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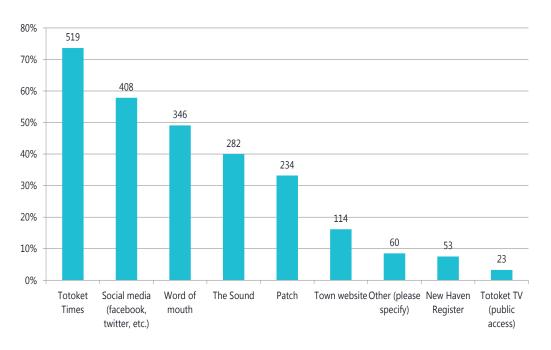


Pollinator Pathway Continues

Our development as a polinator Pathway continues, as the garden leaves the bright sunflower yellow and enters its purple phase where anise hyssop and New England Asters show off. Next year should be even better with more of these native flowers.

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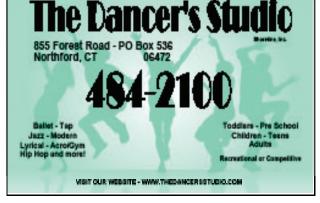
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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Governor Lamont made a decision recently that had a lot of people asking me, "is this how we want police officers to spend their time?"

If you haven't guessed, I'm talking about facemasks. More specifically, whether the men and women who protect and serve our communities

should be responsible for levying \$100 fines on individuals who aren't wearing masks in public.

Or, do we want public health officials, and even individuals designated by chief municipal leaders, running around with ticket pads?

That's where we are today, thanks to an executive order first described by the governor on Sept. 14. Yes, the governor moved for a stick when the carrot—the promise of improved statistics—had been working well.

I appreciate that the governor's goal is to keep our state's COVID-19 rates low, but I'm skeptical that we'll change anyone's behavior by embedding a fine into a discussion that, more often than not, isn't cut and dried. Since his announcement, I haven't spoken to a single officer or municipal official who's interested in walking down this thorny path with the governor.

In fact, the news seemed to generate more controversy than anything. By and large, Connecticut residents have complied with the governor's various orders, but applying a fine will likely foment discontent from a lot of residents who have, perhaps understandably, grown weary of slipping on a mask whenever they leave the house.



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Bars and nightclubs, unfortunately for their owners, must remain closed. This year's economic torpedo fired at these businesses, and so many others, is truly immense. While it's repeated often, and I'm among those who do it frequently, it's critical the legislature does everything it can this winter to create a tax and regulatory springboard to get businesses back on their feet.

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well my brother, I can't believe this month marks eleven years that you've joined mom and dad and left the rest of us to fend for ourselves. It sometimes seems like yesterday, but I have to tell you, the world is completely different than it was just a short time ago. I can't help wondering how you would have reacted to what's going on today.

We begin with the "Pandemic", the topic of the year. I wonder if you would have been from the "screw it, it's a hoax" group. Or perhaps the "oh my God, it's the end of the world" group. I don't think you would have worn the mask, as the only mask I ever saw you wear was an umpires mask. I don't think you would have stayed home because even as you grew weaker from this life, you refused to stay home and forced yourself to attend events sometimes using your wife or myself serving as your seeing eye dog. When you couldn't make out a face you would lean over and ask in a whisper that everyone could hear, "who the hell is that?" With their mask on, you would have had an excuse for not recognizing anyone.

The sports scene has also changed drastically. I'm not sure if it's a product of the hysteria caused by the pandemic or just a change in the air quality but it's different. To see football and basketball players not standing for the National Anthem and some teams not even coming out for its' playing might have put you over the edge. I know you were (as I often called you) "a flaming liberal", but I don't think you would have supported this "act of freedom". Being a bit more conservative than you, I have chosen not to watch professional football or basketball. Surprisingly, I don't even know who is in the basketball playoffs. I do know at this time the football Giants are 0-3 as I have enough friends who continue to moan and groan about it. Several have even discontinued wearing their matching caps and face masks.

