www.northfordcongregational.church</u>

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, 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.

Bingo Night Keep the Date - August 24

Please call your family and friends and join us once again for a night of Bingo at North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford **Friday, August 24 starting at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

A newly wrapped prize is all you need to be admitted into an evening of fun as you play everyone's favorite game of Bingo!

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Health Alert: Health District Reports WNV Positive Mosquitoes in North Branford

The East Shore District Health Department has received confirmation that mosquitoes recently sampled in **North Branford** have tested positive for West Nile Virus. The mosquitoes were collected from a Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) mosquito surveillance trap located in the vicinity of Cedar Lake. The species of mosquito carrying West Nile Virus can be found in a wide variety of places, such as old tires, stagnant pools of ground water, artificial containers, or catch basins.

The warm weather, high humidity, and frequent rainfall that have created ideal conditions that are conducive to the spreading of West Nile Virus infected mosquitos. To this date there have not been any human cases in Connecticut this summer. In 2017, there were 3 human cases in Connecticut, and no deaths. People are most vulnerable to the West Nile Virus in August and September. There's a good deal of summer remaining, and that means that mosquitoes will be with us for several more months, and we need to take the proper precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Personal protection measures include:

Minimize time spent outdoors around dusk and dawn.

Be sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair.

Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long sleeved shirt when and where mosquitoes are most active.

Use mosquito netting when sleeping and to protect small babies when outdoors.

Consider the use of mosquito repellent containing DEET when it is necessary to be outdoors.

The Health District is also advising that people continue eliminating stagnant water in and around their properties.

Dispose of water holding containers, such as ceramic pots, used tires, tire swings.

Drill holes in bottoms of recycling containers.

Clean clogged roof gutters

Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows, etc.

Change water in bird baths on a weekly basis.

Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used, including pool covers.

Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property.

Mosquitoes are collected approximately every 10 days. The town of East Haven has funded a mosquito larvicide program that includes application of larvicide to mosquito breeding areas, as well as storm water catch basin larvicide treatments. The East Shore District Health Department locally administers the program that includes mosquito and human surveillance and aggressive elimination of mosquito breeding conditions. For more information, you may call the Health District at (203) 481-4233 or visit its website at www.esdhd.org.

Military Whist & More Last Call

Get your tickets now for another Patty Meglio Military Whist. The Sons & Daughters of Italy will be sponsoring a Military Whist. The event will take place at the American Legion Hall at 20 Church Street in North Haven. Doors will open at 1:15 and the game will begin promptly at 2:00. There will be light refreshments, prizes and a basket raffle.

Tickets are \$10. and can be purchased by calling David D'Aniello at 203-909-0073.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, is continuing its summer tradition of hosting Ice Cream Socials again this year. They are held in the Parish Hall on the 4th Wed. in June, July and August. These are always fun events and great get-togethers. What a perfect way to welcome in Summer! We offer many, many ice cream flavors and two tables full of toppings! All are welcome. Come join us on Wed., Aug. 22nd from 6 to 8 p.m. and Make Your Own Sundae. Cost \$3.50. St. Andrew's, 1382 Middletown Ave., Northford. Contact Nan at 203-710-7005 with any questions."

Evergreen Woods Annual Holiday Fair

Evergreen Woods will hold their 24th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 9am to 2pm. This fair is one of the most popular fairs on the shoreline, featuring works of aspiring artists and local craftsmen. It is a great place to do all your holiday shopping. All proceeds this year from the vendor registration fees, raffles, food court, cookie walk and white elephant sale will go to the Ben Callahan Memorial and Dave's Dream Foundation! Evergreen Woods is located at 88 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. If you are an interested vendor please contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 483.3231 or email jmartinelli@evergreen-woods.com

Give yourself enough time to let the community know what you are planning for the Holidays.

It's already September. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Call now to talk about your schedule of advertising and press releases for the Holidays.

22nd Annual St. Patrick's Reunion Dinner

Every year, friends, neighbors and acquaintances gather at Anthony' s Ocean View Restaurant in New Haven to remember the beautiful St. Patrick's Church. It was a once close knit neighborhood and community where everyone looked out for one another, kept their doors open and sat on front porches to converse with friends. The men played baseball and many of the locals worked at the Clock Shop Factory, several clothing factories and local stores. The children attended Hamilton Street school and local Catholics attended St. Patrick's Church.

