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JHS Students Receive Awards

An evening celebrating the arts with Jerome Harrison Elementary School grade two students at Aqua Turf, sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Receiving the awards for music and art, respectively, Carly Wright and Connor Francisco. Congratulating their students, left to right, Mrs. Humphrey, Music Educator; Mrs. Bannon, Grade Two; Mrs. Signor, Grade Two; Mrs. Remetta, Art Educator.

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North Branford Boy Scout Troop 453 Easter Plant Sale

On Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th, Boy Scout Troop 453 will be holding their annual Easter Plant Sale to help raise funds to offset the costs of upcoming camping trips and activities. The Easter Plant Sale will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14th and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15th at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford. Event is held rain or shine.

*Remember, the Totoket Times
will publish again next week.
To get last minute Easter messages out,
you must call TODAY!*

Easter Egg Hunt - April 10th, 10AM

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Ct. Sportsplex Fieldhouse, on Saturday, April 10th at 10AM. The event will be sponsored by the the North Branford Rotary and the North Branford Park & Recreation Department.

All town residents are invited to attend as there will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny.



Happy Birthday Doctor Suess

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Time To Update

Dear Editor: It is time for North Branford to consider updating its form of government. The selection of Counselors every two years with the top vote getter becoming Mayor needs to change. Let's change the term of Counselors to four-

years. The four-year terms should alternate so that every two-years half of the Counselors would be elected. The Mayor should be

elected independent of the Counselors also for a four-year term. The Mayor's role on the Council should be redefined so that he/she has more responsibility. We should not abandon the management form of government but enhance it with the continuity of a council with four-year terms and a dedicated Mayor. In an era of extreme partisanship, it is time to knock down the partisan walls and begin a dialogue on how best we can improve our community and enhance its economic development. Changing our form of government is a place to start.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora Connecticut's Employment Reform Battle



For the first time since I've been in the General Assembly, the Appropriations Committee raised bills and had public hearings on 96 bills that address the state's employment cost. State workers showed up in force to testify against the bills, and given the sheer number of bills, I don't blame their feeling that they are under attack. While I

don't believe that we should pass every one of those bills into law, the conversation of structural changes to fix our budget problems is long overdue.

The legislature is effectively cut out of the current process of approving collective bargaining contracts. This is significant because salaries, pensions, and healthcare benefits are all part of these contracts. According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, 31.8% of the state budget or \$6,352,000,000 is tied up in salaries, pensions, and healthcare. When we are trying to solve a budget deficit of almost \$4 billion over the next two years, it is frustrating that almost a third of the budget is out of legislative control. The purpose of these bills is to put some decision-making power into the hands of the legislature.

HB 5838 AA Excluding Retirement and Health Care Benefits from Collective Bargaining by State Employees – This bill takes pension and healthcare benefits out of the collective bargaining process and requires the legislature to determine these benefits in statute. Connecticut is in a small minority of states that determine pension benefits through collective bargaining without a requirement that the legislature vote on these kinds of bills. The current SEBAC agreement is in effect until 2022; therefore, this proposal would not take go into effect until right after that contract expires.

HB 6083 AA Limiting the Duration of State Employee Collective Bargaining Agreements – Any future collective bargaining agreements would be limited to the term of the Governor who negotiated the contract. For example, if a Governor has two years of a term remaining, a newly negotiated agreement would be limited to those two remaining years. It is common practice that current Governors will bind the hands of future governors and set long term contracts like our current one.

HB 6509 AAC Defined Contribution Retirement Plans for Newly Hired State Employees – This bill would apply only to newly hired state employees – those hired after the effective date of the bill. According to Pew Research, a Defined Contribution Plan with a four-percent match from the State would save \$3.4 billion through 2046.

I'm hopeful that we can continue to have a meaningful conversation about structural reforms so we can move Connecticut toward long-term fiscal stability.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, North Branford lost one of it's finest this week. Clem Esposito was one of my heroes. I was involved with him in the North Branford Little League where he served as the Player Agent for more than 600 kids. Clem, went about his business with class and integrity. He never put himself, his own kids or team or his own agenda first. It was always about the kids. ALL THE KIDS. He kept all of us honest when it came time to selecting league teams and all star representatives. He studied all the league rules and made sure they were followed. He was always there when we needed him. He would kick me off the grill when it was time for the opening day and pre-opening day celebrations. He made a mean sausage, peppers and onion sub and I always enjoyed talking to him about the seven course fish dinner on Christmas Eve. It was June, but it was still on our minds to make sure our Christmas Eve was complete for the family.

As the kids grew and we went our separate ways, I didn't see Clem as much as I would have liked. His youngest son was our high school baseball manager and Clem made it a point to see some of our games. Whenever I saw him, he would always greet me with that big smile and finish the meeting with "we have to get together". I'm sorry we never did. We always think there is plenty of time to do that.

