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I have published more than 500 editions. Hurricanes, tornadoes, snow storms, family tragedies, personal illnesses and surgeries, have never caused me to miss an issue. I hope I have always kept our community informed and been a vehicle for our advertisers to get the word out to the residents of our great town. I still feel there is a need for a hometown newspaper even with the rise of other media avenues. I try to continue to adjust with the changing times trying to never leave our mantra, of "For our town, from our town"

I've done my best, but now it's your turn. I need your help more than ever. The pandemic has hit many of us in the pocketbooks and The Totoket Times is no exception. For a paper which has never made me rich, this year I have seen revenue drop by more than 10% and although I have lived with it never making me rich, I can't afford to have it make me poor. I need your help to continue.

I annually ask you to get involved with a voluntary payment and this year I am urging you to continue with that assistance.

"For our town, from our Town" has never been more obvious. Keep your paper going with a voluntary payment of at least \$10.00 and let's stay together and move forward. We can only continue if we do this thing together.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



This week has been quite an emotional roller coaster. I was humbled and honored by the residents of the 86th District who returned me to Hartford, and then two days later, my House Republican Caucus elected me to serve as their leader over the next session, an honor bestowed upon this district twice in the last fifteen years, when Robert

Ward served as leader previously. All of this, however, is overshadowed by the tragic loss of Lou Paternoster, who not only served on the Board of Education and Town Council, but volunteered countless hours as a coach, referee and umpire.

I first met Lou through his wife, Betty Jo, while serving as a Rotarian in North Branford. During the construction of the concession stand in 2005 at the football field, where Lou could be found working many nights during games, he and I became friends. I knew we became friends, because in that Lou style, he turned to me and said, "You know when I first met you, I thought you were a jerk, but I was wrong about you." And that was the Lou, we all know and loved.

Lou served on the Board of Education as a Republican and later ran for the Town Council as a Democrat, but party labels never mattered to him, frankly, I think he disliked them, but he served out of a passion for the community. His blunt opinions would come to the surface in conversations, but he would always follow up with a laugh and smile. Lou cared as much about the person he was talking to as he did about the subject of the conversation. Each time we ever had a disagreement, he always made sure that there were no hard feelings.

In North Branford sports, you never got the full experience unless you were T'd up or thrown out of game by Lou. He was always there to protect and help the kids become better athletes, but the adults were fair game.

To Betty Jo, Hailey, Nick and Brittany, our hearts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time. North Branford will not be the same without him, but please take comfort in knowing that our community is a better place because of him. Rest easy, Lou.

Let's Be "Frank"

As I was contemplating my theme for this letter, I was made aware of the sudden death of Lou Paternoster. To say that Lou was a North Branford icon would be an understatement. Lou Paternoster is what town residents should aspire to.

My first interaction with Lou was when he was organizing the girls basketball youth program and we had to pick out teams. When the "draft" began, Lou handed out countless printouts for evaluation. I sat up in the stands with the parents. I was rating them not the kids. I wanted parents who could make lasagna, who had a big yard with a built in pool and a driveway with a basketball hoop for additional practices, or didn't care about the won loss record. Lou couldn't understand how I could pick a team without looking at the kids. "Don't care about the kids" I argued, need to get along with the parents. He laughed, told me I was crazy and walked away.

That was Lou. He always left with a smile and more importantly, he left you with one.

As time went on and we interacted through numerous youth organizations, we had many heated discussions. His passion led him to offer pointed opinions and never back down. To put it frankly, I often thought he was a pain in the ass but I'm sure he thought the same about me.

But he had this unique way of screaming and yelling, then calming down, smiling, making you laugh and always making sure all was good when you parted company.

When I got my pacemaker three years ago and started going to the rec center for exercise he would always have a sarcastic comment about my size but he would always encourage me to keep coming back. I looked forward to my weekend visits. He made them bearable with his comments.

Finally, I came to respect Lou for his politics. He was a Republican then he was a Democrat but he was never a Party guy. His only loyalty was to the people of this town especially the kids.

Thinking of Lou reminds me of some of the lines in a prayer on the wall Mother Teresa of Calcutta's orphanage.

