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The North Branford Rotary Club is thrilled once again to have partnered with Liberty Bank in their annual Thanksgiving Drive. This year the joint efforts of statewide Rotary clubs brought in donations totaling \$1,145,101.29. With Liberty Bank's match of \$286,275.36, Connecticut's grand total to feed those in need came to \$1,431,376.65!

The Annual Liberty Bank Rotary Club Thanksgiving Drive is an outstanding initiative and one we are proud to be a part of each year. We are in

awe of the generosity of Liberty Bank and the people in this wonderful community who contribute by means of various events throughout the year! Rotarians are especially grateful to all who attended the North Branford Rotary Club Fall Fling Auction and Fundraiser. Record attendance helped to make this Local North Branford Food Pantry donation possible.

In November, Melinda Fonda, President of the North Branford Rotary Club and Anne Merola,



President Elect, hand delivered a check for the proceeds directed to the Food Pantry of North Branford. We were delighted to present these funds to Fran Murphy and Rita Ney, of the Food Pantry of North Branford. The NB Rotary cherishes the relationship we have with the Food Pantry and look forward to more community projects to support their selfless cause.

Photo: North Branford Rotary Club President Melinda Fonda and President Elect Anne Merola (right) present check to Fran Murphy and Rita Ney of the Food Pantry (left)



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October 2021

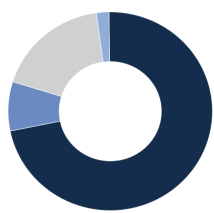
\$392,000

↑14.6% Oct, 2020

Average Sold Price
October 2021

\$400,685

↑17.5% Oct, 2020



Total Monthly Inventory
All Listing Types, October 2021

50 Total Units

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Moderates on the march? Not so fast...

One of the smaller yet important mysteries inside the halls of the Legislative Office Building hit mainstream media recently through an article in the Hartford Courant entitled, “Moderates on the March.”

The story was about a group of House Democrats—27 of them—who have announced themselves as moderates, speaking in pro-business tones and embarking on fundraising efforts to help like-minded candidates win office.

Right now, Democrats control the House chamber 96 to 54. If only more of these so-called moderates had stepped forward during conversation and votes on key issues over the last few years, our state might not have a new truck tax, a prepared meals tax, criminal justice policies that give short shrift to victims, or even an increased filing fee for businesses. I could go on, but you get the point: Connecticut is a difficult and expensive place to live and run a business, and it’s clear that these so-called moderates aren’t quite the advocates the claim to be.

The problem for voters? Outside of the two Democrat lawmakers leading this moderate march, the identities of these “Blue Dog” representatives are unknown.

It’s closest-guarded secret in the Legislative Office Building.

From their perspective, it’s understandable—if you end up on a list chances are voters will compare your record to what you say you are.

For most, the result of such comparisons won’t be favorable.

The beauty of the Courant headline announcing a nebulous moderate pack is that Democrat legislators can claim membership when the audience suits them.

With an election year right around the corner, and the cost of living here continuing to increase, it’ll be a useful tool—particularly when redistricting will have some of the them introducing themselves to brand new constituents.

So during the next legislative session, monitoring how majority party legislators vote will be the best way to see if they pass the moderate sniff test. And heading into Election Day, asking questions such as, “did you vote for the payroll tax” or “did you vote for the digital downloads tax” might be insightful when determining if a lawmaker is the moderate fiscal hawk he or she purports to be.

Unfortunately for you and our state, more often than not the answer to those questions will be “yes.”

NB Plastic Film Recycling Program – Year Five Update

It is hard to believe, but we are wrapping up the fifth year of the NB Plastic Film Recycling Program.

We collected some 4,400 pounds of plastic film for 2021, bringing our total for the five years to just over 21,000 pounds. Wow, 10 tons of plastic, thanks to your efforts to recycle.

Recently there seems to be a significant amount of unacceptable types of plastic film being dropped off. Besides, it having to be sorted and then thrown away, it takes a lot of time for our volunteers to process it.

It seems to be just a few individuals or households contributing to the problem, as the type of unacceptable items is consistent at certain collection locations.