I am still watching baseball and I know you would have been screaming to bring back Torre or Girardi as this "California Dreamer" Aaron Boone should have stayed in the press box once he retired as a player. George would have fired him three times already.

Again, the effect of the pandemic on the game is devastating. The shortened season, the masks , the no high fives and limited arguing is not even the worse part. To watch the game without fans takes away the passion. No curtain calls after a big homerun, no ovations for players reaching milestones and even the silnce of the boos for a player who is struggling, really do kill the atmosphere. I missed the applauds that Girardi and Mattingly would have gotten on their return appearances to the Stadium.

What is more interesting is the play by play guys calling the games from a monitor often not even being at the site. Paul O'Neil is doing it from his basement and it's pretty funny as he sometimes gets a bit punchy.

What's also interesting is without the noise of the crowd, you can sometimes hear the "sounds of the game" before they get to mute them. Those are immediately followed by an apology from Michael Kay.

Back to the mask, social distancing and the CIAC debacle with high school football, I'm still wondering what your thoughts would have been. Should they be playing football? Should they be playing any fall sports? Should umpires in summer and fall baseball have insulted the purity of the game and the sanctity of the strike zone by calling balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound?

Finally, the political scene is a nightmare. I never discussed politics with you because I knew how passionate you were. The roster of those running for president and vice president is sad. That neither party could do better than what we have is really ashamed. Maybe it was always like that and we never knew about it because of the lack of social media.

Growing up, we were taught that America was the best country in the world and we should thank God we were born here. Now it isn't even okay to thank God. They're writing him out of the picture. There's no respect for anyone. They are fining the everyday Joe for not wearing a mask, but they are allowing rioters in the streets to destroy property and people, with no penalty as the governments are protecting the criminals and not the law enforcement agents who are sacrificing their lives to protect and defend.

Yes my brother, it's only eleven years but it is a lifetime. It's a whole new world out there and I just wonder how you would be reacting to it.

My best to the family and I'll see you soon.

Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

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The Editor

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472

"Vinny has gone way beyond representing us"

Totoket Times October 2, 2020

To The Community,

I'm writing this letter in support of our state Representative Vinny Candelora. These past six months have been difficult for everyone, and Vinny has stepped up his game to keep the public informed. He's helped hundreds get through the red tape of unemployment claims and secured and distributed surgical masks to our nursing homes when the state had none. He teamed up with our local farm to distribute food to people in need. Vinny has gone way beyond representing us in Hartford, he has used his resources to help his community. Please join me in supporting him on November 3rd.

Sincerely,

Dee Clinton

"Many Reasons Why I am Frustrated." To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I am very frustrated and disappointed in our town government. I just found out that a cell tower is going to be built behind our homes in Northford. I live in Montgomery Village in Northford and was never notified by the town about this potential tower. I heard that the town received a bid from one wireless company that basically told the town where to put the tower.

There are many reasons why I am frustrated. First, this wireless company and the town are going to tear down trees where there are wild animals and beautiful birds and owls. Second, they will destroy the environment as the wildlife will be displaced. This is also going to be in the back of an elementary school and playground. I have seen many young people and children walking the trails from the school to our street. In addition, there are also wetlands in the area where the company plans to put the tower. Lastly, the tower will be in a residential area very close to many homes.

We are 50 condominiums that do not receive any services from the town except for a trash rebate every year. Moreover, we pay approximately \$400,000 in taxes each year, so I feel we have a right to object to what is happening and to the fact that we have not been informed.

Why does this tower have to be within a residential area and near a school? There are other places to put a cell tower in Northford without destroying the environment, affecting children, and decimating a wooded area.

Sincerely,

Patricia Velleca

"Vincent Candelora Continues to Impress"

To the editor:

State Rep. Vincent Candelora continues to impress. More and more I have seen him speak as Deputy Republican Leader to the statewide media on many of the important issues facing our state. But he has never forgotten his roots and continues to effectively serve the constituent needs of residents of North Branford and Durham. What has been clear to me is Rep. Candelora has a number of very solid recommendations for getting our wonderful state moving forward again. Despite the controversial nature of today's political system, Vin continues to articulate his positions in a respectful manner, never denigrating advocates who hold opposing views. He is well respected on both sides of the aisle as one who's willing to put the needs of our state ahead of politics. We could use more legislators like him.