"...If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest & sincere anyway. The good you do today may often be forgotten, Do good anyway. Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway."

Rest easy Lou. You have said what many wanted to say but didn't have the guts to and you have given your best and that my friend has made all the difference.

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"Be Right Back"

Dear Editor

I am writing about a first time unusual experience while shopping at ShopRite Supermarket in Wallingford.

While in the bakery department, I asked the employee to place four pistachio muffins in a plastic container. I placed the container in my shopping cart and continued to shop.

Prior to checking out, I made a brief restroom stop. When I got to the checkout, I proceeded to unload my cart and I noticed my muffins were missing. I couldn't believe that someone would actually take the muffins out of my cart.

After checking out I got the attention of the manager and explained my story. To my surprise he said, "Oh I have your muffins here in a shopping cart." My first question was, why. He said one of the employees must have seen your shopping cart and thought it was abandoned.

When I got home and mentioned this to my daughter-in-law, I couldn't believe what she told me. She said people do that all the time without any remorse or consideration for the store.

I think from now on I'm going to bring signs with me when I go shopping. "BE RIGHT BACK and hope for the best.

Sincerely,
Ed Mattei

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The Editor

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

If 2020 was your year to put a comprehensive estate plan in place or to update your existing plan, you have about two months to accomplish that goal. In my experience, the toughest part of estate planning is starting the process. Once the process has begun, it rolls along rather quickly. A lot can be accomplished in a fairly short amount of time.

The best way to begin the estate planning process is by having a conversation with your spouse and adult children. Clients often ask me if they should discuss their estate plans with their adult (or nearly adult) children. As long as your kids are not anxiously waiting for you to die or actively planning your demise, there are many benefits to discussing your plans with your children.

Talking about your estate plan with your children can eliminate surprises after you die. It can also highlight areas that need work. An extra set of eyes on your plan is a good thing. A quick conversation can ensure family harmony long after you are gone. Whether you have a plan in place or are considering putting an estate plan into place, communication is key.

In person family gatherings are more difficult to pull off this year. Technology can help to overcome this obstacle. A family meeting can be as basic as a group teleconference or more sophisticated like a zoom call. Whatever your technology comfort level, there are options for safe socially distanced meetings.

When speaking with your children explain the: who, what, when, where, how and WHY of your estate plan. This makes it easier for your children, as well as the planning professionals who may be left with the task of explaining what you were trying to accomplish through your estate plan. Some children may feel slighted because they were not named as Executor or Trustee. If you are concerned about one of your kids feeling this way, I suggest getting out in front of this problem. There may be very good reasons why that child was not named. Look for opportunities to communicate these reasons.

Often children will regard unequal treatment in an estate plan as a statement of their parents love or lack thereof. This is usually far from the truth. Sometimes parents wish to provide more for a child who needs more help, and less to children who are more successful. It is imperative that you communicate your reasoning with your children. If there is no communication, it is usually left up to the (often vivid) imagination of the child to assume why you planned your estate that way.

A decent estate planning attorney will always help you plan for dollars and cents. A good estate planning attorney also takes into account the family issues and dynamics. For many people, preserving the family unit after they are gone is a major concern. There are things that you can do today that will have an impact on the lives of your children long after you pass. We often invite our clients to bring their children in to meet with us. It is always nice to meet the people who will benefit from the planning that we do. Your children can be involved in the process by discussing Executor and Trustee selections with you. This gets them involved and makes them feel like their opinion has worth, which will reap dividends for many years to come. Your kids should know (or at least know how to contact) your life insurance representative, financial planners, accountants and attorneys. Parents should try to introduce these professionals to their children. When they do meet, note how the advisors respond. Their response to your children will be a good indicator as to how helpful these advisors will be to your children in the future.

If you are interested in starting that conversation, Guertin and Guertin, LLC offers no cost estate planning consultations. If you would like a no cost estate planning consultation please call our office at 203-234-7400 for an appointment. We can meet over the phone, or via zoom or in person.

Thank You & Follow the Big 3 Ws

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate my opponent on his re-election bid as the State Representative for the 86th District for the next two years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters who voted for me this year. It was truly a rewarding experience as a Candidate for the 86th District, running and campaigning for this position. I also want to thank all of the volunteers from Guilford, North Branford, Northford, Durham and Wallingford, who worked with me during this campaign to make it the success that it had become, thank you all.