I must say, Clem was laid to rest at Iovanne's Funeral Home. I think he beat your attendance record. I and several friends tried on more than one occasion to pay our respects but the lines never let up. We always said that was a true testament to how a man lived his life. Nothing further needs to be said.

Well the propane debacle is over. I knew on day one that it would not be approved but congratulations to the 50 or so people who are all claiming that is was their victory because they yelled the loudest. Now they could drop the lawsuits against our volunteer committee members. I hope when our volunteers step down for fear of lawsuits and personal threats verbally and physically, these same people are ready to step up and do the job.

Now we will concentrate on the Dispatcher Debacle. MY prediction is that will be the same thing with a positive outcome. Once again a small group will claim victory when the outcome would have been the same. All though some of these suggestions might be over the top, it's good to have the proper research done, the discussions and decisions taking place and the votes being made.

The people making the decisions are dedicated and in most cases there are enough of them to vote to make the best decision. I don't always agree with the decisions (two libraries) but the world doesn't end because I am not satisfied. I think we need a five year plan and it just seems that time is being wasted with these long drawn out struggles by those with a one piece agenda. It takes away the time needed to discuss the critical problems that face our community.

Take care and enjoy talking baseball with Clem. I'll see you soon.

Don't Support this Bill

Dear Editor; Recently, I read an article in the New Haven Register about Ted Kennedy concerning the fact that he is supporting Bill #SB750 which will give the State Government the right to take control of a person's body immediately after death regardless of family wishes so that the State can harvest their organs for profit.

This is a most horrific and cruel suggestion to come from the State government.

Are the leaders of this State government so desperate for money to support their liberal agenda that they are willing to disrespect the rights of families and not allow them to care for their loved ones after death?

We better think twice before we vote for Kennedy again or any other politician that supports this idea.

We are a free American.
Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

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All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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Lock Box Security?

Our Constitutional rights to privacy and due process are extremely important. I have litigated illegal search and seizure cases both against law enforcement as well as in defense of it. The need to be secure in our persons and property must be a heartfelt concern if we are to remain a free society. Our Town Council seemed to overlook these concerns in considering proposed ordinance Section 40-11 on March 7.

In my view, the March 7th Town Council discussions should have but did not trigger any concern for our Constitutional rights – concerns that far exceed the simple safety measures the ordinance purports to address. The rationale for this ordinance is that it is “being adopted nationally” to eliminate “costly and time-consuming” efforts in accessing locked structures during emergencies. It would require property owners to install key lock boxes on all commercial, industrial, multi-family and government structures. In the owner’s absence, any claim of “emergency” would allow government officials to enter our property with that key.

My skepticism is triggered by the federal origin as well as the aim of this ordinance - warrantless access to our private property. This concern is compounded by the nature of its mandate: It would require our consent to Big Brother’s entry whenever someone subjectively declares an “emergency.” The ordinance’s failure to limit its most important and far-reaching terms should – but seemingly did not - engender great skepticism in our lawmakers.

The term “emergency” is in no way defined or limited. It could be any report of smoke, intruders, screams, gunshots, the smell of gas, or speculation as to illegal guns or explosives. Although the ordinance suggests that we are consenting only to the warrantless entry of our fire department, it fails to limit who can enter or the extent and purpose of their activities thereafter. In its March 7th iteration, the ordinance would allow the FBI or DHS to declare an emergency and access our property through our fire department. The police department or building code officials could claim authority to enter based upon some subjective notion of emergency, even from an anonymous source.

This ordinance would herald our consent to warrantless government access to our property. While our Constitution forbids warrantless search and seizure, we would effectively consent to government observation of everything in plain sight and thereby provide the basis for a lawful search warrant. Anyone with a nefarious motive could plant evidence, report an “emergency” and contrive our false arrest.

Also unaddressed are the compounded privacy interests that flow from access to our businesses. In addition to warrantless access, the ordinance would create the potential for unverifiable access, a problem immeasurably compounded by the likely use of electronic keys and hacking. Your doctors’ offices, accountants’ records and lawyers’ files are protected, both by the building owners’ privacy and property rights as well as by your right to privacy. How can access to this master key be limited and verified? Should the ordinance separately address problems attendant to government and banking records?

I was the only one who said anything at the March 7th meeting. While I was heartened by council member Candelora’s statement that the ordinance should address these concerns, to the extent they are not, this is just the start of mandated consent to warrantless entry into the sanctity and security of all of our property. There is no reason for big Brother to stop with our businesses; our homes are next.