A good rule of thumb is to just place items that are listed on the posters in the collection areas. Unacceptable items that appear occasionally are: deli bag paper inserts, drinking straws, and mylar balloons.

Again, all items must be clean and dry. To help ensure this, we suggest turning all bags inside out. This includes, cereal, deli, bread, ziplock, and salt bags.

We understand folks want to save room when collecting the items at home, by really stuffing and compacting bags in another bag. However, if there is residual food or any liquid in any of the bags (mainly ziplock type), it tends to permeate onto the rest of the contents of the bag. We have seen things start to get a bit moldy and we have to throw the whole lot out. Sorting is not the most glamorous task, but it gets pretty disgusting when faced with liquid and moldy items.

On behalf of the NBSHWRC, thank you for your continued support of the Plastic Film Recycling Program. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Let’ Be “Frank”

It’s Christmas my brother. As life goes on we continuously see changes, and Christmas is no different. Every year we are faced with an evolution of disappearing memories and activities from years gone by.

At our house, the holidays that often saw at least fifteen people at our table are now reduced to eight on Christmas Eve and on Christmas day there will only be three. Death and the growth of children sharing the holidays with extended families have diminished the roar of the holiday table.

The Feast of the Seven Fishes has been cut to three and the pasta and fish sauce has been replaced by soy noodles. The large antipasto to start off the evening is now a plate of bruschetta with a healthier hummus and tomato topping.

The hundreds of cookies are now down to a few dozen pignolis and a couple of anginettes. Long gone are the seven layer cookies, chocolate spice cookies and the butter ball cookies as well as the chocolate peanut butter balls. Pastries have been eliminated as well.

The trash bags filled with torn wrapping paper and empty boxes are now replaced with a few torn envelopes from some holiday gift cards.

This is not only being experienced by me but by many people I have spoken with. As there are more family members at the cemetery then there are at the dinner table. Many of the traditions have been buried with them. The palates of the new generation have changed as well as their gift requirements. The shots of brandy, sambuca and lemoncello have been replaced by shots of insulin.

Yes my brother, things have changed. But what hasn’t changed are the memories of these great times. What hasn’t changed is that we are still celebrating the birth of Christ and the birth of our religion and beliefs. What hasn’t changed is the fact that a baby was born to poverty and chaos and in his short thirty three year life on this earth, he has changed the lives of millions.

Through these changes, much of the money that has been spent in the past has been saved. The craziness of the preparation has given us a more sedate time. A time for reflection and a time self examination. As I mentioned, many people in my age group are going through some of these same feelings. Maybe with the money saved on gifts and food and frivolous things we use to call holiday necessities, we can re-budget.

There are many legitimate charities that need our help. Veterans who fought for our freedom are living on the streets. Families are hungry and children are starving. Senior citizens are being robbed of their dignity and their health by a government that is forgetting about them.

So I am suggesting that for this Christmas, take care of our brothers and sisters who are in distress and need our help. Isn’t that the reason for the season?

Isaiah 58:10 tells us, “Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”

Merry Christmas my brother and to the rest of the family who will be celebrating with you. I miss you all and because of the paths you have led, I will be celebrating with you guys as well. You are always in my heart. Keep an eye on things down here and I’ll see you soon.

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



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

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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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The Officers and Members of the North Branford Fire Department, wish to extend our Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season to all. Use Common Sense During the Holiday's

Home fires increase during this time of year. Heating devices, fireplaces, holiday lighting, candles and decorations, all contribute to the increased risk.

North Branford Fire department Recommends:

1. Use only UL listed lights and extension cords.
2. Keep extension cord use to a minimum. Do not overload your electrical system. If you are blowing fuses, find out why. Check for frayed wires. If the lights don't work when you test them, toss them. Don't take the chance.
3. Keep decorations away from open flame and heating sources.
4. If you have a live tree, keep it watered and dispose of as soon it starts to dry out.
5. Keep your means of escape clear. Don't block a door with the tree or other decorations.
6. Use candles correctly. Keep away from any decorations, curtains and paper tablecloths.
7. Do not leave home without turning off all lights, extinguishing all candles and any portable heating units. At night check to make sure that your house is safe, before you go to bed.
8. Make sure you have at least one operating smoke detector on every floor.