I am also pleased to note that there have been several voters who complimented me that this campaign between the candidates was run fair with no mudslinging or other negative campaigning tactics. Simply put the campaign was based on the issues, the qualifications of the candidates and the future of the 86th District.

Going forward in my opinion the most pressing issue facing the 86th District is to immediately address the COVID 19 pandemic as this virus is currently spiking and we need to ensure our children, parents and senior citizens are afforded a safe environment as the second wave gains momentum over the next couple of months.

One of the ways to protect ourselves is to follow the three Big Ws I had read in one of our newspapers: (1) Watch social distancing of six feet or more; (2) Wear a mask; and (3) Wash your hands frequently for twenty seconds or more.

Once again thank you.

Vince Mase

The two-minute warning must go!

Dear Editor:

Yes, the two-minute warning must go! Recently I addressed the North Branford Board of Education (BOE) regarding what I believed an urgent matter, notifying the parents of Totoket Valley Elementary School of a proposed cell tower to be located behind the school. In mid-sentence of my plea, the

Corona Virus Hysteria

Dear Editor,

I think it's time Governor Lamont lifted the mask mandates and fully open our state. The continued hysterics of the local media is getting old and tiresome. As of today, October 30, the numbers for Covid-19 in CT are: 70,446 positive cases, 4,609 deaths and 321 hospitalized. That results in a .065 mortality rate. Which means there's a 99.93 survival rate. I pulled these numbers right off the state website. Just this past week alone the percentage of Covid-19 cases went from 1.7 to 3.4 to 4.1 back down to 3.2, back over to 6.1 as of yesterday. And now he's considering going back to phase 2. Even the CDC states that anyone under the age of 70 has a 99 survival rate. So why all the panic?

These lockdowns don't work in stopping the transmission of the disease. In fact, they do more harm than good. Herd immunity is what we need to conquer this disease. But no, we have to stay locked away in our homes, close our businesses, limit capacity and wear a mask if you go out in public. As far as I'm concerned forcing someone to follow these guidelines is unconstitutional. We all have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How can you have any of this if you're forced to close down your business or lose your job? As far as I'm concerned government is too involved in the day to day life of the American people.

Let's address all the other problems caused by these lock downs. Suicide, alcoholism, drug use, domestic violence, crime and depression. All of these numbers have been on the rise since the outbreak of Covid-19 and they are getting worse. The children are going to school "virtually". More than half are getting lost in the system and falling behind, nationwide. It's even suspected that more children are being physically abused and it's going undetected.

Why? Because there's nobody the children can tell. They're not in school, so that eliminates reporting it to a teacher or counselor. We can't even start to comprehend the psychological effects this is going to have on these children. People are social beings and need daily interaction with others.

As far as I'm concerned the media in this country is a joke. MSNBC, CNN, ABC, NBC and CBS. Yes, even the local affiliates are a sham. The local news here in Connecticut just focuses on Covid-19 in almost every story. The news has about 6 newscasts a day and every time you turn it on it's about Corona Virus. The story is always the same. The percentage of cases in the state and the number of deaths. And that's how they keep the public stricken with fear.

If you think the local media isn't bias or a big joke, well then I've got some homework for all of you reading this to do. I want you to go to any local media website and search for "Hunter Biden/ laptop." I'll bet you don't find anything. Now go to the New York Post website and search for the same or go to Fox News and watch Tucker Carlson or Sean Hannity because they are the only ones covering the story.

I'm not getting political in this letter. I'm just using it as an example to prove a point. That point being that the media is manipulating the public and they are abusing their power.

Sincerely, David Hall

“Unavailable for Comment”

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a comment about your article on Christopher Columbus on October 16. I too am a proud Italian. My recommendation for replacing the statue would be to have one of "The Three Stooges" and I don't mean the "original ones". Let me explain.