Sincerely,

Brian Lynch

Brian is a longtime resident of North Branford and is an Optometric Physician with a practice in Branford.

Dear Editor:

Let's be clear. When we say "Black Lives Matter, we are not saying "only" black lives matter. That's the media and white supremists. In truth, we know that all lives matter. People of color have supported white lives throughout history. Now we need their help with black lives matter because black lives are in danger.

Please don't fall for the hateful propoganda of the administration that is telling you that white people are victims. That's the same warped logic that blames women for being raped and makes rapists into victims.

Sincerely, Peter Rothenberg

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Most people never think that they will ever end up in a Nursing Home. However, the sad reality is that almost half of the population will spend some time in a skilled nursing facility during their lifetime. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the average time spent in a nursing home is 864 days, nearly two and half years.

A long term stay at a nursing home can be financially devastating for you and your family. Nursing home care rates of \$15,000 per month can quickly eliminate a lifetime's worth of hard work. Long term care in a nursing home can devour your savings and force your home, business and other assets to be sold at a "fire sale" price to pay for your care.

When people are faced with choosing between preserving their assets and paying for care, there really is no choice, unless the costs of long term care in a nursing home are planned for. Giving away your money (to a child, for example) before needing long-term care may sound like a good idea, but it can be risky. Children get divorced, sued, have creditor issues, or can become catastrophically ill. The assets gifted to your child could be lost through divorce, lawsuits, etc. and would not be available to you. Furthermore, due to restrictive gifting laws, you may not qualify for Medicaid because you gave your money away.

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"...His Personal Committment is the most Important..." Dear Editor

For years, I have witnessed Vinny Candelora working to continually improve the North Branford community.

As our State Respresentative and Deputy House Leader, Vinny advocates for fiscal responsibility at the State level. Within town, Vinny has served on the Town Council, President of the North Branford Chamber of Commerce, President of the North Branford Rotary Club, and Vice Chair of the North Branford Zoning Board of Appeals. But his personal committment is the most important to me, serving as a basketball and Little League coach, Boy Scout leader and a Parish Councilor at St. Augustine Church.

In addition, Vinny's work non-volunteer activities include ownership of Taconic Wire and the Connecticut Sports Complex, both based in North Branford.

There is no one who knows and is committed to this community more than Vinny Candelora. Please join me in my support of this great man and North Branford leader for State Representative in November.

Sincerely,

Bradley Anderson

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A Message from Mayor Viglione

Comfortable living in a country atmosphere is what you'll find in North Branford. Our small town charm is a major attraction to families and businesses alike.

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North Branford is a great place to live, work and play. We are home to two major recreational complexes that provide ample opportunities for individuals looking to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle. When visiting, make sure you stop by one our many businesses to eat, relax, and purchase that special something.

North Branford is perfectly situated close to Routes 91 and 95 making us an ideal community for your business. We encourage commercial and retail development and with the new State expansion of our main thoroughfare, Route 80, there will be excellent opportunity for growth.

North Branford is a vibrant community with an excellent school system, newly renovated community and senior center and two active libraries. North Branford is committed to smart growth and the retention and expansion of our business base while maintaining an exceptional quality of life. We invite you to visit and explore all that North Branford has to offer.

