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NBEF Names Three Shining Stars

The North Branford Education Foundation announces the selection of the 2015 class of "Shining Stars". Each year the Foundation picks members of the community who have gone beyond the call in serving our youth.

"There is never a shortage of great people in our community," stated Foundation president Frank Mentone. "This year is no exception and we are proud to recognize John Florio, Ron Onofrio and Bob Ward. All have serviced our young people in their own way," he added.

Honorees will be recognized at a dinner held at Woodwinds in Branford, on Thursday, March 12, 2015. Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



Everyday **John Florio** pulls double duty for the Town of North Branford, for the past twenty years John has been the sole maintenance technician for the Board of Education and works to keep the six school buildings up and running. John possesses multiple Ct State licenses in various trades and has over forty years of experience, before coming to the BOE John was owner of his own plumbing, heating and remodeling company. John's motto is "why hire out when we can do it ourselves" and he is most proud of his part in completing large scale projects resulting in thousands of dollars in savings to the taxpayers and most times at a fifth of the cost of outside contractors. He has also enjoyed working with the industrial arts teacher and students on projects like the ticket booth and press box at the high school.

John also works hand in hand with the Public Works Department plowing snow from schools, town buildings and streets and also has completed large scale projects with them such as installing the municipal water supply to Stanley T Williams and Totoket Valley Schools at a significant cost savings.

For over twenty six years John has been a member of the North Branford Fire Department and is always one of the top responders annually. He has held every officers position at Company 1 and was their longest serving Captain at 18 years. He has served on the Board of Fire Commissioners and committees for apparatus design and operating procedures, and is currently the Chairman and Apparatus Engineer for Company 1. John holds many certifications in the fire service, but is always willing to take more classes to fulfill the needs of the department. He is highly respected within both his department and surrounding towns. Two high points in John's career have

been leading a group of firefighters from North Branford to "Ground Zero" immediately after the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11 to assist the members of the FDNY and being part of the group to design and build the Firefighters Memorial at Station 1.

In the past John was a board member of North Branford Little League and sponsored and coached both baseball and youth basketball.



As a child growing up in North Branford, **Ron Onofrio** watched his father organize and run fundraisers for children and families in need. He also remembers his father's visits to the classroom as "Officer Friendly" and talking to students about being safe. Many times over, Ron experienced the difference his father made in the lives of many people and knew he wanted to do the same.

In 1987 Ron became a police officer for the Town of North Branford and by 1991 became the town's Youth Officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer. This was the perfect opportunity for him to accomplish his desire to give back to the community. It was his chance to be the new "Officer Friendly."

During Ron's time as Youth/DARE Officer, he developed programs for children of all grade levels. He presented programs such as Halloween safety for K-3 students, the DARE Program in 5th and 7th grade, suicide prevention and conflict resolution in the Intermediate and High School levels. Ron also chaperoned many, many 8th grade class trips to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia.

In 1994 Ron organized the first of ten annual DARE Car Shows. These shows raised enough money to sustain the DARE program without placing the burden on the town budget. Over the years the show raised tens of thousands of dollars that funded the program and also funded other projects such as Project Adventure at Totoket Valley Elementary School and a new playground at Jerome Harrison School.

During his tenure as Youth Officer he created and held a mediation group for youths in conflict as well as the Juvenile Diversionary Panel. This panel helped youth, who committed minor offenses, avoid the experience of going to court. The panel made sure the youth accepted responsibility for their actions and required all to make good on their wrongs.

Outside of his duties as a police officer, Ron volunteered as a coach for many years in youth basketball, baseball, softball and football. He continued on to assist with the high school football team. Under coach Anthony Sagnella, Ron organized the first Harlem Rockets fundraiser years ago to raise money to purchase new high school football uniforms. Under Coach Mark Basil, Ron coordinated a team of volunteers that reconditioned the entire high school

football locker room.

Although Ron has retired from the North Branford Police Department, he has not given up on his desire to contribute to the lives of young people. He is currently a police officer with the University of New Haven Police Department.

Due to his commitment to helping young people, Ron was recently selected by a UNH senior lecturer of criminal justice and former director of the state of Connecticut Judicial Branch's juvenile-court support division to become part of University of New Haven's newly formed Tow Institute of Youth Justice.



Robert Ward served as state representative for North Branford (86th District) for 22 years, from 1985 through 2011. During his tenure he served on numerous committees including the Education, Judiciary and Transportation.