Early on when our current president started his term, he was against having illegal immigrants coming into our country. But we have 3 bleeding heart politicians who love to see their picture in the newspaper or on television fly down to Mexico and welcome all these illegal aliens. But when us legal Italian citizens of Ct need them to stand up for us, they are nowhere to be found or heard from. The new "Three Stooges" I am referring to are Senators Blumenthal, Murphy and State Rep De-lauro. Rosa especially should be ashamed of herself for not supporting the Italian community. Wooster square is in her backyard! They all must have been hiding under the same rock. It seems to me like whenever there is a major controversy, all the politicians have the same answers "Unavailable for Comment" I just hope all the voters remembered this at election time. My vote for a new statue is for "The New Three Stooges".

Thanks for your article - Joseph Arpino Sr.

Chairwoman of the BOE announced, "Your two-minutes are up!" What?! What?! In over 20-plus years of serving on councils, boards and commissions or addressing public forums in two different states, I had never heard of a time limit to speak. It wasn't like there was anyone behind me in line to speak. I was it! I was shocked and dismayed that the BOE would have such a rule. Further, being a first time presenter to the BOE, it would have been courteous to inform me before I spoke regarding this strange rule. It's time the BOE get with the times. There is no place in our society for a "two-minute rule" for residents to present to elected officials. I urge the BOE to take action and eliminate the stifling of public input and discussion. BTW, I did get to "finish" my plea, only because I kept on talking in the wake of my "shock" to be told, "my time was up!"

Sincerely,

Frank A. Brigano

Time to Forge Ahead New High School on the Horizon



On Thursday, November 5, 2020, the North Branford Town Council voted in favor of building a new high school. The Board had been reviewing several proposals for some time and at this special meeting, voted with 7 of nine members supporting a new high school.

“The new construction will be a 40 month project”, explained Superintendent of Schools Scott Scoonmaker. With the school butting up against the present Auditorium, the first phase will be to build the academic portion of the facility where students can then begin their studies. During the next two years, the present high school will be demolished as they build the remaining portions of the new school.

In a letter to the Board of Education, the Superintendent thanked architect Rusty Malik, emphasizing, “we are confident that this project will support the 21st century learning needs of all the students”

Northford Store Receives Plastic Film Program Bench



On Tuesday, October 27, Northford Store was presented the latest bench NB has earned from the Plastic Film Recycling Program, sponsored by Trex and supported by our NB Big Y. It's NB's seventh bench.

NB Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee members Bill Savastano and Hank Petroskey made the presentation.

Thanks to Nick Demos and the entire team at Northford Store for their dedication in collecting plastic film. In the three and a half years of the program, Northford Store has joined the one ton club, as they have collected over 2,000 pounds of plastic film.

Please only place acceptable items in the collection bins and in this COVID time, please do not place any PPE.

If you are not sure what type of plastic film can go into the bins, please reach out to us.

We hope that beginning in January, the plastic film collection program will again open to all locations in Town. Thank you all for your patience as we worked through the challenges of collecting and processing the film during COVID.

The purpose of North Branford's Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is to develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of our town.

Above photo compliments of Hank Petroskey. Northford Store cashier Beverly is the first to try out the bench at the front of the store.

Mark Your Calendars for Giving Tuesday, December 1st

Giving Tuesday is a global movement to encourage the generosity of people in the support of charitable giving in their communities. Founded in 2012, Giving Tuesday inspires people to collective generosity during the holiday season. The collaborative effect of many gifts at once allows good causes to benefit substantially. Great success comes from collaboration!

Giving Tuesday emphasizes opportunities to give back to communities and causes in safe ways that allow for social connection and kindness even while practicing physical distancing.

This year, Giving Tuesday is December 1st.

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Band Members Compete Virtually

North Branford High School seniors and members of the East Haven High School Co-op Marching Band, (L to R) Emily McCormack (trumpet), Caroline Shadman (baritone horn) and Sophia Ouellet (trumpet). These young musicians, along with the rest of the marching band, were both State and National Champions last year and this year, competed virtually. Congratulations on an unconventional season, but a season nonetheless!

Photo & Information Courtesy of Julie Shadman

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Erica Albrecht and Amanda Croce were named to the President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, CT.

The Northford Women's Club

Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

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TVES & Education Foundation Collaborate on new Music Lessons

You might not see the smiles on their mask covered faces, but fifth grade students at TVES were all smiles at the conclusion of their first ukelele unit. The students in Mrs. Golia's class donned their Halloween costumes to finish out the unit.