Mayor Robert Viglione

"I will be Supporting Vin Candelora"

Dear Editor:

I never thought something as valuable as school sports would end up being a major political issue. There is no doubt the last six months has been an extremely difficult time in our lives. What started out as an extended spring break has turned into a social and mental disaster for our children. "Two weeks of isolation, to flatten the curve" has grown into six months of "the new normal". This is NOT normal. Our children have suffered academically, emotionally, and physically. Parents, community leaders, school staff, and our kids themselves, have come together to make the best possible effort to get our schools up and running. This task has been monumental. With so many working diligently to make children their top priority, it was shocking to see Governor Lamont, actively working to prevent our kids from partaking in High School football. Why youth football was cherry picked as a target of DPH and Governor Lamont, remains a mystery. Our State Representative, Vin Candelora has been requesting clarification on this decision. To date there has been no answer. Vin has been advocating for sports and educational normalcy to lesson the psychosocial impact of the pandemic on our youth. State Representative Candelora recently said: "This process isn't just about football, but as we move forward over the next five months with executive control, we need better communication, transparency and dialogue. Without that, this process is going to fall apart." We cannot begin to understand the future impacts of denying our kids the education and social needs that are required to develop into healthy adults. We cannot continue to defer our responsibilities and rights as parents and community leaders to a single executive officer. I will be supporting Vin Candelora in this year's election. I will continue to support any candidate that sees the value in not politicizing our children's futures.

Sincerely, Shawna Holzer

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"What you see is what you get"

Dear Editor;

Please join me in supporting the re-election of Vincent Candelora as our State Representative. Let's not be complacent or take for granted the value of Candelora as our State Representative. We need a representative with experience, who has the respect of other representatives and the Connecticut State House leadership. We are fortunate to have our State Representative in a House Leadership position. Vin Candelora has demonstrated time and time again that he represents all of the citizens of North Branford regardless of political party. Candelora has always put the citizens' interests above all others. He has seen to it that our community gets its fair share of state dollars, as recently evidenced by the State dollars secured for the proposed North Branford High School. Candelora is the most reachable politician I have ever known. He regularly meets with constituents, routinely publishes updates on issues either on social media or in print, such as, his biweekly articles in the Totoket Times. Vincent Candelora is not afraid to take a stand and let his position be known. What I like most about Vincent Candelora is that "what you see is what you get". He is one of us! So please join me in re-electing Vincent Candelora as our State Representative. We need him in Hartford now more than ever!

Sincerely,

Frank A. Brigano



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North Branford Police Union Endorsement of Joe LaPorta and Vincent Candelora

The North Branford Police Union cannot idly stand by and remain silent as citizens of our community and members of our law enforcement family are put at risk by a State Senator of the 12th District who does not represent the community's best interest.

While it is very uncommon for the North Branford Police Union to get involved in the political arena, the members of this police union feel Christine Cohen chose to ignore the concerns of the community she *swore* to represent. She ignored many who tried to contact her to vote "No" on the Police Accountability Bill, but instead chose to put out a message of "Fact" and "Myth" on social media about the Police Accountability Bill. She voted "YES", along with members of her party even when they were unsure of the true meaning of the Bill. A Bill hastily pushed through legislation without considering the ramifications of their actions, now resulting in crime rising in all areas of the State making our communities less safe, placing officers at higher risk and will ultimately raise our taxes due to unfunded mandates.

If Christine Cohen gets re-elected the priorities of working families will continue to be abandoned and the community will continue on a path that will lower the Quality of Life for our families and children. Christine Cohen has lost touch with representing everyone in the 12th District, instead she decided to vote with her party.

Our community needs a person who represents all in the 12th District and Joe LaPorta is the right choice for the safety of your family, law enforcement and everyone in the community. Endorsing Joe LaPorta will put our town on the right track, and the members of the North Branford Police Union support Joe LaPorta.

In addition, the North Branford Police Union is also endorsing Vincent Candelora to continue to serve as our State Representative in the 86th House District. With Candelora's "no" vote on the Police Accountability Act, the North Branford Police Union and the citizens of our town can count on Candelora to listen to the concerns of his constituents and put the safety of the public ahead of scoring political points. We look forward to continuing to work with Vincent Candelora in the state house, and Joe LaPorta in the State Senate.

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Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects and their ability to positively influence the children they teach.

