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Board of Education Appoints New Principal



The North Branford Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith O'Rourke as Principal of the North Branford Intermediate School. Mr. O'Rourke earned his Bachelor's degree in History & Secondary Education from Hofstra University, a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Fairfield University, and his certification in Intermediate Administration & Supervision from Sacred Heart University.

Mr. O'Rourke has been a middle school educator for twenty years. The first part

of his career was spent at Roger Ludlowe Middle School of the Fairfield Public Schools, where he served as an Eight Grade Social Studies teacher, a Department Liaison for Social Studies, and the Dean of Students. He was appointed Assistant Principal at North Branford Intermediate School in August of 2013, and most recently served as the Acting/Interim Principal at the North Branford Intermediate School since April 2017. During his

tenure, Mr. O'Rourke has worked diligently with stakeholder groups to guide NBIS through the academic, social, and emotional challenges that both typically characterize a middle school and have epitomized recent times. He has overseen efforts to increase student achievement, reform school improvement initiatives, and promote a safe and positive school climate.

Under Mr. O'Rourke's leadership, NBIS redesigned the school schedule which resulted in the creation of Academic Support Time (AST) for all students, an increase in instructional contact time in the core subject areas, and the refining of how at-risk students are identified through the Response to Intervention (RTI) process.

This past school year, NBIS was awarded exemplary "Positive School Climate Status" by the Connecticut Association of Schools(CAS). This accolade was awarded following a rigorous application and review, and NBIS is one of only six middle schools in the state with the rating, schools climate initiatives such as NBIS PRIDE, The Davis way, and the ADL peer Leaders have reflected Mr. O'Rourke's commitment to making NBIS a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

For the upcoming school year, Mr. O'Rourke looked forward to continue growing upon current school climate initiatives and programs, implementing the Readers Workshop model for ELA, expanding foreign language opportunities, beginning at 1:1 Chromebook program for the eight grade, introducing the Junior National Honor Society Program, and launching new innovative Inquiry-based programs aligned to both the Next Generation Science Standards (The Legends of Learning) and the C3 College, Career, and Civic Life Framework for social Studies (History Quest Program)



Arrivederci

I'm Getting on the plane.

Next issue of the Totoket Times is 9-28-18. Deadline is 9-21-18.

I will be trying to answer e-mails and calls while on the trip.

If you don't here from me it means I couldn't figure it out.

I will return your calls on Saturday, 9-21.

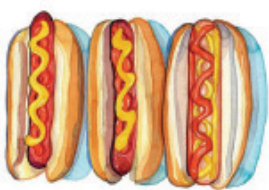


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Mase to Run for State Rep

Dear Residents:

My name is Vince Mase and I have been nominated and endorsed by the North Branford Democratic Town Committee for the seat of State Representative for the 86th General Assembly District. The 86th District represents North Branford, Northford, and sections of Wallingford, North Guilford and Durham.

I have been a resident of Northford for the past 34 years. I have three adult children and all three attended and graduated from the North Branford Public Schools. After they graduated from North Branford High School, they attended college and each one of them went on to earn Doctorate Degrees in various professional fields.

I have been active in our community. In the past, I have served on the North Branford Little League Board, coached the Girls Park and Recreation traveling basketball team for 6 years, and served a short term on the North Branford Town Council in 2017. I currently serve as a member of the Board of Education. During the past few years, I attended many meetings opposing the possibility of a "bulk propane" company on Ciro Road in North Branford. I also attended the meetings to support and to keep North Branford Dispatch right here in North Branford where it belongs. During those tumultuous times, I believe that the presence of the State Representative would have been beneficial to the residents of our communities; however such representation was not present.

I believe in moving the 86th District forward

by investing in all of our local towns. Agriculture, small businesses, and education will be the focal points of my campaign. I will continue to address the issues through avenues such as investing in local farms and small businesses, supporting current businesses to succeed and trying to bring new businesses to provide jobs and offset our tax base. A focus will be on new businesses that are environmentally friendly to other businesses and most of all, to our families, children and grandchildren. Our towns need small businesses that will increase the values of our homes and not businesses that will depreciated the values of our homes.

Currently, I have two grandchildren in the North Branford schools, following in their parent's footsteps. I strongly believe that we must invest in education for all our children. This year, I have been a staunch advocate, working across the political aisle, to get the Board of Education Budget 2018-2019 approved in order for the Superintendent of our schools to hire the best and brightest teachers and administrators for our North Branford students in all grades.

I believe in hard work, not just words, but in leading by example. I worked as a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service for more than 30 years before retiring in 2005. Even though I was employed full time, I attended college at night for approximately 26 years. First, I attended South Central Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. I then moved onto Southern Connecticut State

University where I earned a BS Degree in Business Economics. Finally, I attended Quinnipiac University school of law where I earned my Juris Doctor in Law in 2003.

Sincerely,
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Car Break-Ins and Overdoses: What is going on?



