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**Northford Coffee N Ice Cream is Back!**

Leigh Dwyer (owner of Chat N Chew on Route 22) was tired of driving by an empty business in Northford. After speaking with Northford Store owner Nick DeMos, he was convinced to reopen the Coffee N Ice Cream Shop in front of the Northford Store.

“I drove by it every day and it just bothered me. It’s a perfect fit with my other restaurant. By moving the entire ice cream operation to the center store, our customers will have the chance to enjoy all their refreshing summer sweet treats in one location” he excitedly explained.

There will be 16 flavors of Big Dipper hard ice cream as well as soft ice cream, Micalizzi Italian Ice, and a variety of sundaes, shake and Foxon Park soda floats.

Patrons can also relax with a delicious cup of espresso. You don’t have to be Italian to love espresso.

To start, the store will be opened from 2:00 to 9:00PM. The plan down the road is to open the restaurant at 6AM with an assortment of breakfast sandwiches, locally made muffins, danish and pastry as well as a large assortment of coffees.

The Chat N Chew will still be open from 7:00 AM to 3:00PM for a variety of breakfast specials including, pancakes, omelettes, breakfast sandwiches and more.

“I love this community and I love being able to satisfy the culinary needs of my friends and I am always excited to meet new neighbors,” Dwyer added with a smile.



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State Representative Vincent Candelora  
Deliberation Produces Better Legislative Outcomes



For most Connecticut residents, the process that members of the General Assembly use to create and install public policy feels complex, built on a layered structure of rules and deadlines.

I get it, the process *is* complex! But it’s also necessary, not only providing legislators and the public a by-the-book path to get work done, but also time to deliberate the consequences of the decisions that we make.

Unfortunately, individuals who control the agenda of the legislature, and the whole of state government for that matter, are pushing the boundaries of established norms. The results aren’t great.

With increasing frequency, we’re left with decisions and policies that, in my opinion, deliver ramifications that perhaps could have been avoided with more deliberation.

Consider two subjects that have been in the news a lot lately, police accountability and absentee ballots.

On the former, the outrage over the killing of George Floyd sparked a conversation here about reform in policing. It’s an important discussion, and one that Republican lawmakers here were and remain open to participate in. However, the speed in which complex legislation was developed and moved through the General Assembly concerns me—particularly due to its deep impact not just on police officers, but on municipal finances and public safety in our communities.

In my opinion, thoroughness that comes through deliberation was scarified in order to get the bill done by an artificial deadline—a special legislative session hastily called by the governor.

The result? A bill that exposes police and municipalities to more civil action, a mandate to require body cameras and dashboard cameras without providing all of the required funding, and a prohibition on consent searches that help officers uncover drugs and firearms while also keeping themselves safe.

For me, there are many more issues with the bill, well-intentioned as it may be, that could have been avoided had its proponents hewed closer to the General Assembly’s established norms. For a bill this complex, a 12-hour online “listening session” where legislators had limited time to ask questions, isn’t good enough. Considering its far-reaching impact, this bill should have been heard by more the Judiciary Committee. Committees on Planning and Development, Insurance, and Public Safety had jurisdiction too.

Instead, we’re left with legislation that we’ll have to fix next year.

Statewide, town clerks are also feeling pressure from fast decisions made in Hartford. By now, you’re likely aware that Secretary of the State Denise Merrill made the unilateral decision to send absentee ballot applications to anyone eligible to participate in the Aug. 11 primary. Problem is, Secretary Merrill used a vendor to handle the job. As I write this, town clerks have received conflicting information about when ballots were sent to voters who asked for them. The situation is confusing if not concerning, and it prompted me to write a letter to her asking not only if she could verify who has received ballots so far, but also whether she has money available to provide town clerks extra resources they should this balloon into a mess.

Deliberation in government, though sometimes painfully slow, produces better outcomes.

“Thanks to all our Officers...”

Dear Editor:

With all the police shootings and incorrect arrests by over zealous officers, a reappraisal of "Defend and Serve" is certainly called for if not overdue. It must be extremely hard for individuals, who see nothing but the very worst of human-behavior every day, not to approach their daily duties without some trepidation.