"For more than two decades, we have been committed to making a difference in the community by investing in the future of education and providing opportunity for educators to innovate," said Heather Lavallee, president of Tax Exempt Markets. "Though every year we celebrate the Unsung Heroes whose ideas in the classroom will better prepare our nation's children for a rapidly changing workforce, this year is unique. Educators like Jacqueline and David have had to be particularly innovative, and will continue to be, as they find new and creative ways to reach their students to help keep them engaged and learning during challenging times. It is instances like these that make us proud to support America's educators as they go above and beyond to prepare their leaders of tomorrow for successful futures."

Thurston's and Carpenter's innovative teaching idea, "Adventure Programming," focuses on the school's Project Adventure classes and camps, which partner after school enrichment with physical education. These classes and camps teach students life skills such as shared leadership, respectful collaboration, teamwork, negotiation and transcending comfort zones. The Voya grant will be used to take these classes and camps to the next level through the purchase and installation of new equipment to expand the elements of the Project Adventure classes and camps. Through this project, Thurston and Carpenter hope to build community in the classroom by enabling various classes to work together, socially and emotionally.

Where necessary, some programs will need to be adjusted for distance learning or will have to be recalibrated for implementation based on social distancing requirements in each state.

Selected from a group of applicants from across the country, Thurston and Carpenter are among only 50 winners across the country who will receive this award to help fund and bring their program to life. In addition, they will now compete with other finalists for one of the top three prizes — an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 from Voya Financial.

To learn more about this year's winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit the <u>Unsung Heroes website</u> (unsungheroes.com). Applications for the 2021 Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2021.

Unsung Heroes is part of Voya Foundation's signature program, <u>Voya Teacher Voices</u>. Voya Teacher Voices focuses on empowering teachers to become leaders by promoting the teaching career, recognizing high-achieving accomplishments, providing training opportunities and offering financial support to achieve their goals.

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East Shore Health Department

Announces Public Flu Clinics

Press Release: East Shore District Health Department will be kicking off it's public clinics with a "Drive-Through" flu clinic on Saturday at their office at 688 East Main St., Branford.

For the first time in this country we will have two viruses circulating at the same time, Covid-19 and Influenza. Every year, the flu sends of thousands of Connecticut residents to the hospital and for some it can be fatal. In order ease the strain on our healthcare system, which is already overburdened by the COVID pandemic. Experts say how these two will interact in the body is an unknown, so the best thing is to use the current effective tool we have to avoid one of them — and that's the flu vaccine."

The best plan is to get the vaccine before the virus is likely to hit our area. "We usually see a rise in cases in November and December," says Rita Foster, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at ESDHD. "We recommend a September-October time frame for getting the vaccine so that you build up an immune response before it starts circulating in our community."

The East Shore District Health Department will be holding six public flu clinics:

East Shore Health Department	Sat. 9-26-20	10:AN	I - 1PM
688 East Main Street, Branford, CT			
Branford Community House	Mon. 10-5-20	1 - 5P	M
46 Church St. Branford, CT			
Old Stone Church	Thurs. 10-15-	20 2:30	-4:30 PM
251 Main St. East Haven, CT			
East Shore District Health	Mon. 10-26-2	0	2 - 5 PM
688 East Main St. Branford, Ct			
East Shore District Health	Monday 11-10	6-20	2-5 PM
688 East Main St. Branford, CT			
East Shore District Health	Mon. 11-30-2	0	2-5PM
688 East Main St. Branford, CT			

The clinic will be staffed by our dynamic health department nurses and staff.

- Vaccinations will delivered by Connecticut State licensed
- Vaccinations are **FREE**. We ask that residents with insurance, however, please have your insurance card or make a copy for us and bring it to the clinic
- Fill out a Vaccine Consent form that can be found on www. esdhd.org.
- All participants MUST wear a mask.
- Children younger than 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent.

Available vaccines (while supplies last) include:

- o Preservative free quadrivalent vaccine
- o High Dose / Senior Strength vaccine
- o Nasal vaccine for those 2-49 years without asthma, are not pregnant or have an immunocompromised condition
- Egg free vaccine

For More Information, go to www.esdhd.org or Call 203-481-4233. And "Remember, vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu."