With some forms of music put on hold due to the Pandemic, the brainstorm of Jill Rizzo was to teach the kids their lessons through the use of the ukelele's.

With a sizable donation from the North Branford Education Foundation, the dream was able to become a reality. The students were able to pursue their musical development and this will also be the start of an additional instrument when

the pandemic is over.

"I am thrilled with how accessible they are for students of all levels and for how easily they allow us to differentiate & use current music in addition to classics/folk tunes. Not to mention, they are beautiful fun colors and so easily wiped down between classes. Over the summer, I couldn't envision a year without singing and recorders, but ukulele is helping us to bridge the gap and to keep music learning joyful. We are so grateful that the Education Foundation has given us this opportunity! Our students will enjoy learning this way in this uncertain time, as well as for years to come. Explained Music Director Jill Rizzo





HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE
CLASS OF 2021 PROJECT GRADUATION

All proceeds will go to PROJECT GRADUATION 2021, an all-night substance free party for the graduating seniors following their graduation ceremony.

Order your choice of locally grown, nursery poinsettias in festive red, white, or pink in the following sizes or pick any other holiday item from Vaiuso Farms:

You may pick up your order in front of main entrance at North Branford High School on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** from 3p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Any questions, contact Cindi Anastasio (203-668-1145) or Jen Gibilisco (203-257-6845)

Cut and return order form below with your payment on or before **November 24th** to:

Project Graduation 2021
c/o NBHS
49 Caputo Road
North Branford, CT 06471

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **NBHS PROJECT GRADUATION**
Return it with your child for interoffice mail delivery via their school.
You can also mail it in to the school address above.



Item	Cost Each	Red	White	Pink	Total Amount
6 ½" pot (4-6 blooms)	\$15				
7 ½ " pot (8-12 blooms)	\$20				
8 ½ " pot (10-12 blooms)	\$25				
Decorated Cedar Log Box	\$25	Quantity:			
Decorated Cemetery Pillow	\$23	Quantity:			
Decorated Cemetery Blanket	\$27	Quantity:			
Kissing Ball	\$30	Quantity:			
12" Wreath Undecorated	\$12	Quantity:			
TOTAL OWED:					

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Food Drive



On Saturday, **November 14th** from 8 AM – 2 PM,
The **NBHS CHEERLEADERS** will be collecting items
for the **NORTH BRANFORD FOOD PANTRY.**

Drive by collections can be dropped off in the front parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts – **NBIS Entrance off Route 80**



Items Needed:

Canned Goods

- peas
- corn
- gravy
- carrots
- cranberry sauce
- beans
- tuna
- peanut butter
- pasta sauce
- juice

Dry Goods

- stuffing
- cake mix
- dinner rolls
- instant potatoes
- rice
- cereal
- oatmeal
- beans
- noodles

Health and Beauty Items

- soap
- deodorant
- detergent
- shampoo
- conditioner
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes



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HOLIDAY ADVERTISING

Only 3 Issues Left!

It’s been a tough year for many businesses in our community. But there is still time to let your neighbors know what you have to offer for the Holidays. Totoket Times will have three issue left to cover your 2020 Holidays.

Here is a list of hte pub dates and deadlines. Don’t wait. call Frank at 203-410-4254.

Publication Date	Deadline
November 27, 2020	November 20, 2020
December 11, 2020	December 4, 2020
December 18, 2020	December 11, 2020

PICK UP THE 11-27-20 Issue of the

TOTOKET TIMES

The next issue of the Totoket Times will be Thanksgiving weekend. With all the circulars stuffed in your mailbox, we wouldn’t want your newspaper to get lost in the shuffle. To also give you a great opportunity to stop and visit some of our local merchants and do some early Christmas Shopping we will not be mailing the issue.

It will be dropped of in our following town locations or you can check it out on our website.



North Branford

North Branford Post Office

Town Line Wines

RV Variety & Cafe

Patco Service Station

Cumberland Farms

Atwater Library

Hair Designs

MT Cobbler

Town Hall

Northford

Northford Post Office

Town Line Wines

Patco Service Station

T & J Launderette

Smith Library

Visit www.totokettimes.com

Northford Coffee & Ice Cream



Taking orders now through Nov. 24th!