Fireplace and Stove Safety:

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other fuel – fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
5. Use only seasoned hardwood
6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
8. ***Never leave a fire unattended*** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
9. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container *outside and away* from your house

Facts of the Month

Heating Equipment fires account for 16 % of all home fires and 22 % of all home fire deaths. The majority of these fires occur during December and January. Cooking equipment was the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, causing 46% of home fires that resulted in 19% of the home fire deaths and 44% of the injuries

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Recycling News

Holiday Recycling

Please recycle the packaging that your holiday shipments arrive in. The cardboard goes into the recycle bin but the Styrofoam goes into the trash. Don't be fooled by the recycle symbol on the Styrofoam. Any bubble wrap is considered plastic film and can be brought to a plastic film drop off location. Get out your frustrations by popping it first. Plastic shipping envelopes are also considered plastic film. These are the ones that are plastic on the inside and outside. Holiday wrapping paper is mostly not recyclable because most of it has metallic, glitter or velvety flocking on it. Also, the ribbons and bows cannot go into the recycle bin.

Holiday Donations

For items that still have some life in them, consider posting them on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#). Help someone else out, unclutter your house and help the environment at the same time. For a larger audience check out Freecycle.org in East Haven or New Haven. You can also look up your item in the New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just search for 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Christmas Tree Pickup will be January 3 – 14, 2022.

Be on the lookout for your 2022 Recycling/Trash Information card in a January issue of your Totoket Times. Keep this card all year for important dates and information about what can be recycled.

Plastic Film Recycling

Plastic bags do NOT go into your recycling bin.

To recycle them, please drop off clean and dry bags at our town's collection bins or any store that takes them. Many do. All of our collection sites have received free Trex benches because of the amount of plastic film they have collected. The following locations are collecting plastic film for our town: Country Paint and Hardware, T.J's Launderette, Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford. Plastic film includes: grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, wood pellet bags, salt bags, and zipper bags for recycling. They also accept plastic wraps from water bottle cases, diapers, bathroom tissue, and paper towels, as well as bubble wrap and shipping pillows. Plastic bags with recycling symbols #2 or #4 **ARE** accepted. Plastic bags with recycling symbols #5 or #7 (i.e. salad and grape bags), crinkly snack bags (potato chips, popcorn, and candy wrappers), pet food bags, frozen food bags, and any bags with food residue are **NOT** accepted. Plastic bags and wraps get recycled into products such as new grocery bags, benches, and decking.

The Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members. We also are in need of volunteers to help for just an event or two during the year.
Please call the Town Manager if you are interested.
If you would like to help with getting the word out about recycling then this is a great place to get started.

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Northford-North Branford Women's Club Collection to Support IRIS

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is sponsoring a drive in the month of January, starting January 3 to provide personal and household cleaning items to help The Integrated Refugee and Immigrant services (IRIS) welcome and resettle over 300 refugees from Afghanistan who will be making Connecticut their home in the next few months. We are inviting the community to assist in this welcoming effort. Below is a list of items we will be collecting. There are three locations in North Branford/Northford where you can bring these items. Drop off bins will be located at the Smith and Atwater Libraries and in the lobby of the Stanley T Williams Community Center. Please note that items must be new, unopened, and in sealed packages:
Toilet Paper, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Shampoo & conditioner, Deodorant, Hand & body soap, Shaving cream, Razors, Feminine hygiene products (pads only), Lotions, Combs/brushes Socks (all ages/sizes), Undergarments (all ages/sizes), Antibacterial spray cleaner, Dish soap, Sponges, 13-gallon trash bags, Laundry detergent, Cleaning supplies.
Please send inquiries to northford.nbwomensclubgfwc@gmail.com.

New Location of School to Work Program Ribbon Cutting on December 20th

North Branford Public Schools is pleased to announce the new location of the School to Work Transition Program. The School to Work Transition Program will be moving into the Augur House, located at 298 Forest Road, Northford.