Mr. Ward served in several leadership roles in the General Assembly including ranking member of the Education Committee as assistant minority leader and as deputy minority leader from 1990 through 1994.

In 1995 he became the Minority Leader and served in that capacity through 2007. His 12 years as minority leader makes him the longest serving leader of either party in the modern era of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Mr. Ward was named the most effective legislator by his peers in a poll conducted by Connecticut Magazine. He was named National Republican Legislator of the Year and in 2006 was named the National Legislative Leader of the year by the National Legislative Leaders Foundation.

Mr. Ward is most proud of his record as a responsible leader who worked across the aisle to get things done for the state and his home town. He lists as his top legislative accomplishments the passage of the UCONN 2000 legislation and the Family College Savings plan. He obtained funding to build the track of North Branford High School and worked to obtain the initial phase of funding for the new Little League field and the adjacent park.

Since leaving the general assembly he served as Commission of the DMV from 2007 to 2011. During that time he successfully lead the drive to reform the teen driving laws that have resulted in significant reduction in teen crashes and most significantly teen fatalities. In 2011 he began to serve as the State Auditor managing the state watchdog agency responsible for holding the executive branch accountable for accurate financial reporting and compliance with state laws.

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Open Letter of Thanks

Dear Editor;

Each year during the holiday season, the community of Northford and North Branford, as well as, the staff of all Departments come together to support those fellow citizens in need. This Office of Social Service would like to thank the following persons for not only their generosity, but more important, their desire and willingness to participate and be an integral part of the community. Without their time and efforts, these programs could not take place. Thank you for your donations and volunteerism. Martha Meizies, Wayne Sinisagalli, Lynn Gomez, NB Family Resource Center Staff, Anne Marie McCarthy, Aloha Mosher, Roberta Romano Knights of Columbus, St. Augustine Church Damian Denegre, John Calamita, Dominic Savo, Bonnie Anderson, St. Andrews Church, Lesley Williams, Jennifer Ash, Henry Fernandez, Jill Fee, North Branford Police Dept., North Branford Town Hall Staff, North Branford Public Works Staff, North Branford Park & Rec Staff, North Branford Senior Center Staff, Rita Smith, Gina Cox, Michelle Knockwood, All Donors to Toys for Tots, Ruth Orifice, Robert Paturzo, North Branford Cub Scout Pack #455, Jadeane Grant, Geri Moyer, Joan Williams, North Branford Public Schools Mental Health Team, Evergreen Woods Staff, Jimmy Misbach, Food Service Director, Evergreen Woods, Diane O'Hearn, AIC Alumni, Alpha Upsilon Sister, North Branford Police Dept. Union, North Branford Police Dept. Dispatcher, Dt. Sergeant Anderson, Lt. Gary Ripa, Sergeant Anthony DeLuise, Annie's Kitchen, Cindy Vanacore, Beth Cassanova Family, Becky Carosino, Barbara Amato, Fran Belmont, Nicki DiViesta, The Orifice Family, North Branford Women's Club, Eileen LaVoie, Joan Damiano Campbell, Mary Marquis Palmer, Justin Infantino, Richard Wesley, Diane Ramsey, Catherine Minichinio, Nicole Rohde, Bonnie Fucci.

Sincerely,

Luisa Breen - The Office of Social Services

Thanks to the Community

Dear Editor;

On behalf of the Stanley T Williams Community/Senior Center I want to thank each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity during the holiday season to our 5th Santa to a Senior Program. With your help we were able to provide almost 200 gifts to homebound seniors in our community.

To those that helped deliver the gifts, too many names to mention ~ THANK YOU! You all packed your sleighs and got those gifts out!

Without the help of the community this program would not succeed. Each and every one of you has gone above and beyond to help make it a success. Wishing you all a healthy, happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Judy Barron, Program Supervisor
Stanley T Williams Community/Senior Center

Safe Boating Courses

The New Haven Power Squadron will be offering a Safe Boating Course on **Tuesday nights beginning on February 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George Street, East Haven.** This course is for those who need a boating license from the State of Connecticut. Before the first class, students will need to visit the Connecticut DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep. Follow the Permits and Licenses link to the Online Sportsman Licensing page. Press START at the bottom of the page to obtain your Conservation License ID which you will need before the first class. If you would like to take this course or for more information, contact Education Officer Art Andrea at 203-468-1210 or 203-641-0954. The cost for this course will be \$65 per person.