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“Kirt Westfall is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a major in history and sociology of science, Attorney Westfall, along with his partner and wife, Theresa Behrens, have been North Branford residents since 1994. Attorney Westfall has argued cases before all levels of court, save the U.S. Supreme Court. His early experiences in Washington D.C., working for a Fortune 500 company and the federal government under the Regan administration, compel him to keep his law practice small, focused on solving his clients’ problems rather than the those of a large organization. He and his wife appreciate the small town oasis that is North Branford and seek to offer their thoughts and insights into contemporary social issues.”

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

The North Branford Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the North Branford Intermediate School Cafeteria – 654 Foxon Road, North Branford on the proposed budget as submitted by the Town Manager and Board of Education for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Edward Smith Library, Atwater Library, Town Clerk’s Office, Town Manager’s Office and Town Website.

Dated in North Branford, Connecticut, this 30th day of March, 2017

The North Branford Town Council

Ordinance

Notice is hereby given of the enactment of Ordinance #251 (Council #2017-3) entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”, which amends Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of North Branford.

The following is a summary of Chapter 148 containing all amendments to the chapter. A copy of the entire ordinance, Chapter 148, is available in the Town Clerk’s Office or on the town website.

Additions are in bold. Deletions are in brackets.

§ 148-2. Terms Defined

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT - Any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration or improvements to a structure, taking place **over a five year period** [during the life of a structure], in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure **before the start of construction of the improvement**. The market value of the structure should be the appraised value of the structure prior to the start of the initial repair or improvement, using the replacement cost method of appraisal or, in the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring. For the purposes of this definition, “substantial improvement” is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimension of the structure. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions.

§ 148-3. Applicable area.

This chapter shall apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the Town of North Branford identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for New Haven County, Connecticut, dated **May 16, 2017** [December 17, 2010], accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated **May 16, 2017** [December 17, 2010] (**Panels - 09009C0314J, 09009C0316J, 09009C0317J, 09009C0318J, 09009C0319J, 09009C0336J, 09009C0452J, 09009C0454J, 09009C0456J, 09009C0458J, 09009C0459J, 09009C0467K, and December 17, 2010 (Panels - 09009C0338H, 09009C0457H, 09009C0476H, 09009C0478H, 09009C0486H)**), and other supporting data applicable to the Town of North Branford, and any subsequent revisions thereto, are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. Since mapping is legally adopted by reference into this chapter, it must take precedence when more restrictive until such time as a map amendment or map revision is obtained from FEMA. The areas of special flood hazard include any area shown on the FIRM as Zones A and AE, including areas designated as a floodway on a FIRM. SFHA’s are determined utilizing the base flood elevations (BFEs) provided on the flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for a community. BFEs provided on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are only approximate (rounded up or down) and should be verified with the BFEs published in the FIS for a specific location. The Flood Insurance Study is on file at the North Branford Administration Building, Route 80, North Branford, Connecticut.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the ordinance passed by the Town Council of the Town of North Branford on March 21, 2017 in accordance with Section C4-6 of the North Branford Town Charter.

Effective date: This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one days after publication, to wit: April 21, 2017.

Suzanne P. Ashman - North Branford Deputy Town Clerk

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For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**

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Recently **Country Paint and Hardware**, **TJ's Launderette**, and **Town Hall** have been added as drop-off locations to the original locations: **At-**

Military Whist Card Party
The Northford Women's Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 5th at STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:30 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$8 per person. Proceeds benefit various charity organizations in Northford and surrounding towns. For tickets or more information, contact Michele at 203-717-2203. The Northford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among

women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and co-operating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. <http://www.northfordwomen-sclub.org>.

water and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.
Thank you to all participants for giving this program a very successful start!
For more information visit the NBSHWRC at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com or like us on Facebook at North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.

North Branford
Scrap Metal Pickup
April 17th through April 21st
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Marissa Berthiaume Represents NBHS

This past weekend, senior, Marissa Berthiaume, represented NBHS at the New England Music Festival! Marissa won her seat as trumpet in the Concert Band after an audition on December 10th. The Band was comprised of the top students from across New England. The three day festival ended with a fantastic concert Saturday at Norwalk City Hall.

Pictured is NBHS Instrumental Music Instructor Katie Trainer (left) and Marissa (Photo supplied by Princial Todd Stoeffler)

Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2805 is soliciting graduating high school seniors of Italian heritage to apply for its regional scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarship is open to seniors from **Hamden HS, North Branford HS, North Haven HS, Lyman Hall HS, and Sheehan HS** who will be attending college or technical school in the fall, 2017.

Applications are available through each school's Guidance Office or may

be downloaded directly from the Lodge's web-site, www.northhaven-lodge2805.club.

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The North Branford Education Foundation will once again be awarding the "Chef Ed Slubowski" scholarship to a graduating senior who expresses an interest in a further education or occupation in the culinary field. North Branford students can pick up an application in the guidance office. All other town residents who attend a private high school can call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

All completed applications must be submitted by April 30, 2017.