Assorted Cupcakes Decorated as Thanksgiving Dinner

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5 Foxon Road, North Branford (Farm River Plaza)

November 3, 2020

Total Number of Electors - 10,272

District 1 - 5490
District 2 - 4782

Total Number Voting - 8666 (84.37%)

District 1 - 4616 (84.08%)
District 2 - 4050 (84.69%)

		District 1				District 2				Total
		Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	
Presidential Electors for										
Biden & Harris	D	979	1088	7	0	859	774	11	0	3718
Trump & Pence	R	1975	459	16	0	1956	333	47	0	4786
Jorgensen & Cohen	Lib	30	18	0	0	31	8	1	0	88
Hawkins & Walker	Gr	12	16	0	0	8	2	0	0	38
Carroll & Patel	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles & Wallace	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
De La Fuente & Richardson	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard & Howard	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Klojzy & LeMay	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons & Dow	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons & Roze	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weinstein & Weinstein	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wells & Wells	Wr In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West & Tidball	Wr In	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Representative in Congress		Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Total
Rosa L. DeLauro	D	925	984	6	0	816	692	9	0	3432
Rosa L. DeLauro	WF	60	29	0	0	49	20	3	0	161
Rosa L. DeLauro - total										3593
Margaret Streicker	R	1873	475	11	0	1850	345	39	0	4593
Margaret Streicker	Ind	60	27	1	0	40	21	2	0	151
Margaret Streicker - total										4744
Justin C. Paglino	Gr	37	25	0	0	47	9	1		119
State Senator		Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Total
Christine Cohen	D	857	957	4	0	742	671	10	0	3241
Christine Cohen	Ind	73	27	0	0	49	24	2	0	175
Christine Cohen	WF	47	22	0	0	37	19	1	0	126
Christine Cohen - total										3542
Joe LaPorta	R	1921	518	13	0	1893	364	43	0	4752
State Representative		Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Total
Vincent J. Mase, Sr.	D	655	746	5	0	585	519	9	0	2519
Vincent J. Candelora	R	2173	727	12	0	2122	515	43	0	5592
Vincent J. Candelora	Ind	132	71	0	0	88	54	3	0	348
Vincent J. Candelora - total										5940
Registrar of Voters		Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Tabulator	Absentee	EDR	Provisional	Total
Marlene Esposito	D	921	992	5	0	829	676	11	0	3434
Lisa Dostie Fitch	R	1901	503	12	0	1855	387	44	0	4702

Recycling News

Simple Recycling Pink Bag Weekly Curbside Collection
Will End on April 6, 2021

Residents must call and schedule curbside pickups at
1-866-835-5068

or email Info@SimpleRecycling.com now through end date

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 remaining Saturdays this Fall: **November 14** and **21**. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Curbside pickup timeframe: **Nov 30th to Dec 11th** on your scheduled pickup day.

Leaves must be placed in untaped biodegradable paper bags.

“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!

Got new or reusable unwanted items? Please consider:

Craig’s List to advertise “free stuff” - newhaven.craigslist.org
North Branford & Northford free items – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1647630532048934>

1-800-GOT-JUNK? Full-service junk removal company

Bradley Street Bicycle 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/

Keep Your Neighborhood Cleaner and Safer

Please store totes away from street and sidewalks after pickup.

Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder

Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material),

propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside.

These items will not get picked up; please dispose/recycle properly.

Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly)

Next pickup is week of April, 2021

Please do not place curbside until that week

-No home cleanouts-

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!

Smoke Alarms, Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

If I asked you where your smoke alarms are in your home, could you tell me? If you are like many people, you may not pay much attention to where smoke alarms have been installed. However, location matters when it comes to smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Working smoke alarms are a critical fire-safety tool that can mean the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a home fire in half. Meanwhile, NFPA data shows that home fires killed 2,755 people in 2018, an average of eight people every day that year. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with the proper smoke alarm protection.

As a member of the fire service, I have seen the devastating effects of fire first-hand; the burn injuries, the loss of homes and possessions are distressing. What is even worse is witnessing a family’s anguish after a loved one has been killed in a fire. It is heartbreaking.