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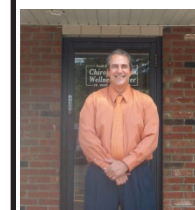
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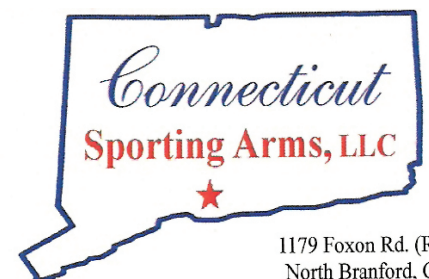
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Body Cameras and Our Privacy Rights



In this age of technology, almost anyone can now capture photographs and videos with devices that aren't much bigger than a piece of gum. Thousands of pictures can easily be gathered in minutes. We are all creating a digital footprint that can last forever on the internet. In light of the recent criticisms of police arrests, body cameras for police

officers are becoming a hot topic in Hartford.

On the one hand, this data is helpful for investigation purposes, but on the other, it can become a scary invasion of privacy. The legislature saw this play out with the Sandy Hook tragedy where investigators took photos of the gruesome crime scene. Those photos became a disclosable public document under the state's Freedom of Information Act. As a result, the legislature, under some criticism, passed a law to protect those images from disclosure. While one can argue that all public documents should remain public under all circumstances, it fails to acknowledge the proliferation and ease of data collection and the privacy rights of the victims.

Some are now advocating for body cameras on police officers. If Connecticut chooses to take this course of action, we must begin a dialogue about privacy rights and data collection. These cameras may capture people at their worst or most vulnerable times in their life. Whether it be a domestic event, car accident or traffic stop, I'm not sure people would want to see their images plastered on YouTube, Facebook or some other social media website. In addition, while these cameras may be inexpensive, towns and cities will need to purchase and maintain servers to store the massive amount of videos that will be gathered from each officer over the course of just one month.

One of Connecticut's largest police union in Hartford recently expressed concerns over how these cameras will be used as well. Unlike the NFL booth reviews on referee calls, second guessing an officer's reaction may have an adverse impact on public safety and turn the public into Sunday morning quarterbacks on situations that we don't truly understand. The Hartford Police Union has raised some compelling issues to consider in the use of body cameras. To name a few, a camera does not follow the eyes of the police officer, thus recording things that the officer may not see; cameras' recorded images are two dimensional; cameras can pick up images better in low light than the human eye; and camera speeds differ from the speed of life.

In *Graham v. Connor*, the United States Supreme Court found that "the 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight. The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation." When the public views the actions of an officer, we cannot judge it from a "what would I have done perspective".

Body cameras may seem like a sensible solution to protect the rights of the public and police officers, but I believe the state must address these serious privacy issues before cities and towns begin on this journey. I don't believe any of us would want images of a loved one being arrested or injured in a car accident plastered all over the internet paid for by our tax dollars. We must be careful for what we ask for.

Letters to the editor...

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

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With a local economy that continues to struggle, the Totoket Times is no exception. When businesses fall on tough times they are often forced to cut expenses and advertising is usually the first one to go. The Totoket Times and the people of our town are fortunate to have loyal merchants who support our community. Not only does their support help them get their message to the residents, but it also allows them to help get the town news and happenings out to the public.

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The Pursuit of Immortality

by Lindsay Lee Wallace

My Uncle fears I will be eaten by sharks. “Don’t,” he admonishes, “Even joke about that.” As though by imagining the Jaws sequel that might become of my beach trip, I invite the reaper in for a chat and tea. One day, human beings realized that we were all going to die one day, and we’ve vehemently disagreed ever since. To my uncle, this means not jinxing myself with an aquatic fantasy demise. Centuries ago, it meant a sharpened stick to battle beasts, or foraging to nourish, and ensure the survival of, a family of the fittest. Nowadays it has come to hypodermics full of botulism (Botox suddenly looking less glamorous?), transplants and infusions and the wheeze of lungs inflated by machine. Throughout history, it has meant the arts, attempts at distillation, at preservation. Who hasn’t gazed at a painting stroked across canvas long ago, and for just a moment felt a tug within themselves toward some faraway past? Who hasn’t found, between the lines of a poem, just the slightest inkling of a link with its author, her emotions caught in the butterfly net of prose? As Gavroche, of Les Misérables, so wisely informs us, “Everyone’s equal when they’re dead.” If the scrappy urchin is to be believed, we are all closet champions for inequality, desperate to be the exception to the universe’s one ubiquitous participation medal.