The School to Work Transition Program offers services and supports that benefit both students and the community. These services act as a natural bridge between high school and adulthood by involving students aged 18-22 with intellectual or other disabilities, in a variety of educational, vocational, social, recreational and independent living activities in the community. This unique location will provide students with the opportunity to engage in fundraising activities of daily living, such as cooking, cleaning and general housekeeping.

The renovation project has been a remarkable success and a testament to the collaborative efforts of the Town Council and the Board of Education.

Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker acknowledges the exceptional efforts of the North Branford Public Schools custodial staff under the direction of John Florio as well as the entire North Branford Public Works under the direction of Fran Merola.

North Branford Public Schools will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 20th at 10:30 AM at the Augur House property located at 298 Forest Road, Northford.

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC 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.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a Bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2022.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women's Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org.

For further information, contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.



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Super Bowl Breads are in the Oven

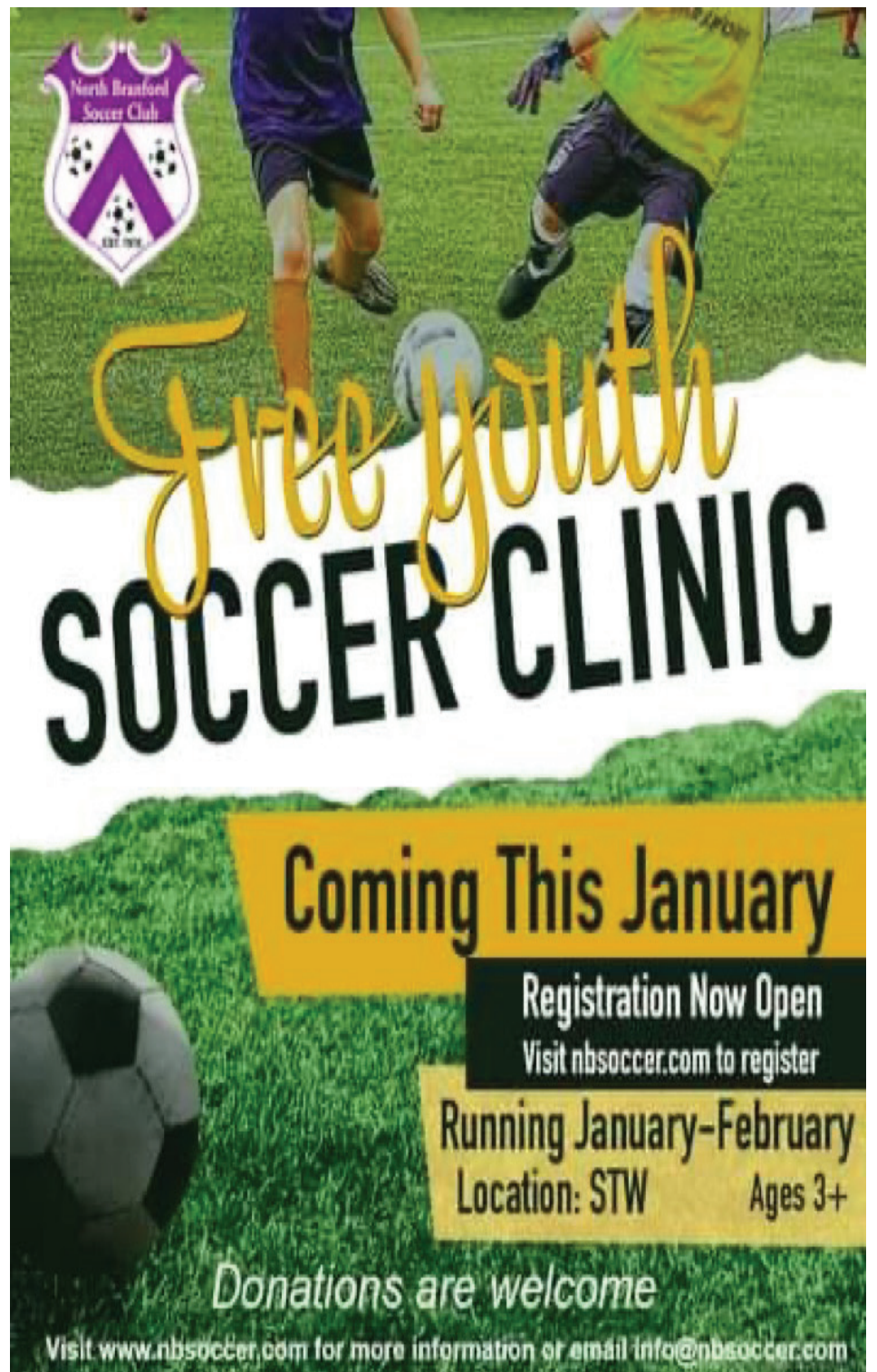
It's time to start thinking of your order for Super Bowl stuffed breads and the North Branford Education Foundation is ready to take your orders. A large variety of breads will be provided by Venice Bakery and they will be delivered to your homes on Saturday, February 12th.