Hundreds overdose on the New Haven green, neighbors post daily stories about car break-ins around towns, has our society gone crazy, and is this the new normal? I would make the argument that we are seeing a shift in the types and frequency of crime as opposed to an increase in criminals

In 2009, Connecticut raised the criminal juvenile age to 18; therefore, any individual arrested under the age of 18 is adjudicated as a child, rather than adult. If you speak to police officers, probation officers or individuals in the system, you will undoubtedly hear about the frustrating “catch and release” policies for juvenile criminals. Many of these individuals have drivers licenses and are being recruited by adults to commit crimes, including car break-ins, because if they’re caught, they receive little penalties. Connecticut lockup facilities cannot hold juveniles for more than six hours after an arrest and courts cannot detain these individuals unless certain conditions are met, which potentially leads to a revolving door of repeat criminal activity from the same individuals.

So why all these overdoses? Synthetic drugs obviously create a cheap high for individuals and people with behavioral health problems are preyed upon. K2 is also known as salvia. Both of these substances are forms of synthetic marijuana. These synthetic drugs are very dangerous because they are essentially unregulated, chemical cocktails. In 2011, the General Assembly unanimously passed legislation to require that classification of five specified versions of synthetic marijuana, including salvia, as controlled substances; however, the majority of legislators refused to classify these substances as narcotics. For the past three years, I have pushed legislation to treat the sale of these substances like a narcotic. The penalties for the sale of a controlled substance are significantly less than the penalties for the sale of narcotics. Drug dealers have less of a risk of seeing any jail time for selling these substances.

Finally, the “good-time” credits law proposed by Governor Malloy has created a revolving door for offenders. Repeat offenders are back on the street, and while second chances are a great concept, without support services in place, the state has created a viscous cycle of the same individuals being released back onto the streets to commit even more crimes than under previous laws. Connecticut needs to strike a balance in its criminal justice reforms because I believe its only creating more victims, rather than reforming our criminals.

Let’s be “Frank”

Well brother, as you read this note, I will be strapped into a seat made for a man half my size, trying to hold in any bathroom needs and preparing to take this arthritic ridden body with the bad knee, inflamed sciatica and battery operated heart, over miles of cobblestone walkways.

You guessed it. I’m going on a “trip of a lifetime”. Two weeks in the “Old Country”. A life long dream for Italian Americans all over he world, a torturous trip to prison for me.

As you know, I have never been one for travel. Unlike most, I do not have a bucket list. I try to enjoy every day as much as possible. Make someone smile and do whatever comes my way if it is physically and financially possible. If I die today, on my deathbed I can’t think of any thing I wish I would have done. My only desire will be to live a little longer so I can keep complaining right here.

The instructions say no more than 45 pounds of luggage. So I have packed an extra pair of shoes, my sleep apnea machine two knee braces and all my pills and various medications. I am now able to fit one pair of pants, two shirts and at least two pair of underwear without going over the weight limit. Even my clothes are heavy. Just the copies of my prescription medications (recommended by the travel agent), weighed in at 1.5 pounds.

I hear the road on the Amalfi coast is very narrow and hovers over a mountain leading to the sea. I can just hear the tour guide now. “Hey big man. Get on the inside seats and whatever you do, don’t lean over.”

I can hear the walking tour guide during those excursions yelling out, “Hey fatso, can you try to keep up. You’re holding up the entire group.”

I can hear mom saying to you, “Isn’t it great? Your brother made it to a place I always wanted to go to but never was able to.”

I can hear the old man saying, “What the hell’s he gotta go to Italy for? What if something happens while he’s away? Why does he want to go on a plane? We have an Italian Church and plenty of good Italian restaurants right here. Isn’t that enough? What’s he crazy?”

I can picture Mary, just crying. No one knows why but she did that at every event and for every circumstance.

I’m sure all these little things will work themselves out and it will indeed be a trip of a lifetime. It’s been a rough year and it will be good to get away and hopefully rest our minds if not our bodies. SueAnn has wanted to do this for years and even if it is suffering for me, she has been suffering for 37 years, (September 5th) so what’s two weeks.

I don’t speak the language but I have trained myself to say four or five phrases in Italian. I will need the important things, like: How much? House wine. Cheese and olives please. Espresso with Sambucca. And the all important, where’s the bathroom?

Well, that’s it for now. Say hi to everyone. Keep everything running smoothly until I get there and I’ll see you soon.

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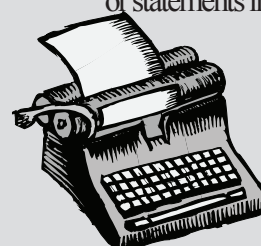
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All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

A lot of my clients are very concerned with minimizing probate. Many people believe that as long as they have a valid Will, they can avoid or at least minimize Probate. This is exactly the opposite of what actually happens when you die with a Will.

A Will is often called “a ticket to Probate.” If you really want to avoid the time, expense and public nature of the Probate process, a Will always falls short of the mark.