I’ve performed all my life in everything from plays to dance recitals to even the occasional ill-fated choral concert, and I know that a story told onstage is a fleeting infinity, the inception of a universe that immediately begins to die. When a show ends, the remains are scant—photographs, all of which have somehow managed to capture me from the least flattering possible angle; fragments of dialogue, removed from the context of their shows and thereby rendered senseless (“Oombaga!” “I am pudding!”); and memories, different each time I sift through them. Apparently, each time we remember something, we are not actually recalling the moment itself, but rather the last time we thought about it. Our every recollection is in fact colored by the circumstances surrounding our previous perusal of the past. If I think about dancing at prom often enough, with a smile plastered on my face, I can perhaps convince myself that slow dances are not actually horrendously awkward death marches all wrapped up in strappy heels, but quite lovely. It is the same phenomenon that, around this time next year, will leave me missing high schools despite my current desperation to escape. Hindsight may be twenty-twenty, but it’s wearing rose-colored glasses. My written words, on the other hand, are solid walls, housing deeper meaning, constructed to stand. But while a building’s façade may endure, what lies within decays, dissolves, disappears. Even as a writer, I’d say immortalization in ink has little to recommend it. I’ve come across many a pre-pubescent diary entry outlining how my father is crazy, the pen lines shaky from what I can only imagine to be ten-year-old rage, and though I of course completely agree, the exact situation that led to that particular rant is lost on me. Shakespeare wrote more sonnets than I’ve written grocery lists, hoping to capture his loves, to pin them to the page like the translucent autumn-leaf wing of a moth. And yet, though history has remembered his words carefully, has in fact imposed them upon generations of perplexed and blushing high school students, the faces and forms they were meant to hold have been forgotten. Who can say who shall be compared to a summer’s day?

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February 23rd – Bird feeders – Learn how to make a gelatin bird feeder for our chilly feathered friends outdoors! Bring one or two cookie cutters in the shapes of your choosing. The rest of the supplies will be provided. No peanut butter is involved in making these feeders, so this craft is happily allergen-free.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

On behalf of all of us at Guertin and Guertin, LLC, I’d like to wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. The beginning of a new year is always a great time to reflect on the past and look forward and make plans for the future.

Last year we were able to help a lot of your friends, family and neighbors to get on the right path to protecting their assets and ensuring a legacy for their children and grandchildren.

As we start this New Year, we are excited to continue to help our clients protect their assets, and ready to face the challenges that can and do arise. Some challenges can be avoided however, and now is the perfect time to give your estate plan a quick, New Year checkup (skip the gym membership this year and instead invest some time in planning your estate). Take out your estate planning documents, life insurance policies, financial records and other important documents and read through them. When reading through your documents keep the following questions in mind:

- Do I understand what these documents do/mean?
- Do the documents still represent my wishes?
- Are the beneficiaries still correct?
- Are the people I have put in positions of power (executor/guardian/trustee/power of attorney) still the right people for the job? Are they still alive?
- Are these Wills so old that they should be in a museum?

Make sure that your plan conforms to your wishes, if it does not, do what is necessary to make the changes you desire. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

If you are having trouble getting started or just don’t know where or how to start, we would like to help you with this and are currently offering a no-cost estate plan consultation. We’ll look over your plan and make any necessary recommendations or we’ll work with you to develop a plan. All too often people come to us too late, waiting until after something tragic has happened to start planning. Many headaches and heartaches can be avoided with advanced planning. That is why an estate plan checkup is so critical.

Please call my office to schedule your estate plan check up and let us help you make sure your estate plan still works for you. Law changes and life changes could affect you and you might not even know it. Make 2015 the year that you get your affairs in order. Call us at 203-234-7400 to schedule your no-cost estate planning consultation.

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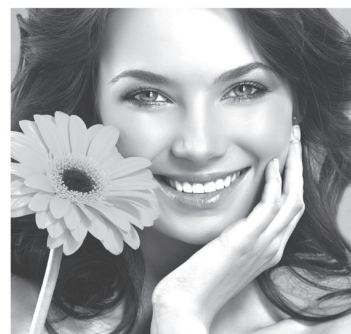
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The theme for this program will be Valentines. All preschool children are welcome and refreshments will be served.For more information call 203-315-6020.

HAZ/WASTE NEWS

Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event

Saturday, January 24th 2015, 9am to noon

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Candelora Sworn In

Reappointed Deputy House Republican Leader

Hartford- **State Representative Vincent Candelora (R-86)** took the oath of office on Wednesday, January 7th, kicking off his fifth term representing the 86th district in the 2015 legislative session.