Each incident of confrontation must present some measure of anxiety. It's not surprising therefore that any show of resistance, even if only verbal, would send adrenaline coursing through the veins of any officer, let alone an inexperienced one.

The responsibility to handle deadly firearms can not be assumed. A four or six month training period in the police academy is not the same as minding the streets and highways. Experience is the only teacher that can train any officer what his options are and how to properly dispense his authority. Issuing guns too early without a thorough review will always attract the wrong element.

This is why I think it's a mistake to issue new officers a gun. The privilege and responsibility can not be assumed on the first day of work. Having the right to dispense deadly force should have to be earned. A young officer should have to prove himself thought experience first. Knowing how to use a gun is easy, knowing when, is what takes the time. There are always alternative options, but without having ever been called upon to explore them, how would a young officer ever discover the power those options offer?

Pepper spray, tasers, and responsible authoritative behavior are always there for defense. If you do not have a gun, you don't have the option of resorting to it. The first few years of a new officer's career should be reserved for learning to deal with this.

Once that officer has proven his conduct and restraint, then he could then be allowed the privilege.

Thanks to all our officers serving on our behalf, know that you have our support and prayers. You have agreed to do a job few are willing to try, and we are grateful.

Sincerely,  
Charles W. Atmore

Primary Election August 11, 2020

The “Presidential Preference Primaries” will take place on August 11, 2020. Hours of Voting will be 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Location of Polling Place:	Voting District
Jerome Harrison Elementary School	1
354 Foxon Road, North Branford	
Stanley T. Williams Community Center	2
1332 Middletown Ave Northford	

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**The Editor**

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SEN. COHEN VOTES

Special Senate Session Gives Final Approval to Four New Public Policies



**Press Release HARTFORD – State Senator Christine Cohen (D-Guilford)** today joined with her colleagues in a special session of the Connecticut State Senate to approve a host of new public policy initiatives to improve police interactions with residents, expand the use of absentee ballots during the COVID-19 pandemic, cap out-of-pocket costs for lifesaving insulin, and continue telehealth medical consultations during the coronavirus crisis.

The bills – which were approved by the House of Representatives last week – now head to Governor Lamont, who is expected to sign them into law.

“These important pieces of legislation are a testament to the trying times upon us,” said **Sen. Cohen**. “However, with widespread bipartisan support and the ability to find compromise, we’ve passed four bills that will certainly improve the lives of many across Connecticut. The absentee ballot bill is going to ensure that people who want to vote can vote this fall, regardless of concerns over coronavirus. The insulin and telehealth bills will make for a healthier populous without the stress of rationing supplies or wondering if one will have the ability to pay for a physicians visit. Lastly, the police accountability bill, with the changes incorporated after law enforcement and legislative input, will improve race relations and training across the state. I’m grateful to my colleagues for their collective hard work which made for a successful and rewarding special session.”

Highlights of the bills approved today by **Sen. Cohen** include:

**Capping the Price of Insulin and Related Supplies**

The bill caps a person’s out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$25 per month, caps noninsulin drugs like glucagon at \$25 per month, and caps diabetic equipment and supplies (such as blood glucose test strips, glucometers, lancets, and syringes) at \$100 per month. The bill also authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and dispense up to a 30-day supply of ‘emergency’ insulin if a person has less than a seven-day supply and would otherwise not be able to obtain any lifesaving insulin.

**Telehealth**

The bill continues for the foreseeable future the temporary waiver of customary restrictions on online medical health care services (“telehealth”) so that during the COVID-19 pandemic more patients can be attended to in the comfort of their own home.

**Increasing Police Accountability with the Public**

Prompted by protests around Connecticut in response to the brutal murder of George Floyd, this bill provides additional accountability for police departments to improve relationships between the communities and the police.

Highlights include:

Changes in the membership of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), which provides certifications and trainings to police officers in Connecticut. POST will be reconstituted to include persons impacted by the judicial system and towns of various sizes.