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Michael Pantera was named to the Honors List at Pofret School in CT.

Alisyn Narracci was named to the Scholar honors list at Pomfret College.

Allison Faraclos, Dylan Podbielski and Mara Pollick were named to the Dan's List at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.



North Branford Public Schools 2017-2018 Pre-school Applications *Now Being Accepted*

The North Branford School District has been awarded Smart Start Grant money to establish a pre-kindergarten program for approximately 15 of the district's youngest learners. The school district will be receiving \$215,689 over the next two years in capital and operating funds to support a Smart Start Pre-school Program classroom at Jerome Harrison Elementary School.

The goal of the new pre-school program is to provide experiences that will promote social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive learning and development through a differentiated and integrated program. Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker describes the Smart Start Program as an entry point to North Branford's coherent PreK-12 continuum- a continuous, sequential, progressive, aligned set of learning experiences designed to provide students with the foundational knowledge and skills that are ultimately necessary to be prepared for college and career and be a responsible 21st Century citizen of the world.

Children born after January 1, 2013 and before January 2, 2014 and are residents of the Town of North Branford are eligible to apply. This program will meet five days a week at Jerome Harrison Elementary School (JHS) following the North Branford Public Schools' Calendar (181 Days) and JHS school-day (9:00am – 3:25pm). The program itself will be provided by the school district at no cost to parents.

Applications will be reviewed and considered according to Smart Start requirements:

Children in the following circumstances will be high priority for enrollment: poverty (children who are from families with incomes at or below 75% of SMI (State Median Income) or receive free or reduced lunch), homeless, migrant, refugee, violence and neglect (DCF involved, in foster care), developmental delays, and/or challenging parental circumstances (teenage, incarcerated, in treatment for substance abuse, active military service).

After priority students are offered a required percentage of enrollment, any available enrollment will be determined and offered based on an application lottery system.

To be considered for this early childhood program, **an application must be completed, postmarked or hand-delivered by 4:00pm by April 28, 2017.**

More information on the NBPS Pre-school Program and Application Process can be found at:

- the district's website www.northbranfordschools.org
- NBPS Central Office (1332 Middletown Ave. Northford)
- Jerome Harrison Elementary School (335 Foxon Road North Branford)

If parents have any additional questions, after reviewing the available information, they may contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 203-484-1477.



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



Know a Senior or an 8th Grader?

Send them congratulatory 17” mylar balloons that will be delivered to their house with your personalized note!

Purple balloons for seniors,
White balloons for 8th graders.

Balloons are \$5.00 each and are inscribed with a North Branford Graduate logo.

All funds raised will help support the North Branford High School Girls Soccer Team

If you do not know a 2017 graduate, please consider making a donation so that all graduates can have a balloon during this special time.

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JUNE 1st
WHY WAIT ORDER YOUR BALLOON TODAY!!!

Graduate’s Name: _____

Senior _____ 8th Grader _____

Graduate’s Address: _____

Your note to Graduate: _____

Sender’s name: _____

Sender’s phone number: _____

Total balloons ordered _____ x \$5.00 each = \$ _____
Cash _____ Check _____

Payment must be included with order!!!!

Please make checks payable to **North Branford Girls Soccer**
Mail To: North Branford Girls Soccer, c/o Tracey Violette
44 Doral Farm Road, North Branford, CT 06471
If you have any questions, please call 203-484-4374

Stuffed Bread Fundraiser for Prject Graduation Deadline to Order is TODAY!

Project Graduation will be running a stuffed breads fundraiser. The following breads will be available: Pepperoni & Mozzarella, Spinach Plain, Spinach & Mozzarella, Spinach, Sausage & Mozzarella, Broccoli Plain, Broccoli & Mozzarella, Broccoli, Sausage & Mozzarella, Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Parmesan, Buffalo Chicken, Meatball & Mozzarella, Sausage, Peppers & Mozzarella. \$10.00

DEADLINE FOR ALL BREAD ORDERS : TODAY, FRIDAY
MARCH 31, 2017

Orders and Payment should be brought to NBHS ATT: Project Graduation 49 Caputo Road.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : NBHS PROJECT GRADUATION . Questions contact Venice1965@gmail.com

ORDER PICK UP DATE : APRIL 6, 2017 6-8:00 PM @ NBHS



Football Team Wins Pequot Weight Lifting Comp. Ryszczyk Takes Overall Championship



The North Branford Football Team placed 1st Saturday, March 11th in the 2017 13th Annual Pequot League Weight Lifting Competition. The team combined for a total of 10,565 pounds lifted in the three events. Competing teams included Valley Regional, Coginchaug, Gilbert, Haddam Killingworth, Coventry and Cromwell.