Rep. Candelora was reappointed to his second straight term, House Republican Leader Themis Klarides appointed Candelora as her Deputy Republican Leader, joining Representatives Craig Miner, Laura Hoydick and Arthur O’Neil in the second highest position in the caucus. The appointment was ratified unanimously by her colleagues.

“I am truly honored to serve as the Deputy House Republican Leader,” Candelora said. “This is history in the making—I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of the House Republican Caucus and to work alongside the first woman leader,” **said Candelora.**

Klarides said naming Candelora was an obvious choice. “Having worked alongside Vin Candelora as a Deputy, I respect his judgment, hard work and his ability to analyze complex issues,” she said. “I will lean on him even more now as leader of the caucus. He has the respect of all his colleagues.”

Candelora was also appointed to serve on the legislature’s Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Legislative Management, Judiciary, Public Health and Regulations Review committees and will serve as Chair of the screening committee that is tasked with reviewing all legislation before it is put up for a vote in the House.

“Collectively we have our work cut out for us this session. We will enter this 2015 legislative session with a \$1.3 billion budget deficit; we’ll have to tackle some serious issues. Rebuilding the state’s financial situation is a top priority and I am eager to work in a bi-partisan manner, to pass a fiscally responsible budget that will get our state on track to recovery and encourage job growth,” Candelora added.

The legislature will be in session until it convenes on June 3rd.

Rep. Candelora represents the 86th District communities of Durham, Guilford, North Branford and Wallingford.

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Teacher Defers Gifts to Charity

At Mrs. Bannon's request, her second grade students at Jerome Harrison School donated money to charity in lieu of holiday gifts for Mrs. Bannon. It was decided to donate the money to Camp Rising Sun, a CT camp for children with cancer in honor of their classmate Lyla Bogardus who is currently fighting cancer for the 3rd time.

The class donated a total of \$350.00 to the charity. There to accept the donation was representative of Camp Rising Sun and North Branford resident Kathy Castillo.



"Students of the Month"

Seniors Katie Stevens and Sean Halligan were named "Students of the Month" by the North Branford Rotary. Katie was nominated by the English Department and Sean was nominated by the Business Department.

Photo by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in September 2015 will be held as follows:

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

335 Foxon Road – North Branford, CT

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Registration from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school office (203) 484-1235 for a registration packet. This will need to be completed and brought to kindergarten registration at Jerome Harrison School.

Your child does not need to be present at the time of registration.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2016.
2. The birth record or legal proof of birth has been examined by the principal or designee.
3. Your child must have a **2015** physical exam. The physician and the parent must complete the blue Health Assessment Record provided by the school. This form must be filed with the school **prior** to the first day of Kindergarten.
4. Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee (utility bill and/or voter registration form).

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child's development, please call (203) 484-1235, for further information. In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, day and evening registration will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the same times noted above.

Jerome Harrison Hosts St. Baldrick's Foundation Head Shaving Event

to Honor Lyla & Raise Funds for Childhood Cancer Research

Jerome Harrison Elementary School will host a St. Baldrick's Foundation signature head-shaving event to raise funds and awareness for lifesaving childhood cancer research on February 9, 2015 (Snow Date February 23) from 6pm to 9pm. With a goal of raising funds for childhood cancer research we are looking for participants to register to shave their heads to support the Foundation's mission to Conquer Childhood Cancers!

This event is being held to honor and support our own Lyla B., who continues her battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

Spectators and "walk-in" shavees are welcome. Please note that minors will need to be accompanied by a parent. In addition, there will be face painting and a balloon artist for the children. Dan Schmidt of PRO Sound Entertainment will serve as our DJ for the evening.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Judy Bannon at (203) 484-0507

NB Public Schools PreSchool role Model Screening

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Jerome Harrison School, North Branford, CT. The program incorporates children without disabilities to model appropriate social, language and play skills within preschool activities. This program meets four days a week (Monday through Thursday) with two sessions (morning 9:00-11:30, afternoon 12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2015-2016 school year.

To be enrolled as a role model peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Role model peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Kohler at 203-484-1235, to schedule a screening appointment. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February or as soon as enough candidates have applied. Parents will be notified by phone in February if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost. However, transportation must be provided by the parent.

The Early Childhood Education Network Presents

Preschool Fair

February 4th (snow date 2/5) 5:30-7:00pm

Jerome Harrison Elementary School

Come and visit booths presented by local preschool programs serving the North Branford/Northford community, as well as surrounding towns.