Many people look to Revocable Living Trusts to avoid probate. Probate is the process of removing a decedents name from property and assets that person owned when they were alive. So, it follows that if your name is not on any property or assets when you die- there is no need for probate. Revocable Living Trusts help people to do just that.

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Revocable Living Trusts are a great method of avoiding probate and the costs, lack of privacy and time associated with probating an estate. By using a Revocable Living Trust, you can put your assets into your beneficiary’s hands in short order instead of months or even years, minimize the cost of transferring the assets, and do so private manner.

If you would like to learn more about how Revocable Living Trusts work to avoid probate, and minimize estate taxes, please call my office at 203-234-7400 to set up a complementary estate planning appointment. We are also hosting a complimentary seminar on basic estate planning on September 15th at 10am. If you would like to attend please contact my office to reserve a space.

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

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“...Thank Veterans for Their Service...”

Dear Editor

This is a response to “Thanks To Our Veterans”, a letter to the editor in the 8/17/2018 TT edition which “take(s) issue with the motives of those who question this particular - and relatively small- expense to honor the honorable ...”

First, both Dr. Westfall and I were wrong about the projected cost of Trump’s parade. The just released government figure is not the \$12 million that Dr. Westfall said, nor the \$30 million that I said, but **\$92 million!**

Second, and more important, will someone PLEASE tell me how to discuss any issue with a supporter of the current administration without them immediately bringing up Hillary and/or Obama. Even if what they say about our previous President and Secretary of State were true, since when do two wrongs make a right?

How do you feel about the fact checkers determining that Trump lied an average of 7.5 times a day and since June he’s averaging 16 a day? “Well Hillary lied about her emails”. How do you feel about Trump wanting to spend tens of million on a self-glorifying parade? “Well, Obama did this and that”. It’s reminiscent of conversations I used to have with my kids:

Me: “Dan, the chore you had this week was to cut the lawn. Did you get it done?”
Dan: “I had homework, my girlfriend needed me, Mike’s father doesn’t make him cut his lawn, are you going to get me a car? Mercury is in retrograde”.

The point is that he was supposed to cut the lawn and that’s what the conversation needed to be about. His agenda was to distract me and hope I’d take the bait and argue with him about anything but why he didn’t do what he was supposed to do (teenagers are so good at that). So folks, \$92,000,000 would feed every homeless veteran for a year and a half whether Hillary lied about her emails or Obama made \$3million on his book sales.

Finally, I’m sure people mean well when they “thank veterans for their service”. But I have to tell you - that’s beginning to sound like “thoughts and prayers” sound to the loved ones of murdered school children. So next time you want to show your appreciation for veterans’ service, perhaps you’ll vote for candidates who intend to actually DO SOMETHING for vets.

Sincerely, Dr. Peter Rothenberg

Recycling News

Bulky Waste Pickup Schedule*

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All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

— Tuesday, October 16, 2018; 2:00 – 5:00 PM

***Tuesday, October 30, 2018; 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

****Monday, November 5, 2018: 9 am – 5:00 pm**

*Please note that Tuesday, October 30th is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Please also note that mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked or received by the Registrars by this date. On-line registrations will not be available after 11:59 pm, October 30th.

**This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after October 30, 2018.

You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Identification and proof of residency is required.

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“Clothes for Kids” a project which provides new Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves and Sweaters for North Branford Children in need, another major project, will also be supported through the Spooktacular. Information about these projects and the North Branford Rotary is available at www.northbranfordrotary.org or email nbrotary. Businesses who would like to donate to the Rotary Auction may call 203-444-0617. Tickets to this year’s auction are available for purchase from any Rotarian or by calling Rotarian Heather Hackley at 203-444-0617. Come out and join us for some fun with a purpose! Pay it forward.

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Past Reviews of this program:

“the combination of MY management thru lifestyle changes a little at a time, knowledge of the disease and some help with meds, I feel in control. Thanks again for this program...I would recommend it to any newly diagnosed person.”

“ After 20 years living with Diabetes, I still learned new ways of managing my diabetes. Thank-you!”



Little Free Library

Welcome to Lindsey & Lilliana's Little Free Library Charter #76976 located on Ann street in North Branford. Lindsey was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called CdLS at 18 months old and has been working very hard to meet her milestones, with the help of her little sister Lilly to keep her on her toes there is nothing that can stop this duo! With a passion for reading and listening to stories it felt only natural to share it with others. We hope everyone enjoys our library!

September is School Safety Month

Parents are reminded to discuss safety issues with your children. This should include bus and school safety. Members of the North Branford Fire Department are conducting inspections of all town schools, K-12 during August.

If you have any questions about bus or fire safety, you can contact your child's school or the fire marshal's office.