Jason Ryszczyk (left) won the overall competition with lifts of 425 squats, 260 bench press and 295 power clean.

Good riddance to Old Man Winter

Potholes. Cold starts. Road salt.

Winter’s terrible trio put quite a beating on your car. Some problems don’t start until well after that last snowflake

melts away. Which is why we offer a free 21-point spring maintenance inspection along with our \$49.95 alignment check. Call today to schedule an appointment - let’s put Old Man Winter in the rearview mirror.

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Baseball Camp
June 19—23 & July 10—14

Soccer Camp
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www.ctsportsplex.com

Week 1	June 12—16
Week 2	June 19—23
Week 3	June 26—30
Week 4	July 3—7
Week 5	July 10— 14
Week 6	July 17—21
Week 7	July 24—28
Week 8	July 31—Aug 4
Week 9	August 7—11
Week 10	August 14—18
Week 11	August 21—25



Cub Scouts Reach the Arrow of Light to Move on to Boy Scouts

The boys of Pack 455, Den 3 have worked very hard to accomplish the highest award in Cub Scouts, The arrow of Light. On February 25th, these boys ended their journey through Cubscouts and started their journey through Boy Scouts.

Pictured above: Top row; Shane Salemme, Jadeane Grant (Leader), & Aiden Chittenden. Middle Row; Jacob Koltypin, Dylan Dwyer, Josh Dion and Nicco Nardeccia. Front row; Chris Olsen, Nicholas Grant, Sean Boardman and Atum Colon. Missing from the phot is assistant Den Leader Deidre Salemme.

Weathering the Storm:

Stories of the Great Blizzard of 1888

The winter of 1887-1888 was the mildest one in Connecticut in almost 20 years – until March 11, 1888. When people went to bed that Sunday night, no one suspected that just 72 hours later 400 New Englanders would have died and more than 300 ocean-going vessels would have been sunk or capsized.

Using excerpts from letters and diaries of area residents and photographs from the area, **Beth Payne, Museum Director at The Dudley Farm Museum**, tells the story of “The Great White Hurricane”. A quilt owned by the Museum and made by women from the North Guilford Potter Family has this great storm as its subject matter and was the inspiration for this presentation.

Join us for this interesting program on Thursday, April 6th at 6:30PM.! The Atwater Memorial Library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. For information, call 203 481-5268 or check our website www.nbranfordlibraries.wix.com/home

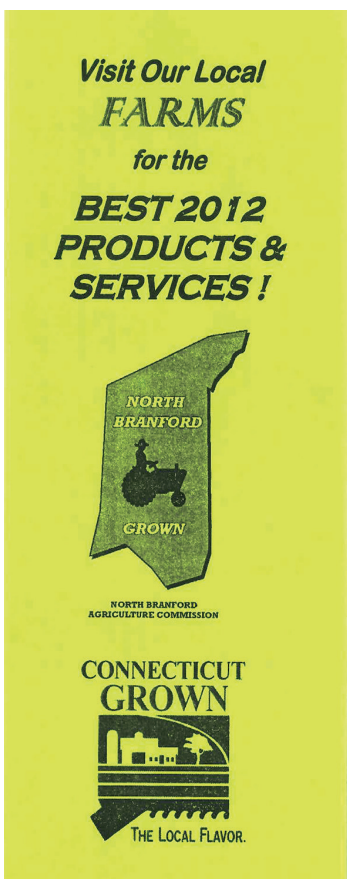
The Dudley Foundation/Dudley Farm Museum and the Atwater Library are grateful for the support of the Guilford Foundation in making this presentation possible.

North Branford Updating Agricultural Brochure

Perhaps you remember the informative, bright green brochure from the North-Branford Agricultural Commission back in 2012? The North Branford Economic Development Commission, recognizing the importance of agriculture in our Town, is working with members of the Agricultural Commission (presently inactive) to update this “Visit Our Local Farms” brochure for the start of the growing season.

Calls have been made to those listed in the 2012 brochure to confirm and update the information. We thank all of those who have responded and ask that others e-mail TownPlanner@Townof-northbranfordct.com to confirm or update information in the 2012 brochure.

If you have not been contacted and are a farm/farm stand/agricultural (plants and animals) type business in North Branford/Northford and would like to submit your information, please e-mail it to the above e-mail address.



VNA Hosts Programs for North Branford

Taxes, Savings, and Planning for Your Future

Join VNA Community Healthcare and Attorney Joseph Fournier on Tuesday, April 4 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley T. Williams Community Senior Center, 1332 Middletown Ave. for an informative program focusing on helping you get your affairs in order to support the people and causes you care about. Attorney Fournier will discuss how you can provide for your family, save on taxes and create charitable bequests. For more information about all of VNA Community Healthcare’s wellness programs, visit www.ConnecticutHomecare.org or call 1.866.474.5230 (toll-free).