Meet staff, check out curriculums and get information on tuition, enrollment etc.

If you are enrolling your child in preschool for the 2015-2016 school year, then come see what options are available to you!

For more information call 203-484-4243 or e-mail amccarthy@north-branfordschools.org

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Christopher Stanio, James Blakeslee, Benjamin Hassen, Andrew Kendrick, Stephen Stanio and Hunter Stankiewicz received first honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

Christopher Stankiewicz, Andrew Albin, Anthony Czarkowski, Matthew Langone, Christian Maselli and Conor Grant received second honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

Joshua Witkowski, Salvatore Carlo and Jacob Hawley received third honors at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

Nicholas Strada received the Giargiari Estate scholarship, awarded by the National Italian American Foundation. Nicholas attends Brown University where he is majoring in Medicine.

Danielle Hottin was named to the Dean's List at Lasell College in Newton, MA.

Meagan Halligan was named to the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. Meagan is majoring in Nursing.

Jonathan Pierson was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. Brian is majoring in finance.

Shawn Redmond was named to the Dean's List at Lyndon State College in VT.

Samule Boissard was named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Bridget Anderson, Christine Battle, Christopher Burkle, Rhiannon Cappetta, Brendan Ciccone, Kyle Combs, Joshua Dill, Nicholas Ghobrial, Justin Grannis, Cory Onofrio, David Puglisi, Jordan Rippe, Shannon Rivera and Marissa Romano were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven.

Noelle Esposito was named to the Dean's List at Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire.



NB All-Stars - There for the Kids

Proudly wearing their “Love Lyla” t-shirts, a group of teachers and coaches, recently took on the Harlem Superstars in a fund rasier sponsored buy the North Branford Education Foundation. The game which was attended by more than 300 people was a mixture of trick shots, dunks, pranks and audience participation.

The North Branford Educaiton Foundation is an independent 401c which raises money for grants and scholarships for porjects that are not ccovered by the BOE budget. Anyone interested in becoming a Board member, making a contribution or learning more about the group and its events, is asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

Lady Birds 6-4 at the Halfway Point

North Branford High School girls basketball team dropped two tough ones to Coginchaug and Cromwell, but kept a winning record for the first half of the season with a 6-4 record.



Senior Justine Johnson and junior Gabby Augur have been key components in the success of the Thunderbirds.
(photos by Tom Zampano)

Boys Basketball Holding at 4-4

NBHS boys basketball team lost three straight games at the hands of Old Lyme, Coginchaug and Cromwell but came back to defeat Lyman Hall to bring their record to .500 at 4-4. The hoopsters are working hard to make the State Tournament, a feat they have missed for the past five years.



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Cindy Taylor, Boys Coordinator: boyscoordinator@nbylax.org
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Neil LeBeau, President: president@nbylax.org

FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: info@nbylax.org

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NORTH BRANFORD YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL 2014 REGISTRATION

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<http://northbranfordlittleleague.org>



BOYS (Ages 4-18 yrs as of January 1, 2015) Baseball
GIRLS (Ages 4-15 yrs as of January 1, 2015) Softball

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY	JANUARY 10, 2015	9:00am - 12:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL
THURSDAY	JANUARY 15, 2015	6:00pm – 8:45pm	TOTOKET VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY	JANUARY 24, 2015	9:00am – 12:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27, 2015	6:00pm – 8:45pm	TOTOKET VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY	FEBRARY 7, 2015	9:00pm - 1:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL

Registration is for all levels of play!

Anyone interested in participating must register on one of the above dates.
Requests after these dates may not be accepted and a late fee of \$25 will be charged.

Registration fees are payable in full at the time of registration.
No child will be turned away because of financial constraints.
Financial assistance requests are held in strict confidence - Contact Joe Mascari at 203.627.5047.

Fees per Player for 2015 are as follows:

Ages 12 and Under	Little League and Softball Includes: T-Ball, Pee Wee, Minors, and Majors	\$115
Ages 13-15	Senior Softball	\$185
Ages 13-18	Senior Baseball	\$225



First time players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.
Players’ shirt and pants sizes are required.
Sample uniforms will be available.

VISIT: <http://northbranfordlittleleague.org>



Contact Jeff Hoyt at 203-605-6595 or email jhoyt@ge.com with questions.