Children and Smoke Alarms

Sleeping children don't always awake when a smoke alarm activates. Children, ages 6 thru 10 seem to be most affected. While these dramatic facts are worrisome, we shouldn't allow them to obscure the fact that smoke alarms are highly effective at reducing fire deaths and injuries. Roughly 70% of deaths occur from fires in homes without smoke alarms or disabled smoke alarms.

Think about how heavily you or your children sleep. As loud as smoke alarms can be, sometimes children sleep through it. Research has shown that some children don't wake up from the loud beep of a typical smoke alarm.

There are many new types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on the market today. Some of the new features include:

Personalized Instructions, which allows you to record customized escape instructions

Fire Drill Feature, which allows a time delay to simulate an actual fire alarm

Loud 85 decibel outputs

10 year batteries

There have been many advances over the last 10 years in home smoke alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are electrical devices and they do have a life limit. It's a good idea to replace your detectors every 10 years. We also want to emphasize the need to continue planning and practicing home fire escape plans and to insure everyone in your home can be awakened by the sound of the smoke alarm. We will continue to reinforce the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan during which the smoke alarm is activated so all family members know its sound.

Sleepover fire safety for kids

Is your child safe staying overnight at a friend's home?

Think upset tummies and lack of sleep are the biggest risks when your child is spending the night at his or her friend's house? Before you permit your child to sleep over with a friend, talk to the child's parents. Depending on what you learn, it can either uncover serious fire dangers or give you peace of mind during your child's sleepover.

8 out of 10 fire deaths take place in the home, with the majority of home fire deaths occurring late at night. "If you don't know for certain that the friend's home is equipped with working smoke alarms, and that the sleepover will be supervised by an adult, don't take the risk; reverse the invitation and have the sleepover at your own home.

Teach children about the importance of fire escape planning in a positive, non-threatening style. Ideally, your child is already well versed in home fire escape planning and drills in your own home. Before you permit a sleepover at a friend's, discuss the importance of knowing how to escape from a fire wherever you are, including friends' homes. Have your children ask friends and their parents about fire safety in their home, and to report to you anything that makes them feel unsafe.

And when it's your turn to have other children stay overnight in your home, make sure they know what your home's fire escape plan is.

Call the Fire Marshal's office with any questions: 203-484-6016

The North Branford Public Libraries present

SCHOOL CHOICE –

A Free Parent Panel Discussion: Finding the Right School

When Mainstream Does Not Fit

Atwater Memorial Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford
203-315-6020

If you are a parent who is not sure whether your child is at the right school, come hear from parents who have sought local independent and magnet schools for their children, are happy with their choices, and can describe why they are happy.

Discussion will include how to decide whether to stay or go, the available options, what to consider, what works and why? If you are a parent who has ever thought about school options and choice and needs a sounding board, please join us for a lively and informative discussion.

MONDAY, September 24, 2018 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Call or stop in to sign-up for this program

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Riley Stone was named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA.

Sarah Calamita was named to the Dean's List at Loyola University in Baltimore, MD.

Deanna Sintay was named to the Union College Dean's List in Schenectady, NY.

Steph Hogan and Erin Sheehan were named captains of the Field Hockey team at Eastern Connecticut State University.

High School Reunions

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 its 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.

Compassion Club Recruitment Day

NORTH BRANFORD – Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center will be hosting a Volunteer Recruitment Day on Saturday, September 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Animal lovers wishing to make a difference are invited to spend the afternoon, learn about the many volunteer positions available, chat with volunteers and enjoy refreshments. Volunteers are needed for shelter feeding and cleaning shifts, fostering, fundraising and feeding at feral colonies. It's a purrfect opportunity for retirees or students wanting to earn volunteer credits. Please note, volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue and Adoption Center is located at 2037 Foxon Rd.

For more information, please visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org, 203-483-6369.

NORTH BRANFORD BARBERSHOP



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MEN \$12.00
SENIOR &
KIDS UNDER 10
\$10.00

TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30
THUR. 8:30 - 5:30. FRI. 8:30-5:30
SAT. 8:30-3:30 CLOSED SUN. & MON.

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North Branford Schools Receive \$10,000

Superintendent of Schools, Scott Schoonmaker and Director of Special Services, Suzanne Wright, accept a \$10,000 contribution from AT&T and the AT&T Foundation. Representative Vincent Candelora recommended North Branford High School be considered for this award. He and Kelly Bettuchi, the AT&T Representative, presented the check at the July 19, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

AT&T and AT&T Foundation have awarded a \$10,000 grant to North Branford Public Schools to support high school students with disabilities to expand their skills in seeking out postsecondary education and training. Students will receive instruction in financial literacy, explore career opportunities, experience real-world job experience and be encouraged to set future goals.