As times changed, many moved away and settle in nearby communities taking with them their traditions, stories and memories. Each year, the committee selects and honors individuals from the neighborhood at an annual reunion dinner.

The 22nd reunion dinner will be held on Sunday, October 21st. Tickets at \$55. per adult and \$25 for children.

For more information please contact John Ragozzino at 203-815-4480, Rich Biondi at 203-239-0820 or Sparky Mastriano at 203-239-0025.

Committee members pictured left to right standing; John Ragozzino, Phil Basilicato, Anthony (Sparky)Mastriano, Mike Basilicato and Tony Castaldi. Sitting, Bobby Esposito, Jo-Ann Buccetti, Rich Biondi and Bohdan (Dan)Sowa.

Story by Jo-Ann Buccetti and Paul Colella. Photo by Jo-Ann Buccetti.

NARFE September Meeting The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. Please note that the meeting has been moved to Tuesday. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the NARFE Connecticut Federation Convention which will take place on September 26, at the Marriott Cromwell. Members planning to attend the Convention are asked to bring \$10 cash or check to the September 4 meeting.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <u>www.narfe.org.</u>

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North Haven Camera Club

North Haven Camera Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. This will be the first meeting of the 2018-2019 season, and the club will present a list of programs and other activities for returning and new members.

North Haven Camera Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, September - June. The first meeting of the month is for instructional presentations, and the second meeting is for the monthly photography competition. The club offers workshops, field trips and competitions at many skill levels.

For more information about North Haven Camera Club, visit the club's website at NorthHavenCameraClub.com.



The Owl Prowl is Back!



Once again, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust Inc. (NBLCT) is teaming up with the Regional Water Authority (RWA) to sponsor an Owl Prowl in North Branford. Join us at Lake Gaillard on Saturday, September 8. at 8:00 pm for an hour long educational and fun experience as we attempt to attract these well-camouflaged nocturnal predators that make their homes in our woodlands.



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Annual Lake Gaillard Walk Returns!

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC, in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 19th Annual Lake Gaillard Walk in North Branford on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

Lake Gaillard is normally closed to the public and is not included in the Regional Water Authority's pass, so this is a once a year opportunity to enjoy a walk around this beautiful property.

The distance around the lake is 7 miles but participants, as always, may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted around the lake. Water and comfort facilities will be available. Participants must start on the trail by 11 am.

Buses will be available to transport participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 am. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking on Beech Street and Pomps Lane will be prohibited where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome. Bicycles, roller blades and pets cannot be allowed on the trail.

Registration fee is \$10.00. <u>Pre-registration is strongly encouraged</u>! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

Proceeds from this event will be used to fund the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC annual North Branford Scholarship Association scholarship, the Watershed Fund and the club's many other charitable endeavors.

For additional information call Eileen at 203-481-3553

LAKE GAILLARD WALK REGISTRATION

Simply complete the following pre-registration form and mail it with your registration fee and pledges by September 23, 2018 to:

Lake Gaillard Walk

P.O. Box 932

North Branford, CT 06471

Name:

Address:

John Triana, Real Estate Manager of the RWA, will lead a family friendly hike through protected RWA property in search of native species of owls, including the Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, and Barred Owl. Easiest to find when they

are active at night, if you listen carefully, you might just hear the Barred Owl's "Who cooks for you?" call, or the deep, stuttering series of four or five hoots of the Great Horned Owl.

To get to Lake Gaillard, from New Haven, take Route 80 to North Branford, turn left onto Great Hill Rd. (at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 139). Follow Great Hill Rd. as far as you can. We will meet at the Great Hill Rd. gate. Enter the gate and park along the woods on the road by the Christmas tree plantation. We will be walking part of the lake road. Wear sturdy shoes, bring bug spray, and a flashlight.

Lake Gaillard is a protected water supply for New Haven County. Normally, closed to the public, RWA allows public access to the reservoir only occasionally and only under RWA supervision.

For more information on this hike, contact John Triana: 203-401-2749. NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to <u>www.</u>nblandtrust.org.

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