North Branford Indoor Track Round-Up

Shoreline Developmental Meet

In the relays the boys 4x800 Relay Team of Bryce Mase, Austin Gibilisco, Christian Diaz and Isaac Cammarata placed 3rd at 9:19.44 and the girls team of Marissa Bale, Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak and Jillian Damiani placed 9th at 11:40.01. The girls SMR Team of Maggie Dulak, Rachel Sauro, Katie Stevens and Sara Olsen placed 5th at 4:52.10 and the boy's team of Michael Odell, Christian Diaz, Pat Fisher and Austin Gibilisco placed 8th at 4:17.51. The boys 4x400 Relay Team of Michael Hoyt, Pat Fisher, Parker Nadeau and Isaac Cammarata placed 13th at 4:26.44 and the girls team of Theresa Guadagnino, Grace Little, Jillian Damiani and Marissa Bale placed 13th at 5:05.28. The girls 4x200 Relay Team of Sara Olsen, Katie Stevens, Olivia Hemstock and Rachel Sauro placed 6th at 1:59.88.

Individual top places were earned by Katie Stevens in the High Jump at 4'4" good for 5th place, Jess Zumbo in the 55m Dash placing 13th at 8.01, Deanna Sgambato placed 7th in the Pole Vault at 6'6" and Cole Sauro in the Long Jump placed 13th at 15'7". Also in the Long Jump, Deanna Sgambato placed 17th at 11'9" and Olivia Hemstock placed 18th at 11'7.5".

13th New Haven Invitational Track and Field Meet

Top individual athletes were Winnie Chan taking 8th in the High Jump at 4'10". Other top finishers were Katie Stevens placing 16th in the High Jump at 4'6", Catie Moran in the 55m Hurdles placing 18th at 10.16 and Bryce Mase taking 18th in the 800m Run at 2:14.22.

In the relays, the girls 4x800 Relay Team of Marissa Bale, Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak, and Victoria Pawlak placed 12th at 11:09.8. The girls DMR Team of Victoria Pawlak, Maggie Dulak, Rachel Sauro and Marissa Bale placed 11th at 14:46.03. The Girls 4x200 Relay Team of Sara Olsen, Katie Stevens, Rachel Sauro and Olivia Hemstock clocked in at 2:01.92. The boys 4x800 Relay Team of Bryce Mase, Isaac Cammarata, Michael Module and Austin Gibilisco placed 15th at 9:30.47.

Hillhouse Winter Relays on Saturday

The boys 4x200 Relay Team of Shelby Franklin, Christian Iuteri, Exavier Santiago and Andrew Sarmento placed 8th at 1:41.67. The 4x400 Relay Team of Austin Gibilisco, Christian Diaz, Pat Fisher and Will Coleman placed 16th at 4:11.67. The 4x800 Relay Team of Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Isaac Cammarata and Bryce Mase placed 16th at 9:41.58. The DMR Team of Michael Odell, Parker Nadeau, Isaac Cammarata and Pat Fisher placed 20th at 13:59.09. The 1600 Sprint Medley Relay Team of Michael Madoule, Christian Iuteri, Bryce Mase and Exavier Santiago placed 9th at 4:08.44. The Long Jump Relay Team of Shelby Franklin (18'08"), Christian Diaz (16'06.5") and Andrew Sarmento (15'7.5") placed 4th.

The 55m Shuttle Hurdle Relay Team of Rachel Sokoloff and Catie Moran

placed 2nd with a combined time of 19.27. The girls 4x200 Relay Team of Olivia Hemstock, Katie Stevens, Rachel Sauro and Sara Olsen placed 6th at 1:59.85. The DMR Relay Team of Grace Little, Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak and Leah Martone placed 6th at 14:37.97. The 4x400 Relay Team of Hannah DiEdwards, Theresa Guadagnino, Jillian Damiani and Deanna Sgambato placed 12th at 5:14.11. The 4x800 Relay Team of Marissa Bale, Victoria Pawlak, Holly Dulak and Maggie Dulak placed 5th at 11:08.13. The 1600 Sprint Medley Relay Team of Grace Little, Erika Chironno, Jess Zumbo and Sara Olsen placed 6th at 5:04.41. The High Jump Relay Team of Katie Stevens (4'8") and Rachel Sauro (4'0") placed 3rd. The Long Jump Relay Team of Catie Moran (13'3.5") and Olivia Hemstock (13') placed 9th.