Students in the Bridges Program at NBHS as well as other NBHS students with disabilities will receive work experience to promote academic success. The Coffee Coop at NBHS is a job related work space that provides beverages and snacks to , faculty and staff. Students gain work experience through completing tasks in the workplace as well as completing managerial duties. This contribution will allow the Coffee Coop to expand opportunities to gain real-life experiences in the school setting. In addition, students will visit a variety of job sites within their areas of interest, listen to speakers and practice transition skills including resume writing and interviewing. Visits to college programs paired with job sites will be provided to assist students in recognizing the range of job available within an identified area of interest. Assessments will identify gaps in instruction and lessons will be developed to address student needs in these areas as well as monitoring employment skills such as arriving to work on time, dressing appropriately, appropriate communication with supervisors, employees and clients. Visits to postsecondary education and training programs will provide opportunities for students to experience campus life and identify available supports for students with disabilities. Students will attend a financial literacy seminar to learn about salaries and developing a budget, culminating with meeting with a financial counselor.

Registration Open for Shoreline Sharks Fall Learn to Play Hockey Clinics

Shoreline Sharks Youth Hockey Association offers 20 – week Learn to Play Clinics that teach girls ages 3 – 19 with little or no experience the fundamentals of the sport including skating skills, puck control, passing and shooting. The weekly, hour-long hockey development program is held Sunday afternoons at the East Haven Ice Rink from September 30 – February 24.

The two clinics, Sand Sharks (ages 3-10) and Junior Sharks (ages 10 - 19), are led by Bill Greim and Rick Gedney , two exceptionally seasoned volunteer coaches with more than 30 years of hockey experience each at the youth and high school levels. The **USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM)** guides the clinic design to accelerate skill development and engage players through fun and age-appropriate activities.

"We are passionate about all things hockey, especially girl's hockey! An important part of our mission is to give girls that have never played or are new to hockey an easy way to learn to love and play the sport," commented Greim, Co-founder the Shoreline Sharks and Clinic Director. "Rick and I, along with our team of coaches and player volunteers, use drills, stations, small area games and elements of fun to keep the kids engaged and wanting to come back to the rink. The smiles and sense of achievement we see on the parent's and player's faces week-to-week are confirmation that we created a positive and impactful experience."

Gedney added, "Most Learn to Play programs are focused on kids under age 12. However, we believe that you are never too old to learn the sport. Our Junior Sharks program is one of the only clinics in the state targeted to girls 11 and older. It is perfect for those curious about exploring the game or beginners wanting to improve their core hockey skills."

The clinic tuition is \$400. A discount is offered for Sand Sharks: those under age 8 participate for FREE, and those 10 and under and new to the organization are eligible for a 50% discount. Space is limited, register at shorelinesharkshockey.com.

the Shoreline Sharks started in 1998, the Shoreline Sharks is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering developmental and competitive hockey programs for girls ages 3-19. It is the largest and fastest growing girls' hockey program in Southern Connecticut and is known for building a passion for hockey in a fun, challenging environment.

Over 225+ girls are registered for the 2018-19 season with girls coming from Cheshire and Hamden to the North; Stratford to the West; New London to the East; and most of the towns in between.

The organization fields 11 travel teams ranging from U08 to U19, with varying levels of competitiveness from developmental to national tournament bound. They are affiliated with the Connecticut Girl's Hockey League (CGHL), the Connecticut Hockey Conference (CHC) and the New England Girl's Hockey League (NEGHL).

The Shoreline Sharks won the USA Hockey National Championship for the past two years, becoming the 15th and 16th CT-based girls' team to win the title since the tournament started 40 years ago. Additionally, the association has been recognized by USA Hockey as a model organization for their leadership in growing participation in the sport with girls 8 and under.

For more information, visit shorelinesharkshockey.com or email info@shorelinesharkshockey.com

Day of Fitness to Benefit Matt's Mission

CT Krav Maga & MMA, located at 5 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT will be hosting a day of fitness and self defense on Saturday September 15, 2018 from 9am to 1pm with proceeds from the event benefiting Matt's Mission. This event is open to the public and is \$20 per person to participate.

The events for the day include an outdoor workout, a women's self defense seminar, boot camp for beginners and yoga. For a complete schedule for the day and to reserve a spot in one or more class, please message info@ctkravmagama.com

Raffle prizes to JCakes, Anthony John's Pizza, Absolute Liquor and Dawn Michael's School of Dance will be awarded at the event.

Matt's Mission Fund was created to honor Matthew Picciuto, who was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 18. The goal with Matt's Mission is to raise funds to help local students in need; to encourage everyone to slow down and drive safe while raising awareness to the consequences of destructive driving decisions.

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Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

Openings currently available.