My sincere hope is that all North Branford residents make sure there are working smoke alarms installed throughout their homes. These simple steps can help make a lifesaving difference and prevent the potentially life-threatening impact of fire.

- Here are additional smoke alarm tips to follow:**

 - Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
 - Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
 - Test alarms each month by pushing the test button.
 - Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10-year-old or sooner if they do not work properly.
 - Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.
 - If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside, and stay outside.
 - Go do your outside meeting place. Call the fire department from outside the home.

Please Display Your House Numbers

Please help us help you. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the proper address when responding to an emergency. Please have proper house numbers that can be viewed from both directions on the street.

At least 4 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the background
Visible from the street

If the building is set back by more than 100 feet, the number should be affixed to a post or mailbox not more than 10 feet from the driveway

NBFD has a supply of new 9-volt batteries. If you need batteries for your smoke alarm, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Marine Navigation (formerly Piloting) Course

Virtual Zoom class offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club®, starts Wed., Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. for eight weeks. Fee: \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members of United States Power Squadrons. Sign-up deadline: December 30. Information/registration: Past Commander Peter DePascale, 203-671-2420 or email bathworksinc@gmail.com.

Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; 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, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us!

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.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller's Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. "The Church on the Rock," led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God's love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God's word, and stay connected.

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.



William J. Radziunas, 63, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Yale-New Haven Hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends. Born in New Haven on May 6, 1957, son of the late Anthony and Virginia Sullivan Radziunas. Bill had worked for forty years as a skilled Machine Fabricator for Amphenol Spectra-Strip.

A talented craftsman and avid outdoorsman, Bill enjoyed fishing (especially ice fishing), crabbing, kayaking, camping, snowmobiling, and four-wheeling. Bill also enjoyed live music and dancing with friends. Loving father of Sarah Walsh (Gregory) and Michelle Radziunas. Brother of John Radziunas (Theresa), Kathy Gambardella (Ron), Joyce Bowden (Mike), Sherry and David Radziunas, and the late Joseph and Anthony Radziunas, Jr., and Linda Pepe. Brother-in-law of Gary Pepe. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Bill was formerly married to Kathy Radziunas, the mother of his children, and remained good friends with her throughout the years.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 or Social Work Family Needs Fund c/o Office of Development, YNNH, PO Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Town of North Branford December Holiday Programs Office of Social Service

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations and generosity. Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated. If you are interested in assisting someone, family or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small. This year has been unique and we are planning events step by step. Thank you for your patience and bearing with us at this difficult time

The December Holiday Basket Share Program will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2020. For those that need some assistance with their Holiday dinner and /or gifts for children, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the December Holiday Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need and that you reside in either Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick-up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket with or without toys. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those donors that wish to include children's gifts, this Office will provide you with the children's wish list.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and the recipients will receive written confirmation. The Program Schedule is as follows:

Donor Drop Off:

Thursday, December 17, 2020 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up:

Thursday, December 17, 2020 (11:30 AM– 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: Friday, November 20, 2020

Toys for North Branford Tots

This Office of Social Service will collect toys at the drop off point at the North Branford Police Department from Friday 11/13/2020 to Sunday 12/6/2020. We will accept new toys only. The requirements to participate in the program as a recipient are that you reside in the community, that you are in need and you are not participating in any other toy distribution program. Please be prepared to show proof of residency, such as a utility bill, lease, mortgage statement, tax bill. Drivers license is NOT proof of residency. The

Program Schedule is as follows:

Parents only: Wednesday 12/9/2020 (9 am to 12:30 pm)

Parents and Grandparents: 12/10/2020 (9am to 12:30 pm)

United Methodist Church Branford To Serve as Operation Christmas Child Collection Center

Branford, CT: The United Methodist Church, Branford is excited to serve again as the region's collection site for **Operation Christmas Child**, a project of **Samaritan's Purse**, an international relief organization. Their mission for more than two decades has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys—to millions of children worldwide, making sure they experience the Good News and great joy of the holiday.. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the US.