POST will issue an annual report on police department efforts to recruit minority officers, and it will develop new crowd control policies, require implicit bias training, and ensure that police disciplinary records are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests.

Uniformed police officers must have their names and badge numbers readily visible on all outer garments.

Cities and towns can create civilian review boards, which will have subpoena power through their local legislative bodies (i.e. Board of Selectmen).

Body and dashboard cameras will be mandatory for any officer interacting with the public.

Chokeholds, strangleholds and other tactics restraining oxygen and blood flow are banned, and officers will have whistleblower protections to report excessive use of force.

A new Independent Office of the Inspector General will conduct use of force investigations.

**Temporarily Expanded Absentee Voting**

This bill allows Connecticut citizens who are concerned about contracting the coronavirus at a polling location to vote instead by mail in the November election– an option which had previously been denied them. Connecticut law currently only allows state residents the right to vote by absentee ballot for six specific reasons:

- If the voter is on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces
- If the voter will be absent from town during the entire time that polls are open
- If the voter is ill

- If the voter has a physical disability which prevents them from voting in person
- If the voter’s religion prohibits them from voting that day
- Or if the voter is working at the polls in a primary, election or referendum

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has infected more than 48,000 people in Connecticut and killed more than 4,400 state residents, has raised concerns about standing in line at the polls or voting in a crowded polling location, especially for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, who are particularly susceptible to the coronavirus.

The new bill amends Connecticut law for 2020 only to allow for absentee voting due to “the sickness of COVID-19.” The bill also allows any person who is in line to vote before polls close at 8 p.m. to access Connecticut’s “same-day registration” procedure at that polling location, as long as they meet all of the state’s voter eligibility requirements (existing state law only allows for same-day voter registration from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. *at specific locations in town*, but then the voter must proceed to their own local polling place in order to cast their vote.)

NBFD - Be Prepared.

With everything else going on this year, remember it is also Hurricane Season. The National Hurricane Center expects a busy year. But we should all prepare for any type of natural emergency. Everyone should have a plan.

**Before**

- Prepare your evacuation plan if needed, including pets, transportation routes and destinations.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well-trimmed and clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Consider building a safe room.
- Stay informed! Listen to a local weather forecasts and news reports regularly.
- Cover your home’s windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Bring in all outside furniture, decorations, garbage cans, etc.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Fill the bathtub or buckets with water to use for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Always keep your gas tank at least 3/4 full .
- Keep your emergency supplies kit, including water, and copies of important documents, in a waterproof, portable container, in an easily accessible location

Evacuate under the following conditions:

- If local authorities tell you to evacuate, follow their directions.
- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure, which are particularly hazardous no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- If you feel you are in danger.
- If you live in an area below sea level.

**During**

- If you choose not to evacuate, stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors. Close all interior doors and secure and brace exterior doors. Keep curtains and blinds closed. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Do not be fooled by a lull in the storm—it could be the eye of the storm and winds could resume. After
- Be aware of flooding and tornadoes.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- If you evacuated, do not return to your home until local authorities say it is safe.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or another container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

**Emergency Supply Kit**

Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply. Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/ stress foods — at least a 3-day supply. Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both. Flashlights and extra batteries. First aid kit. Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, antidiarrhea medication, antacid, laxative. Prescription medications contact lenses and supplies, denture needs. Infant formula and diapers. Water and pet food if you have pets. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place. Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities. Can opener for food. Aluminum foil. A jacket or coat, extra clothing. Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach q Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers and your cell phone charger.

**Additional information can be found on the Town’s website:**  
**<http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com/newweb/government/departments/civil-preparedness.aspx>**  
**and the National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/>**



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**Ian Covel** was named to the Dean’s list at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY

**Julia Pietrogallo** was named to the Dean’s List at Providence College in Providence, RI.

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ACTIVITIES

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**VIRTUAL FLOYD 5K**

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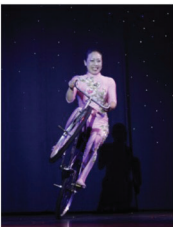


**AN EVENING WITH  
Li Liu**

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**SENIOR CHAIR YOGA - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 1:00 pm**

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**ART WITH KAREN - Mondays & Wednesdays - 1:00 pm,**

Enjoy doing crafts with Karen from your home. We have all the supplies needed to participate, just call us for pick up or delivery!