1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80)
North Branford, CT
203-481-3909
www.weecarenb.com



North Branford High School Football Schedule September High Schools Sports Schedules

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| Friday | 9-7 | @Granby Memorial | 7:00 |
| Friday | 9-14 | Cromwell | 6:30 |
| Friday | 9-21 | @Branford | 7:00 |
| Friday | 9-28 | @Morgan | 6:30 |
| Friday | 10-5 | Lewis Mills | 6:30 |
| Friday | 10-19 | @Valley Regional | 6:30 |
| Friday | 10-26 | Haddam Killingworth | 6:30 |
| Saturday | 11-3 | Old Saybrook/Westbrook | 12:00 |
| Friday | 11-9 | Stafford | 6:30 |
| Wednesday | 11-21 | @Coginchaug | 6:00 |

Girls Volleyball

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| Thursday | 9-6 | Coginchaug | 5:30 |
| Friday | 9-7 | @ Fairfield Warde | 6:00 |
| Monday | 9-10 | @Northwestern | 5:15 |
| wednesday | 9-12 | Cromwell | 5:30 |
| Thursday | 9-13 | @Old Lyme | 5:30 |
| Monday | 9-17 | @East Hampton | 5:30 |
| Thursday | 9-20 | Valley | 5:30 |
| Saturday | 9-22 | Fairfield Warde | 12:00 |
| Wednesday | 9-26 | Haddam Killingworth | 5:30 |
| Friday | 9-28 | Hale Ray | 5:30 |

Girls Soccer

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| Thursday | 9-6 | @Jonathan Law | 4:30 |
| Saturday | 9-8 | @East Haven | 1:00 |
| Wednesday | 9-12 | Haddam Killingworth | 3:45 |
| Saturday | 9-15 | Old Lyme | 3:45 |
| Wednesday | 9-19 | @Portland | 6:00 |
| Saturday | 9-22 | @Valley Regional | 2:00 |
| Tuesday | 9-25 | Coginchaug | 3:45 |
| Friday | 9-28 | @East Hampton | 6:30 |

Boys Soccer

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|-----------|------|----------------------|------|
| Tuesday | 9-11 | @Haddam Killingworth | 3:45 |
| Friday | 9-14 | @Old Lyme | 3:45 |
| Monday | 9-17 | Portland | 3:45 |
| Wednesday | 9-19 | @Westbrook | 3:45 |
| Friday | 9-21 | Valley Regional | 3:45 |
| Monday | 9-24 | @Coginchaug | 3:45 |
| Thursday | 9-27 | East Hampton | 3:45 |

Field Hockey

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| Thursday | 9-6 | Old Saybrook | 3:45 |
| Saturday | 9-8 | Amity | 10:30 |
| Monday | 9-10 | @East Lyme | 6:30 |
| Wednesday | 9-12 | Morgan | 6:00 |
| Monday | 9-17 | @Valley Regional | 3:45 |
| Wednesday | 9-19 | Sacred Heart | 3:45 |
| Tuesday | 9-25 | @Westbrook | 3:45 |

Connecticut Sportsplex

“FAMILY FUN NIGHT”

SATURDAY NIGHTS

7:00 P.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Unlimited

Cyber Sport, Laser Tag, Playscape
Includes choice of Slice of Pizza or Hot Dog and Fries

Only \$20.00 per person!!
(Deposit and Reservation Required)

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For more information
Call 203-484-4383 or visit www.ctsportsplex.com



North Branford Soccer Club

FALL 2018 REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

FALL 2018 PROGRAMS INCLUDE

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

(U6 AND YOUNGER)

TINY FEET JR - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 3-4
TINY FEET SR - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-6

8 SESSIONS
45 MINUTE DURATION

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

(SATURDAY MORNING GAMES & MID-WEEK PRACTICE)

(U8 & U10)

JUNIORS - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-8
SENIORS - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9-10

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK SESSIONS
ALL 60 MINUTE DURATION
(DAY OF WEEK TBD)

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

“Never Go Through Life Without Goals”

Like us on Facebook | Instagram: [@northbranfordsoccerclub](https://www.instagram.com/northbranfordsoccerclub)

Visit Us On The Web @ www.nbsoccer.com



North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



BUS TRIPS

Essex Steam Train and Cruise - #49003

When: Friday, October 12th
Cost: \$60 resident / \$65 non-resident
Description: Board your Dining Car to savor a hot lunch at historic Essex Station that is prepared and cooked on board. Next you will travel aboard the train along the Lower Connecticut River Valley. At Deep River Landing you will transfer to the *Becky Thatcher Riverboat* for a cruise on the Connecticut River – bursting with lush scenery and historic sights; such as Gillette Castle. You will finish your journey riding in Coach Passenger Cars aboard the train back to Essex Station. Meal is included in the price.

Aladdin on Broadway - #49004

When: Saturday, October 20th
Cost: \$106 resident / \$111 non-resident
Description: From the producer of *The Lion King* comes the timeless story of Aladdin, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy, and breathtaking scenery. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite.

Salem Witch Museum - #49005

When: Tuesday, October 23rd
Cost: \$85 resident / \$90 non-resident
Description: Take a tour of the Salem Witch Museum where you will experience a dramatic history using stage sets with life size figures, lighting, and narration. Enjoy lunch at Victoria Station Restaurant on the scenic Salem Harbor. Then you will have some free time on your own to enjoy all the "Haunted Happenings" around town.