From pepperoni to sausage to broccoli to eggplant to chicken to spinach and more and only \$10.00 each. You can place your order by calling Frank at 203-410-4254 or fmmentonejr@comcast.com or visit the Ed Foundation website at nbedfoundation@gmail.com.

It's not too early to order. Check out the order form in the next edition of the Totoket Times.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

SENIOR MARIE ZAMPANO had a career high 18 points for Laasell University women's basketball team in a victory over Fitchburg State. **SOPHOMORE KATELYN BAILEY** was named to the honor roll at Mercy High School in Middletown, CT



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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. . 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 churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, 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). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St.Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higganum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are welcome! 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, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. 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; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

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. 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DEATH NOTICE



Karl W. Augur, 56, of Branford, formerly of Northford, passed away at his home on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Born in New Haven on July 9, 1965, he was the son of the late George H. Augur, Jr. and Mary Ann Savinelli Augur. A 1983 graduate of North Branford High School, Karl worked as a Carpenter for RB Fitch, Dakota Builders, New Haven Partitions and Rose Construction. He took much pride in his craft and was a proud member of the Carpenter’s Union Local #24. Karl loved snowmobiling and liked jet skiing on family vacations in New Hampshire. Karl was an avid hockey fan, Boston Red Sox and New York Giants fan. He very much enjoyed watching his children play sports. Father of Ryan and Meghan Augur. Brother of George H. Augur III and his wife Dana. Uncle of George H. Augur IV. He also leaves behind many other family and friends. . In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rushford, a local provider of addiction and mental health treatment. Donations can be made at <https://rushford.org/giving>

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Warmly invites you to join us for

The CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Dec 19 – 10 am The Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Christmas Pageant.
Dec 24 – 10 pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

We are located at 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford

www.northbranfordcongregational.org/ or 203.488.8456

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES at NCC

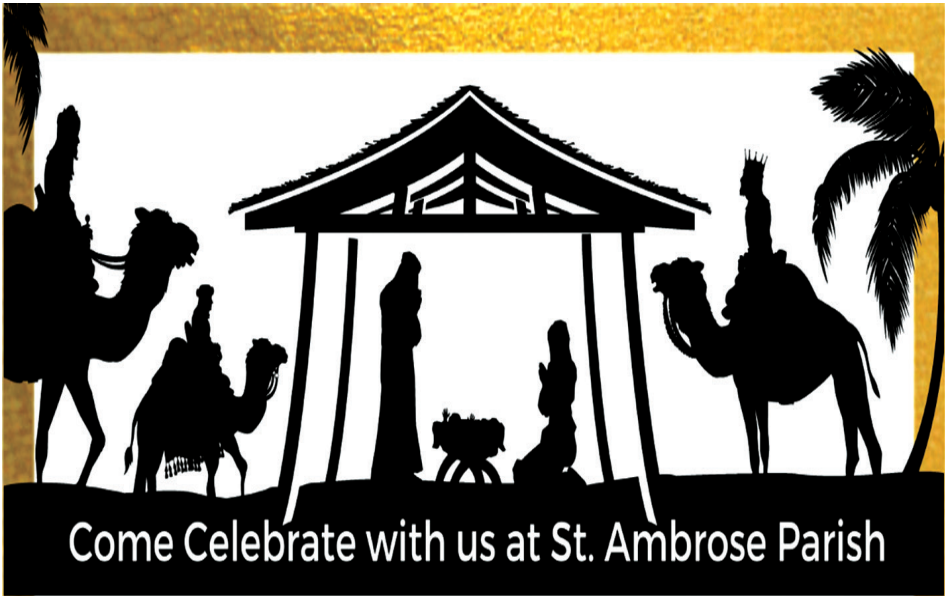
During December “A Little Church with a Big Heart” welcomes everyone to join in services each Sunday at 10 a.m. Anyone who is unvaccinated is required to wear a mask while all fully vaccinated people have the option of whether to wear a mask or not.