**\*Please check the Totoket TV program schedule for additional watch times and programs.**



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregationalchurch](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch)

**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 at 10:00am. 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, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September - May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.



### St. Andrew's Temporarily Closes Donation Shed

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has temporarily closed its clothing donation shed. St. Andrew's partners with St. Pauly Textile to redistribute the clothing donations to people in need around the world. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in difficulty redistributing the clothing due to international border closings and other issues. St. Andrew's and St. Pauly Textile hope the shed will be reopened soon. Thank you for your understanding, and thank you for your donations! Contact Nan Monde 203-710-7005.

## Rosary Walk 2020 No. Haven

All are welcome to join us every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery (rain or shine). The Rosary Walk will continue until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time change in October. Park and meet by the Crucifix in front of the main building. If inclement weather, please meet in front of the Mausoleum instead.

We are following CDC guidelines to ensure proper distancing between all walkers. If you wish to wear a mask, please bring your own. Disposable programs are provided for your convenience.

If you have questions, please call Barbara at 203 605-9845 or visit our website for additional info. and photos at [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org).



## "BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS"

### Support Group Forming

The purpose of this group is to share our experience after suffering a blood clot, as well as information & support to each other.

Our next meeting will be

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30PM.

This will be an outside meeting with mask and social distancing. Please bring a chair to North Farm Park, 251 North Branford Rd. If it rains, we will sit under the outside pavilion.

For more information please contact Debbie at 203-483-0646.

*This meeting was originally scheduled for March which is Blood Clot Awareness Month.*

Join us for Mass at

### St. Ambrose Parish

30 Caputo Rd. North Branford

We've done a great job following protocols to ensure everyone a safe worship space. Keeping within the civil and church guidelines it's great to see so many return to Mass and feel safe to do so! For those who are sick, homebound, or caring for others who are in vulnerable health, we livestream our Mass on Sunday. Visit [facebook.com/nbcatholics](https://facebook.com/nbcatholics) or [vimeo.com/nbcatholics](https://vimeo.com/nbcatholics)

To accommodate as many for seating as we can, we are holding all Masses temporarily at St. Augustine.

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense)

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, using incense)

We would also like to invite you to join us to pray a holy hour for peace for our country on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm at St. Augustine.

I will continue to keep our community in my prayers. I know that these days are a cause of concern for all and as we adjust to the "new normal" it's important we remember God's continual love for us. He has not left us orphans. Please let me know if I can be of service to any of you. God bless you!

Rev. Robert L. Turner



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## Recycling News

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program  
restarted our town's pink bag pickup program June 1st.

Thank you for your continued support of this program!

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## New Homes in Town

Owners: you may contact John's Refuse directly at 203-484-  
0281 for your new trash and recycling totes

Welcome and thank you for recycling responsibly!

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## ReStores by Habitat for Humanity

If you cannot wait for the next bulky waste pickup in November,  
check out ReStores!

ReStores is a donation based retail store open to the general public.  
All proceeds from the ReStore benefit Habitat for Humanity of  
Greater New Haven.

Check their website for more information:

<http://newhavencountyrestore.org>

Some acceptable items for donation and purchase include: tools  
and gardening items, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets,  
lighting, plumbing items, upholstered and wood furniture, flooring,  
hardware, lumber, home décor and more.

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## HazWaste Central Open for the Season

- All HazWaste Central participants are required to pre-register online. Paper forms will not be available.
- Household hazardous waste items must be accessible in the trunk or truck bed of your vehicle.
- Participants are asked to wear a face mask while at the HazWaste Central facility and to stay in their vehicles.
- Containers used to transport waste items will not be returned. Please bring items in disposable containers.

For more information go to [www.rwater.com](http://www.rwater.com), call 203-401-2712 or  
email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com)

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