New England Patriots @ New York Jets - #49000

When: Sunday, November 25
Cost: \$120 resident / \$125 non-resident
Description: Travel aboard a motor coach bus to Metlife Stadium to watch the New York Jets host the New England Patriots. We have great seats in the corner endzone at section 345. Price includes motor coach transportation. The bus will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. from the STW Community Center.

The Big E - #59300

Who: Adults
When: Wednesday, September 19
Time: 10 :00 a.m.
Fee: \$25
Description: 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!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Community wide Tag Sale

JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK

**Saturday October 6th
9 am - 1 pm**
Rain Date October 7th
**Sell your tag sale items from
the trunk of your car!**
**Register in advance
\$10 per parking space**
For additional space
BYOT - Bring Your Own Table
STW Community Center Parking Lot

SCARECROW Contest

Make it as simple or elaborate as you like! Fun for families, clubs, or businesses! We'll display them around Town Hall for everyone to see.

Voting will take place at our Trunk or Treat event on October 28th by our attendees. The scarecrow with the most votes will win a prize!

Display your scarecrow at the
Town Hall Green from October 12 - 20th
The display will be up
through October 28th

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Sunday October 28
3:30-6pm
Rain or Shine**

- Games
- Contests
- Food Trucks
- Prizes!

John & Anthony Leone's
**HAUNTED HOUSE
FOR CHARITY**
Friday October 26 &
Saturday October 27
5-10pm

**Don't let the brochure fall out and hit your toe,
you'll be walking with a limp!**

Join your community on
Friday, December 7th for our
Annual Tree Lighting

Town owned Augur Property
290 Forest Road, Northford
6:30 - 8:30pm
Rain or shine

Ice Sculpting
Hay Rides
Petting Zoo

Marshmallow
Roasting
NBHS Sax Ensemble

NBHS Choir
Hot Chocolate
& Cookies

And Santa!

Marshmallow roasting Sticks provided by:
SMORSTIX
The Perfect Marshmallow Roasting STIX

Food Trucks Available:
JJ's Food Truck
Sugar Cupcake Truck

Cosponsored by the
North Branford Rotary

CALLING ALL SENIORS FOR The BAD Art Show

We are looking for Seniors to join us in creating some unique art for our BAD Art Show! Come to the STW Community Center and work on your art from September 17th through the 28th.

Artworks will go on display at STW on October 1st. The public will vote for their favorite disasterpiece on October 6th at our Junk in your trunk event!

Art can be any medium, no larger than 18"x24", we will have some supplies available to you. Please bring in any additional materials you'd like to use.

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. 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 or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

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

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

SORROW INTO THE LIGHT A Bereavement Session

Bring your ‘Sorrow into the Light’ is a bereavement support group for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one, or maybe a job, the loss of a beloved pet, good health or a relationship. If you decide to join our group please think of it as a safe place for you to share your feelings and your sorrow. This journey will begin on September 12 through to October 24th. Our meetings will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the chapel of the North Branford Congregational Church at 1680 Foxon Road. The group will be led by Gerry Borgerson, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist. If you have questions please feel free to call Gerry at 203-483-1116

Comfort in Motion

A warm and welcoming 8-week session of bereavement support offered by VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice

NORTH BRANFORD - Great comfort can be found in simply taking a walk with a friend. That is why VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice will once again hold its Comfort in Motion bereavement support group. The upcoming series will take place for eight weeks beginning Thursday, Sept. 27 and ending Thursday, Nov. 15. Sessions are held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

This unique bereavement support group – the only one of its kind in the state – is facilitated by a trained VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice Bereavement volunteer. Those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to gather with others to walk and talk in a supportive setting while getting some exercise. Meet at the main entrance of Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford.

Casual socializing takes place after the walk in the “Club Room” at Evergreen Woods. VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice’s Family Caregiver Support Network Coordinator Jo Ann Begley believes in the impact she has seen this group have on those who have lost someone close to them.

To learn more call the VNA helpline at 1.866.474.5230.

Hope Christian Church Joins Churches in National Back to Church Sunday on Sept. 16

NORTH HAVEN CT – “Back to Church Sunday,” part of a national movement of churches across America, will be held at Hope Christian Church in North Haven CT at 10AM September 16. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Back to Church Sunday is a day focused on uniting the church to equip and empower members to be inviters. Eight out of ten people say they are open to visiting church if invited—they are just waiting for an invitation.

For Back to Church Sunday, Hope Christian Church will have a special service that features:

An opportunity to grow closer to God, A special Program for children and Ice Cream Sundaes for everyone

“We believe that the local church can be a great catalyst for personal and spiritual, family and physical healing. We’re a vibrant local church with people just like you who desire to live authentically and grow spiritually. Our passion is to be a lighthouse of Grace and Hope to our community” (Pastor Jim Detweiler)

BTCS has a new theme this year, “*You Belong Here,*” that is relevant to the felt need in today’s culture. The fact is that 75% of Americans admit to feeling deep loneliness. In addition, the number of Americans with no close friends has tripled since 1985.