Don’t Forget: Memory Matters

Join VNA Community Healthcare on Wednesday, April 5th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Rd., to learn about the importance of exercising your brain and how to maintain brain function. Program is free and registration is not required. For more information about all of VNA Community Healthcare’s wellness programs, visit www.ConnecticutHomecare.org or call 1.866.474.5230 (toll-free).

Comfort in Motion

A social walking group for the bereaved

3 separate nine week groups per year

Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford

Please join us for peer support & casual socializing after the walk in the Evergreen Woods Clubroom to round off the hour. This is a social walking group, not therapy or psycho-education, no handouts, no “experts”. The group is facilitated by a trained VNA Community Healthcare Volunteer as a companion, who walks alongside the group. After the 9 week program, the attendee will “graduate” and be encouraged to continue walking with own support. Please pre-register by calling VNA Community Healthcare’s Helpline: 1.866.474.5230.

Attendees may register for one group only and must be 3 months or more from date of loved one’s death.

Group #1: Meets weekly on Thursdays 10-11 a.m. beginning on April 6, 2017 and ending June 1, 2017

Group #2: Meets weekly on Thursdays 10-11 a.m. beginning June 29, 2017 and ending August 24, 2017

Group #3: Meets weekly on Thursdays 10-11 a.m. September 21, 2017 and ending November 16, 2017

***Don’t forget, the Totoket Times
will print next week to
publish all your Easter Information***

Hope After Loss, Inc.® Compassionate Care Awards Gala

Hope After Loss, Inc.® will present its 2017 Compassionate Care Awards on May 17, 2017 to Dr. Richard Viscarello, an obstetrician at Maternal Fetal Care, PC in Stamford, and Megan Ryan, a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital. The Compassionate Care Awards recognize and promote excellence in the care of families that have lost a pregnancy or infant.

Richard Viscarello was nominated by Sloane Spanierman, mother of Jemma. She wrote, “Dr. V has been our friend, guide and angel... He is the only doctor who has offered us hope, solution and a plan. He has sat with us for countless hours and looked at our situation from every angle. We love and adore him.”

Megan Ryan was also nominated by Sloane Spanierman. In her letter of nomination about Ms. Ryan, Sloane wrote, “She was wonderful to our daughter while she was alive as her primary nurse and she has been an incredible friend and confidant to us since Jemma passed.

The Compassionate Care Awards will be presented at a Gala from 6-9pm at Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Rd, Branford, CT, 06405. Dinner, beer and wine tasting, entertainment, and a silent auction will be hosted to benefit the Hope After Loss, Inc. ® programs. Tickets are available through the website www.hopeafterloss.org.

About Hope After Loss: Hope After Loss, Inc.®, a non-profit organization in Connecticut, provides free services to those who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or infant, including peer support groups. Education, awareness and outreach initiatives are provided to medical, mental health, and other professional organizations. Hope After Loss, Inc. also provides financial assistance to low income bereaved parents who have lost a baby but cannot afford the cost of burial or cremation. For more information, please visit www.hopeafterloss.org.

North Branford

Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford

203-484-6017 - www.nbparkrec.com

Activities

You Can Cook

Who: Ages 8-14

Session: April 8 – May 6

Location: STW Community Center

Time: Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$20 per date or \$90 for all

Description: *Who said kids can’t cook? Join this deliciously fun class! This class is hands on culinary instruction. Each participant will prepare their own food.*

Paint Night

Who: Grades 8-14

Session: April 26, May 10

Location: STW Community Center

Time: Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30 res/\$35 nr

Description: *Taught by a qualified instructor, participants will create their own masterpiece. All materials will be included and each child will get to take home their amazing artwork!*

Adult Self Defense

Who: 16+

Session: April 17 – May 8

Location: Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy

Time: Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Description: *Learn to use the tools you already have to be efficient and effective at modern, realistic self-defense.*

Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Class

Who: Ages 12 and up

Session: April 11, 13, and 18

Location: STW Community Center

Time: Tu, Th, Tu 6:00-9:00

Fee: \$20

Description: *A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in three evenings. With successful completion of this basic safe boating class students will be able to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, enabling them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length, including Jet Skis. State-certified instructors go over topics such as: choosing the right boat, equipment requirements, state boating laws, safety regulations, navigation rules, buoy systems, trailering, safe fueling, weather, accident prevention, special topics and much more. All students receive an official diploma and state certificate application upon successful completion of the course. Students must obtain a CT Conservation # before attending. See ct.gov/deep.*

Bus Trips

Wednesday, April 12th. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Description: STEP INSIDE A WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION! Roald Dahl’s most treasured tale is coming to Broadway in a delicious new musical. Show is at 2:00p.m. Enjoy a wonderful day in the city during April Break

Fee: \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own)

Seats: Orchestra

Saturday, June 3rd. The King and I

Description: This classic musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna, a school teacher. The King and I score boasts some of the classic songs as well as some new. Prior to the show enjoy lunch at the Chowder Pot in Hartford.