The Shoreline community is encouraged to participate! This is a mission project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Simply pack a small box with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. To learn more about what can be included in your box or to create an online box, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

UMC Branford will be accepting drop-offs the week of November 16-23. Hours are Monday 8-10am (11/16 only) & 6-8pm (11/23 only), Tuesday through Friday 6-8pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 10am-2pm. When you arrive, follow the signs for curbside drop off. A volunteer wearing a mask will greet you and direct you to an outside drop-off area where they will retrieve your shoeboxes.

The church is also looking for volunteers to assist with collection during these times. For more information, please contact the church at (203) 488-0549 or umcbranford1966@gmail.com



North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017

Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation

Light Up North Branford

HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST

Thursday, December 17th
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
FREE

Get in to the holiday spirit with a fun and festive competition!

REGISTER TO GET YOUR HOUSE ON OUR MAP!
A map of display locations will be available on our website on December 17th.

PRIZES
\$100 – Best Overall Display
\$50 – Brightest Display
\$50 – Most Original Display

Winners determined by a panel of judges

Registration required by 12/10
www.nbrecreation.com

STW Community Center 1552 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT 06472
www.nbrecreation.com | 203-484-6017

DINO DAY

Ages 3 - 4— Virtual

When: November 18
Time: Wednesday, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$15
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades

Put on your paleontologist hat and dig into some dinosaur fun with dino art projects, volcanic eruptions and dino fossil excavations. A Zoom link, materials list and templates for projects will be emailed!



CANDY SCIENCE

Ages 5 - 8— Virtual

When: November 18
Time: Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades



What do you do with all the Halloween candy? Tune in to see how candy is used for science experiments! Ms. B. will lead these fun science activities. Discover surprising things about some popular candy! A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

December 28, 29, & 30, 2020

STW Community Center - 9am - 4pm
Grades 1 - 6 • \$25/Child per day

Enjoy a range of activities from arts and crafts, sports and games, and hands on exploration! Each day has a special theme in-store.

DECEMBER 28

Winter Wonderland



DECEMBER 29

Let's Go Camping



DECEMBER 30

Beach Party



Limited number of openings, register today at www.nbrecreation.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR A ***MODIFIED*** TREE LIGHTING

Annual Tree Lighting

COSPONSORED BY NORTH BRANFORD ROTARY CLUB

Friday, December 4th
Augur Property
290 Forest Road, Northford • 6:30 - 8:00pm
Snow or shine

TURKEY HUNT

CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to Thanksgiving we will be posting a riddle to our Facebook page. These clues will guide you to a location in town to hunt for a turkey. If you find a turkey bring it to Atwater (on Tuesday's) or Smith Library (on Thursday's) and turn it in for a Thanksgiving prize.



HAPPY HUNTING!!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED

If you were unable to make it to our drive through informational pick up, please give us a call and we will be happy to put the information aside for you. (203) 484-6017



YOU ARE INVITED!

It's a Wonderful Life

DECEMBER 18TH
1 PM - 2:30 PM
A VIRTUAL GATHERING

Please Join Us for a
State-Wide Senior Center Virtual Holiday Bash

Featuring VIP greetings from around the state, seasonal music, ballroom dancing performances, holiday vignettes celebrating diverse cultures and traditions and many more of our favorite things!

Pre-registration is required by November 23rd, 2020.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IC410gGITxuHwFi20U1w2g
Questions? Email karen.green@ctcommunitycare.org

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified
1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,
after 20 words
Lost and Found FREE
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As we all know all too well, 2020 has been a difficult and challenging year. Certainly not a fair shake for many people and businesses.
Collectively we have all done our part to move in a forward direction to achieve our goals, although travelling a sometime different path to get there.
Your patience, compliance with Executive Orders, and community support are greatly appreciated.
To that end I'd like to bring you up to date on the Energy Assistance Program.
This office has been and will continue to see people by appointment only.
For those wishing to apply for Energy Assistance, you have the option to be seen at this office by appointment or have an application mailed to you by CRT. If you'd like to have your application mailed, please call CRT at 1-800-560-5800 (Hartford office) or 860-347-4465 (Middletown office). You can book a telephone appointment where they will gather your information and an application will be mailed to you.
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Example of Income Limits (gross) are:
Family of 1: \$37,645
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