The Christmas Eve service on Fri., Dec. 24, will be at 4 p.m. with guest pastor Kristie Rubendunst and will include lessons and carols. Take a few minutes out from your busy schedule and add some meaning to this special time of year.

The historic Northford Congregational 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. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email address: nccchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Advent and Christmas Eve Services at St. Andrew’s

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, The White Church On The Hill In The Heart Of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, holds worship services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., including throughout Advent. Christmas Eve service will begin with Christmas carols starting at 3:45 p.m., followed at 4:00p.m. with a Holy Eucharist service. All are welcome!! There will be no Christmas Day service at St. Andrew’s. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. For further information contact Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; or Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266.



Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Augustine Church 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Monica Church 10:00 AM

No advance reservations required

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

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

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During the Holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have supported us throughout the year. We appreciate connecting with each and every one of you and wish you much health and happiness in the coming year!

From all of us at North Branford Parks, Recreation and Senior Center

Light Up North Branford
HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST
Thursday, December 16th 6:00-10:00pm
Print the magical map off our website!
nbrecreation.com

SENIOR CENTER

“Noon” Year’s Eve Party

Let’s celebrate the New Year together at noon!

December 29, 2021

Sign up for lunch at 11:30.

The party will follow at 12:00 p.m.

Please register by December 22nd

Journeying Through Grief Together

Jean M. Hadley is offering a FREE 4 week bereavement support program at STW, designed to help those who have lost a loved one and finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

January 5 – 26th • Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Monday December, 27—10:30am

Monday January, 10—10:30am

Let’s get together for coffee and some casual conversation and catch up with each other!



AAA Driver Safety Course

January 12, 2022 at 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m

Instructor: Adelle from AAA

The Driver Improvement course will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a break at 11:30 am for lunch.

Registrants can bring their own lunch or buy lunch at the North Branford Senior Center for \$3. (Please call by 9:00 am that morning to register for lunch).

Anyone who takes the Driver Improvement course will receive a certificate from AAA to submit to their insurance company.



ELI WHITNEY MUSEUM BUS TRIP

Join us for a guided tour of the Holiday Train Display and AC Gilbert Invention exhibits.

Monday, January 10th at 1:00 PM—Free



MEDICARE MADE CLEAR

Don’t Go Through It Alone

Thursday January 27, 2022 at 1:00pm

This Seminar is FREE, bring your questions and a friend to this Educational Seminar.

Jeffrey Comen, your local New Haven County Medicare Advocate/Broker, will educate you on all 4 pieces of Medicare - A, B, C & D. What is covered and not covered, when to sign up and what options are available to add to Original Medicare (i.e. Medicare Supplements, Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans). A free educational guide will be provided.

This is an Educational Seminar only; no plan or carrier specifics will be discussed.

JOIN OUR ESPORTS LEAGUE

Registration ends January 17th, 2022

Leagues start week of January 24th, 2022

MADDEN MONDAYS PS4 & XBOX	MARIOKART DELUXE MONDAYS Nintendo Switch	FORTNITE TUESDAYS (Solos) FRIDAYS (Duos)	ROCKET LEAGUE WEDNESDAYS (1v1 & 3v3)	SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE THURSDAYS Nintendo Switch
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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
app.ggleagues.com/clubs/north-branford-parks-recreation

Get more information by going to ggleagues.com or by contacting your local organization.

FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT!

Tuesday, December 21st
Northford Park—\$5

Join us for our first ever Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at Northford Park!

Participants will use flashlights to find candy canes hidden at Northford Park.

There will be 3 separate times for 3 separate age categories.

Ages 2-4—4:30 - 5:00pm

Ages 5-7—5:00 - 5:30pm

Ages 8+—5:30 - 6:00pm

At each time, one lucky candy cane hunter will have the opportunity to find “the golden candy cane” which can be redeemed for a special gift!

Please bring a flashlight & bag to collect your candy canes!

Please register at nbrecreation.com

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

Winter Break just got a little bit COOLER! Come join us for 3 days of fun! Each day will offer a different theme with corresponding games, activities and crafts!

December 27– 29, 2021

STW Community Center Grades K - 6

\$30/Child per day • \$75 for all 3 days

Lunch available for an additional \$3/per day



Winter Wonderland



Camp In!



Hawaiian Luau

Mary's

PARENT & ME COOKING

Ages 3 - 5 years • STW Kitchen • 1:00-3:00pm

We are thrilled to be offering this new program!

Mary's experience in the restaurant industry, combined with her many years working with children of all abilities, is the perfect opportunity for your young one to learn valuable culinary skills, new recipes, enjoy a fun hands-on activity, and to expand their taste buds!

JANUARY 5, 2022—“Panera” Mac & Cheese and Snowman Cupcakes

JANUARY 19, 2022—Creamy Beef & Shells and Hot Cocoa Cupcakes

FEBRUARY 2, 2022—Heart Shaped Pizzas & Cherry Bomb Cookies

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class



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HELP WANTED

Twin Lake Children’s Center is hiring! We are growing and looking for positive creative people to work with in our **preschool classroom**. We have a morning position 7-1 and an afternoon position 1-6. Both are Monday through Friday. Please email TLCC at carol8615@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

FOR SALE

5 Shirley Temple Dolls. 12” in different attire. Purchased in the 70’s by doll collector. \$1000. firm. Call 203-488-5420.

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2021 HOLIDAY MENU

Desserts

Pastry Fusions Holiday Favorite - Chocolate Devastation Cake - Chocolate cake filled with alternating layers of chocolate ganache and chocolate mousse, then frosted with a chocolate whipped cream and topped with chocolate ganache.
Chocolate Ganache Cake - Multiple layers of chocolate cake and chocolate ganache with a chocolate ganache frosting.

Assorted Mini Cannoli Platter - 2 dozen of Pastry Fusion handmade cannoli shells and cannoli cream. \$30 (includes chocolate dipped and regular cannoli shells).
Assorted Italian Holiday Cookie Platters - \$15.75 per pound.
Assorted Italian Pastry

Pies

Pumpkin Pie	\$15.00	Apple Pie	\$15.00
Chocolate Lemon Pie	\$15.00	Apple Crumb Pie	\$15.00
Coconut Custard Pie	\$15.00	Ricotta Pie	\$23.50
Banana Cream Pie	\$16.50	Chocolate Cream Pie	\$16.50

Cheesecakes 8” \$22.50 10” \$30.00

Pumpkin Cheesecake

New Your Style Cheesecake w/strawberries or cherries - Oreo Cheesecake

Breads

**Snowflake Dinner Rolls \$5.25/dz.,
Ciabatta Bread, \$4.50 - Italian Bread, \$2.50**

Assorted Stuffed Breads

Pepperoni & Cheese, Eggplant or Chicken Parmesan, Buffalo Chicken, Spinach & Cheese & Spinach, Sausage & Cheese Broccoli, Sausage & Cheese, Antipasta Bread \$14.50
Full Stuffed Bread menu is also available to order!

To ensure availability, please place orders by 12/22

Store Hours

Tuesday December 21st, Wednesday, December 22nd,
Thursday December 23rd 7:30 - 3:00
Friday, December 24th 8:00 - 3:00

Closed: Saturday December 25th - through Monday December 27th.