Recycling News

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection in Progress Thank you for your continued support of our town's pink bag pickup program.

Info@SimpleRecycling.com **********

1-866-835-5068

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located near Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall:

October 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, and 21.

Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground. *****************

> Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly) Next pickup is week of November 9, 2020 Please do not place curbside until that week

-No home cleanouts-*************

*If you cannot wait for the next bulky waste pickup in November, consider:

Craig's List to advertise "free

stuff"

company

newhaven.craigslist. org

Full-service

junk

removal

Bradley Street Bicycle

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

Co-op – bsbc.co – donate a bike (you can also buy a used bike or learn to repair your bike)

Vietnam Veterans of America vva.org/pickup-locations/connecticut/

HazWaste Central Open for the Season

- o 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 <u>www.rwater.com</u>, call **203-401-2712** or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com *****************

"Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain"

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways.

Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues.

Please remember to keep loose leaves, grass clippings and yard debris out of the street so they do not get washed or blown into the storm drain, which can cause flooding. Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens can also end up in your drinking water, threatening water quality.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

Due to Health Crisis Plastic Film Drop Off Still Suspended Please save plastic film at home until further notice.

> Updates soon on program restart. Thank You!

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center Welcomes New Director



Branford, CT: Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center in Branford is pleased to introduce Venera Manuli as the Center's new Director. Ms. Manuli has over 8 years' experience in the childcare industry, including positions at Beach Babies Learning Center and Church Street Childcare. She serves as the Children's Ministry Director at Waterford SDA

Church. She holds degrees from Eastern Connecticut State University and Middlesex Community College.

"I am honored to join such a hardworking team, who value the same principles and beliefs that I hold very dear to my heart," Ms. Venera told the Center's parents in a recent communication. She continued, "My goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, safe, and growing in their spiritual walk with God each and every day. As we navigate all the changes that COVID-19 has brought to the center, the staff and I will do our very best to provide the safest, most comfortable, and loving environment to these precious little ones."

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center, located at 811 East Main Street (Route 1) in Branford, offers children ages 6 weeks to 5 years fulfilling age-appropriate childcare and preschool education for families in Branford, Guilford, and other Shoreline communities. The Center's caring and well-trained staff provides full-day and part-day programs grounded in the Bible and exemplified by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. Enrollment is now open for the Fall program. For more information, call (203) 488-4028 or visit www.learnandplaychristian.org.



Remembering Italian Heritage & Christopher Columbus

DEATH NOTICES



Dolores Doody-Gannon of Windham ME, formerly of Northford, CT, died August 20, 2020 in Spring Hill, FL. She was born May 17, 1930 in New Haven, CT, to the late Francis P. Doody, Sr. and Nora Meaney Doody. She was the wife of William Gannon, who predeceased her

She was a graduate of Southern Connecticut State Teachers' College and taught Kindergarten through Second Grade at Stanley T. William school in Northford for many years. Upon retiring she and her husband owned and operated Middletown Skating Center. They moved to Maine in 1985 and enjoyed many years at their home

on Little Sebago Lake in Windham, where they loved entertaining family. She was predeceased by her husband in 2000. She then became a "snowbird" spending winters in Florida and summers in Maine.

Survived by her daughter, Catherine Gannon Gianfalla and her husband, Joseph of Spring Hill, FL; her son, William Gannon and his wife, Donna of Northford, CT; a sister, Constance Walsh of North Haven, CT; two granddaughters, Jennifer Gianfalla (James Macpherson) and Michelle Christie (Brian) of FL and three great grandchildren, Jude and Amelia Macpherson and Leila Christie.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Maine and St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Florida. Due to Covid-19 restrictions her services will be held at a future date.