Fee: \$165 res/\$170 nr

Thursday, June 8th. Mamma Mia!

Description: A 20 year old woman wants to have a traditional wedding and hopes her father will walk her down the aisle, but there’s one problem: she doesn’t know who her father is! She narrows the list down to three men and hilarity ensues. The classic songs you know and love will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.

Fee: \$110 res/\$115 nr

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

* Senior Hot Lunch available – Check out the menu at nbparkrec.com

Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

*Now offering a different hot soup weekly

*As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every Tuesday at 12:30.

Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!

Taxes, Savings & Planning for Your Future – Tuesday, April 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., FREE

Join us to hear from estate planner, Attorney Joseph Fornier, and learn how you can provide for your family, save on taxes and create charitable bequests. This program is in collaboration with the Shoreline VNA.

Stew Leonard’s - Friday, April 7, 10:30

Stew Leonard’s has grown to become not only the World’s Largest Dairy Store, but one of the most renowned grocery stores. Let’s shop for some delicious deals and then stay for a buffet lunch!

Watercolors w/ Karen - Monday, April 10, 11:00, FREE

Karen is back for another series of watercolor painting! Join her for a 1 hour class. All materials provided.

Ocean State Job Lot - Wednesday, April 12, 12:30

After lunch, let’s browse some super deals at Ocean State Job Lot!

C.Napoli - Thursday, April 13, 12:00, \$3.00 + tip

Enjoy a delicious lunch and the hospitality of our friend, Gigi.

Pizza Wars!

Tuesday, April 25th, 6 - 8pm

Join us at STW Community Center for the 8th annual Pizza Wars!

Tickets on sale now at STW Community Center

Pre Sale - \$5

At the Door - \$7

Children under 3 are free!

Proceeds benefit North Branford Senior Center programs & activities.

Sample a variety of cheese pizzas from your

North Branford and Northford Pizzerias

and vote for the best!

Join us for an evening of fun, music, refreshments, and raffles.

Desserts will be available from Pastry Fusions.

Every Thursday the Seniors enjoy playing BINGO. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. For example, in the past, **Pastry Fusions** has donated assorted baked goods to use as prizes. If you are interested in supporting this well-attended activity, please contact Kathy or Kerry at (203) 484-6017.

North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

August 4, 5, and 6, 2017

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Applications are now being accepted for vendor space at the 2017 Potato and Corn Festival. Spaces are available for crafts, businesses, non-profit and food vendors.

Come sell your unique product with excellent results

Gain exposure to over 25,000 visitors

Reasonable application fees

For more information call 203-484-6017

or email crafts@nbpotatofest.com

Applications are available online at nbpotatofest.com

Avant Garde Holistic Center To Hold Benefit for Branford Compassion Club

Spirit medium and clairvoyant Althea DePascale returns to Avant Garde Holistic Center, 328 E. Main St., Saturday, April 22 from 7-9 p.m. in a benefit appearance for the Branford Compassion Club feline rescue and adoption organization. The popular DePascale will help connect attendees with their loved ones and pets that have crossed over to the other side. Seating is limited, so reserve early. Suggested donation is \$10. For reservations, call Avant Garde at 203-481-8443 or email avantgardect13@yahoo.com.

The Branford Compassion Club, founded in 1997, raises awareness about the importance of spay-neutering felines, educates the public about kindness to animals, aids in the adoption of homeless cats and cares for those deemed unadoptable after they have been trapped, neutered and released into its area feral colonies. To date, its Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, at 2037 Foxon Road, has found forever homes for more than 1,300 cats.

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

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. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

St. 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 and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am 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.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

Come and worship at 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm.

April 9, 2017@ 10am - Palm Sunday Service - Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

April 13,2017 - Maundy Thursday@ 7pm - Recount Jesus’ Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

April 14, 2017 @ 12 noon - Good Friday - An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 16, 2017 @6:00am - Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard - Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 16, 2017 @ 10am - Easter Sunday Service - A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1382 Middletown Ave. Northford

Lenten and Easter Schedule

April 9 Palm Sunday 10:00am

April 13 Maundy Thursday light potluck supper followed by the Eucharist 6:30pm

April 14 Good Friday 7:00pm

April 16 Easter 10:00am

Northford Congregational Church Holy Week

The Northford Congregational Church will hold a Palm Sunday traditional service at 10 a.m. on Sun., Apr. 9, followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

There will be an annual Maundy Thursday service on Apr. 13 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 6 p.m. in the social hall.