At Hope, we believe that the church is not for the elite, or for the perfect. It’s a place for all of us...to find friendship, purpose and faith and opportunities to serve others. This is a great time to come back and get plugged in to a church to meet Jesus, and to rally around each other in genuine community. You Belong Here!

Hope Christian Church is an Assembly of God located at 211 Montowese Ave in North Haven. For more information, go to www.hopeag.com or www.beyondabuilding.com or call 203-234-7328.

Fall Worship Services at NCC & OPEN HOUSE

Now that summer is over, worship services have returned (as of Sept. 2) to 10 a.m. on Sundays at Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart.” Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of the month and Mission Sunday is the third Sunday.

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. All are welcome to attend an open house at Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” on Sunday, Sept. 9. Worship services will be at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a potluck lunch in the social hall. Bring a dish to share if you are able, although it is not mandatory. There will be enough food for everyone.

Are you feeling lost or alone? Are you feeling confused or frustrated about everything going on in the world today? Have you been away from religion for a while? Do you feel guilty about not attending church? Do you feel that God doesn’t care about you?

We are part of a caring and loving community of people who work together to make the world a better place. We would love to have you join us.

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 village in North Branford. Church website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? So you’re developing your faith. Great! It can be a little overwhelming and sometimes you don’t know where to start. St. Ambrose Parish would like to invite you to start from where you are right now and join us for a process known as RCIA. RCIA is for adults who would like to become Catholic or for those just thinking about it. It is also for those who were baptized Catholic but have never received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation). There will be an introductory meeting on 9/13/18 at St. Augustine Church in North Branford. Please call the office for addition information 203-484-0403.

Military Whist Card Party

Friday, September 28th: North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. , North Haven. Doors open at 6:15p.m. with finger foods, dessert and raffle baskets. Games begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person. Sponsored by the North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship and the Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs. For tickets or more information call Lynne at (203) 239-7800. Come join the fun!

St Anthony Church Society

4th Annual Military Whist Card Party

St. Anthony Society will sponsor a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Parish Center, 70 Washington avenue, New Haven. Door will open at 6:00 with finger foods, sweets and beverages served until 6:45 when the card game begins. No outside food is allowed.

Admission is \$10 and there will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Call in advance as tickets are limited. Call Anna Simeone at 203-710-5004 or Joan Kuchinski at 203-234-9161.

NB Plastic Film Recycling Program Milestones Reached



What do 1,073, 1,016, and 1,009 have in common? They are the first three NB locations that collect plastic film to reach the 1,000 pound mark.

Congratulations to Country Paint and Hardware, Northford Store, and Smith Library for leading the way.

Although residents are doing great and the bulk of the material collected is acceptable, we are still getting items that are no good. Here are the bags you need to throw in the trash:

candy, salad, grape, frozen food, pet food, bird seed, mulch, and snack (chips/popcorn). Finally, no left over food in the bags.

If any NB residents/students would like to lend a hand in picking up the plastic film and bundling up to bring to Big Y, please let us know. Assistance is always appreciated.

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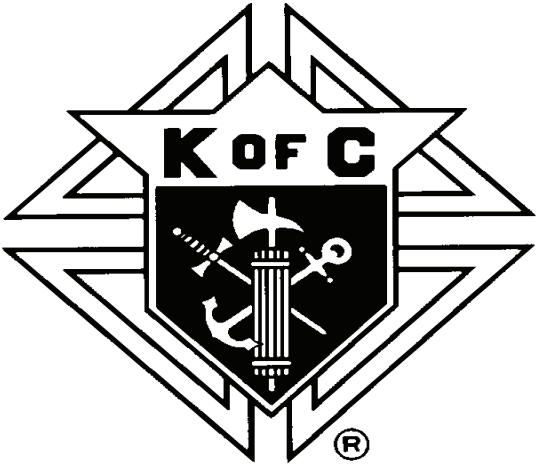
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Evergreen Woods Annual Holiday Fair

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

Camera Club News

North Haven Camera Club will hold a technical skills workshop on Tuesday evening, September 11, at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. Social and mentoring will start at 6:30, with the workshop starting promptly at 7:00.

Members and guests will get to choose which skill level they would like to participate in, basic or advanced.

Basic is for newbies and those wanting a refresher. Topics include how to advance from auto to shutter and aperture priorities and manual mode, in order to improve the look of a picture. Advanced level for more experienced photographers will cover special function buttons, color profiles, Raw vs. JPEG, evaluative metering and focusing.

North Haven Camera Club, now in its eighth season, has workshops, expert guest lecturers and field trips throughout the season. The club also conducts monthly competitions for photographers at many skill levels, and prepares members for regional and national contests and artistic exhibits.

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.

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 www.nblandtrust.org.

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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 Poms 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. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! 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

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