David B. Dombkowski, 58 years old of Northford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 12, 2020. He was born in New Haven on December 15, 1961 and was the son of the late Marion Joseph and Marie Govang Dombkowski. David was a generous, caring and thoughtful man who would do anything for anyone. He had an infectious laugh, warm heart, and was a loyal friend to many. He had a passion for cars, which began as a teenager and continued throughout his life through his work as a mechanic. He worked at John's Refuse in Northford for more than 20 years,

where his coworkers were like a second family to him. David leaves behind his two daughters, Danielle Elizabeth Dombkowski of Middletown and Brittany Marie Dombkowski of Higganum, granddaughter Lila Grace, and former wife and lifelong friend Carolann (Honey) Dombkowski of Higganum. He also leaves behind his siblings William (Billy) Dombkowski of Northford and Dorothy Dombkowski of Colorado, many nieces and nephews and friends that he considered to be family. Predeceased by siblings Dennis Dombkowski, Marion Hawes, Diane, Kenneth and James (Jimmy) Dombkowski.



Chris Manner, 56, of North Branford, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, September 19. Chris was born in Hartford, CT to Dorothy and Francis Manner in 1964. As a young man, Chris joined the Connecticut National Guard Military Police Unit until he was honorably discharged after completing 6 years of service. He then attended the University of New Haven where he graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Upon graduation, Chris was hired by the North Branford Police Department where he worked as an officer for 5 years before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1992. Chris retired from the North Branford Police Department after 25 years of dedicated service and soon after realized he could not stay away from the profession he loved. He pursued a second career with the Branford Police Department where he worked as a patrolman. Chris enjoyed the camaraderie he shared with fellow officers, and he was proud to protect and serve his local communities. Chris especially loved being a part of the fabric of his small towns. He was an active member of several social clubs, such as Branford Elks, the Centurians, and Club Napoli. He was a beloved and devoted coach of basketball, track, and cross country for many years. Chris took pride in the way that he connected with student athletes, developed their self-confidence, and motivated them to be their best. Chris had a magnetic, larger than life personality, and he was always ready to share a laugh or a story with anyone he met. His big smile could light up a room and his positive energy could be felt by everyone! At home, he never passed up a late night family game of "Risk" or an impromptu poker tournament! He cherished the life that he shared with his family, and his many dear friends, though his greatest treasures were his two children. Chris was predeceased by his father, Francis Robert Manner, and his sister Cecelia Manner.

Chris is survived by his beloved, Lisa Douglas, and his two children Kaila Brooke Manner and Ashton Robert Danz-Manner. He is also survived by his mother Dorothy Manner, his siblings Francis Robert Manner III, Michael Manner (Lauri Philbrick), Greg Manner, Laura Butler, Nika Manner (Anthony Ercolini), Jacob (Melissa) Manner and Zerk-Eli (Liza) Manner, along with his beautiful nieces and nephew. "Manner" was a friend to many, charming, charismatic, funny ~ someone that everyone loved to be around...

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 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; 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.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 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. 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.

Rosary Walk 2020 No. Haven

NEW AUTUMN TIME

All are welcome to join us every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00PM at All Saints Cemetery (rain or shine). The Rosary Walk will continue until Nov. 3rd. 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.





United Methodist Church Branford Sets Ambitious Goal for Food Pantry Drive: 5,000 Cans by the End of the Year

Local Community Invited To Help Meet This Bold Target!

Branford, CT: The "Church on the Rock" in Branford is collecting canned fruits and vegetables to benefit local food pantries in Branford, North Branford, and Guilford. Their objective: to match the model set by Jesus in Matthew 14.

UMC Branford Pastor Kent Jackson was inspired to create the Food Pantry Challenge mission as he prepared a sermon based on the familiar Bible story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. He was particularly motivated by verse 16: *Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."* As he related to the congregation members in a recent newsletter, "The Lord spoke clearly through my time of meditation that we, as a community, are being challenged to collect 5,000 cans of fruits and vegetables by the end of the year 2020." He continued, "We, like the disciples, need to answer the Lord's call to feed hungry people."