There will be a Good Friday service on Apr. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Easter Sunday service on Apr. 16 will be at 10 a.m., and flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome. There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

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 office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com.



Cooking for Bell Tower Fundraiser

The Northford Congregational Church kitchen was a busy place on the weekend of March 11. Many church members and members of the Bell Tower Committee prepared a terrific corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser for both sit-down and take-out diners. Council chair Peter Jenkin and committee member Paulette Hart were caught by the camera as they worked at the stove prior to the meal.

The dinner was a great success. The next fundraiser is the annual flower/plant sale to be held on Easter weekend; that event will benefit the church.

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. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

NCC Church Fundraisers

Northford Congregational Church will have both an Easter weekend flower/plant sale and a Mother’s Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The Easter weekend flower/plant sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., Apr. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Mother’s Day weekend flower sale will be held on Fri., May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sat., May 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A bake sale will be held on Sat., May 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the items will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Like us on Facebook.

Lenten & Easter Schedule

St. Ambrose Parish
203-484-0403

St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford
St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford

Daily Mass: Mon. and Wed. 9am at St. Augustine Chapel,
Tues., Fri. and Sat. 9am at St. Monica Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Mondays during Lent from 6 -7pm at both church locations

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, March 17, 24 & 31 at 6pm at
St. Monica ‘Living’ Stations of the Cross on Fri. April 7th at 7pm at
St. Augustine, refreshments following

Adoration: Apr. 7 from 6am-1pm at St. Augustine Chapel

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: April 9th, 9 am at St. Monica, 11am at St. Augustine
Reconciliation: Monday, April 10th, 6-7pm at St. Augustine Church
and St. Monica Church. Friday, April 14th, 12-1pm at St. Augustine
Holy Thursday Mass: April 13th 7pm at St. Augustine Church
Good Friday Liturgy: April 14th 8pm at St. Augustine Church
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 15th 8pm at St. Augustine Church
Easter Sunday Masses: April 16th 9am St. Monica Church and
11am at St. Augustine Church

We wish you a blessed Lent & a Joyous Easter!

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Mark Bowie to Present at Camera Club

Professional nature photographer, writer and lecturer Mark Bowie will give a presentation at a North Haven Camera Club instructional meeting, Tuesday April 4th, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven.

Mark Bowie's topic will be "Envision: The Art of Seeing Creatively". Mark will discuss seeing subjects not only for what they are, but what they can be in compelling compositions; with the use of lines, form, colors and tone. Mark explains, "Learning to use our powers of observation, to envision an image in the mind's eye, is a life-long learning process that can elevate our imagery to ever-higher levels."

Non-members are welcome with \$10 fee for this presentation, which will be refundable if a non-member joins the club this season or next. North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members and guests at all meetings.

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

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Friends of the North Branford Libraries Book Sale

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will begin collecting gently used books for the annual book sale commencing Saturday, March 18th and continuing through Saturday, May 27th at the Atwater Memorial and Edward Smith libraries. Books in good condition may be brought to the libraries on Saturdays only. No magazines or encyclopedias please. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sorting of the books.

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jerome Harrison School, 335 Foxon Road. Volunteers are needed to assist with the book sale. Contact 203-481-2730 for further information.

Free Public Stargazing

at Young's Pond Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting free family public viewing events during 2017. They start after sunset at Young's Pond Park in Branford. Telescopes will be pointed at the planets, star clusters and nebulae. Members will also point out the constellations and galaxies. Dress for cool weather. Red flashlights are encouraged. Since white light causes a loss of night vision, please point white flashlights at the ground. ASNH can assist you with your own telescope or binoculars, bring them to the events below and we will help you. New members are welcome. The Saturday dates are April 22, May 6, June 17, October 21 and November 18. For directions, info and cancellations due to weather, go to www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

NBLCT Joins the Great Give®



A 36-hour, online-giving event to support local nonprofits



The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) is excited to be participating in the Great Give®, a 36-hour, online-giving event to support local nonprofits.

The NBLCT was established to acquire and preserve open space in North Branford and environs. The goal of the land trust is to protect and sustain open land, its natural resources as well as its historic buildings for the benefit of the community and to protect, enhance and maintain the rural character of North Branford

for posterity.

When you support organizations that protect the environment, you address the immediate need while ensuring a greener and healthier tomorrow. Help NBLCT secure money to purchase land so that North Branford can retain its rural character. On May 2 and May 3, please take a moment, go to the NBLCT Facebook or Web page and make a tax-deductible contribution to NBLCT through the Great Give®. For more information or to make a donation, go to givegreat.org or nblandtrust.org, or visit us on Facebook.

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 3, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speakers will be Pharmacist Dalya Sabet and Registered Dietitian Sarah Vacher of ShopRite Supermarkets.

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