Members of the Shoreline community are welcome to participate in the food drive. Donations can be dropped off in the green collection bin outside the front door of the church, which is located at 811 East Main Street (1 mile east of Chowder Pot on Route 1) in Branford. Any non-perishable items can be donated; however, only cans of fruits and vegetables will count towards the tally. Items are removed daily and stored inside the building for weekly distribution to the food pantries. Donations can also be sent to UMC Branford and will be used to purchase additional cans of fruits and vegetables.

Everyone is encouraged to spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to join the challenge to feed the hungry in our communities. Updates on the progress of the food drive will be posted on the church's Facebook page or by following #feedthe5000.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kent at (203) 488-0549 or umcbranford1966@gmail.com

Bereavement Support in

North Haven

A Remembrance Service: We Remember and Give Thanks- will be offered for 1 evening on November 10th from 6PM until 8PM. Complementary materials, coffee and snack will be provided.

Preparing for the holidays can be difficult especially after the loss of a loved one. We are here to help. A small adult support group is being offered in preparation for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our group offers the right amount of connection, understanding and spiritual support all within an atmosphere that is non-judgmental and confidential.

Seating is limited due to social distancing and safety guidelines. Please contact Barbara, if interested, with questions and to register at 203 605-9845, 203 780-8418 daytime office or email her at bgode@ccacem.org

Send Church Information to Totokettimes@comcast.net



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



A DRIVE-THRU TRICK OR TREAT EVENT

Drive-thru the STW Community Center parking lot and visit BOO-tifully decorated trunks in the comfort of your car. Register how many treaters will be in your vehicle at www.nbrecreation.com

Saturday October 24

Rain Date Sunday, October 25

Follow our Facebook Event to participate in our VIRTUAL COSTUME CONTEST!

DECORATE A TRUNK

Visit nbrecreation.com to register your vehicle **Best decorated trunk will win a prize!**













Thank you to all who attended and supported our Back to School drive-in movie night! Special thanks to our Public Works department for setting us up for a perfect evening.

North Branford Parks & Recreation would like to thank the evening's sponsors which included the North Branford Rotary Club as the 'Silver Screen Sponsor', Aquatic Pool & Spa as the 'Marquee' sponsor and Ken Burton of Farmer's Insurance as the 'Star' sponsor.

Mary's Culinary Classes

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience where children can explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques. From over Mummy Puffed Pizza to Rice Krispie 'Turkey Legs' these exciting new classes will engage children in delicious creations.

STW Community Center • Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm • Ages 5-14 Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

October 13, 2020 WAITLIST October 27, 2020 WAITLIST November 10, 2020 November 17, 2020 December 1, 2020

December 15, 2020

Mummy Puffed Pizza & Ghostly Grub Jack-o-Lantern Pizza & Spider Cookies Pumpkin Alfredo & S'mores Cups Turkey Chili & Rice Krispie 'Turkey Legs' Skillet Lasagna & Hot Cocoa Cookies Stuffed Shells & Holiday Lights Cupcakes













These in person classes will be limited to a maximum of 4 participants to ensure safe distancing.





FRIDAYS, 4-5PM OCTOBER 2-23RD

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- · Southwest Quesadillas
- Pizza from Scratch

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September was **National Hunger Action Month.**



The uncertainty of the past six months has brought food insecurity to the forefront even more than in previous years. Our guest list has grown to include 191 families from this community who need help with supplemental food.

The Food Pantry of North Branford, Inc. has been open for five years and provides. food on a weekly basis to hundreds of

people. We are friends helping friends. We provide food, at no cost, to individuals and families who are hungry. Our mission is that basic. Support those in need... and the need is great.

The Food Pantry of North Branford, Inc. is located in the lower level of St. Andrews Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue in Northford. We obtain I food from the Connecticut Food Bank, individual and corporate donations, food drives, local store purchases, and fund raisers. This year has been challenging as we try to balance the growing need for this essential service while maintaining safe social distancing, thus limiting our fund raising ability. We are not a town agency and do not receive any municipal or state funds.

WE NEED YOUR HELP & ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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