Shoreline Coaches Track and Field Invitational

Co-Captain Bryce Mase was the top finisher for the T-Birds by placing 2nd in the 1000m Run by placing 2nd and breaking a school record at 2:44.63. Top individual places were also achieved by Co-Captains Sara Olsen taking 6th place in the 600m Run at 1:49.12 and Rachel Sokoloff taking 6th place in the 55m Hurdles at 9.53. Co-Captain Katie Stevens placed 9th in the High Jump at 4'8". Also placing 9th was Maggie Dulak in the 1000m run at 3:22.12 and Andrew Sarmento in the High Jump at 5'4". Sarmento also took 11th in the 55m dash at 7.11. Shelby Franklin finished 10th in the 55m Dash at 7.06 and 11th in the Long Jump at 18'3.5". Other top finishers were Catie Moran in the 55m Hurdles by taking 13th at 10.03, Deanna Sgambato in the Pole Vault 14th place at 6'6" and Jess Zumbo in the 55m Dash 15th at 8.03.

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Join the Cook Book Club

The North Branford Library Cookbook Club, which selects a different cookbook each month, met on December 13, 2014, this time exploring THE PALEO KITCHEN by Juli Bauer & George Bryant. The members prepared and discussed representative recipes including: Sweet Potato Quiche, a breakfast tart, Spinach & Artichoke Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms, an appetizer, Pumpkin tomato Soup, side dishes of Bacon Pecan Cabbage and Coconut Cauliflower Curry and, for dessert, Chocolate Cookie Ice Cream.

Prospective new members may sign up or get further information at the Atwater Library for Spring meetings.

New Knitting Circle at the Smith Library!

Do you love to knit, or have you always wanted to learn? Join our Knitting Circle on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 in the Children’s Room. This class is recommended for teens and up and beginners are welcome.

If you have a project in mind, bring it along with your yarn and knitting needles. We can share tips for new stitches, types of yarns and patterns. If you haven’t decided on a project yet, we can help you choose one!

Bring practice yarn and needles of your choice and we’ll teach you how to cast on and knit.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, February 2, 2015, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Fran Mayko, Public Affairs Manager and Traffic Safety Educator, AAA Northeast.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of all federal workers and retirees.

Dudley Farm Winter Market

The Dudley Farm Winter Market will be held the first Saturday of each month February through May from 9 AM to 12:30 PM in the Munger Barn. We offer baked goods, eggs, handmade crafts, honey and maple syrup, jams and jellies, naturally-raised meats, pickles, winter vegetables and more. Craft vendors rotate during the winter months.

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. 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, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenn. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

North Branford Congregational Church
Offers Special Lenten And Easter Services

NBCC hopes to provide an oasis of peace, love, and welcome to all in the community. Come and worship at 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. For more information please call the church office at 203.488.8456.

February 18, 2015 @ 7pm – Ash Wednesday/Taize Service – Providing centering and peace through contemplative prayer. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm.

March 29, 2015@ 10am – Palm Sunday Service – Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

April 2, 2015 – Maundy Thursday@ 7pm – Recount Jesus’ Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

April 3, 2015 @ 12 noon – Good Friday – An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

April 5, 2015 @6:30am – Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Gallard – Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

April 5, 2015 @ 10am – Easter Sunday Service – A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

NB Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Relief Programs

Applications for the Elderly HOMEOWNER and Totally Disabled HOME-OWNER Programs are available in the Assessors Office now through May 15, 2015. Applicants must be 65 by December 31, 2014 or totally disabled to qualify. Income levels are as follows: State Program: \$34,600 for a single person; \$42,200 for a married couple. Local Program: \$42,500 if single; \$52,500 if married.

Please be sure to bring your Federal Tax Return, if you file one, and your Social Security Statement (1099). If you do not file a return, you must provide proof of all forms of income, including your 1099 statement, pension income, annuity income, interest, etc.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN PROGRAMS:

The qualifications are the same as the elderly programs; however if 100% disabled, the income maximum is \$18,000, for a single person, and \$21,000 for a married couple, excluding Social Security.

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stpatricksdaysparade.org

Free Radon Test Kits Available

January is National Radon Action Month. The East Shore District Health Department is offering Free Radon Air Test Kits to residents of North Branford during the month of January.

Testing is the only way to know if your home or well water has elevated radon levels. Radon levels tend to increase inside the home during the heating season when homes are closed. Equipment is available for homes that may need to reduce elevated radon levels at fairly reasonable cost.

Free Radon Test Kits will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis from the health district office. The kits were provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health radon program. Supplies are limited. One kit per household please.

The East Shore District Health Department is located at 14 Business Park Drive in Branford and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday Family Fish Fries
Sponsored by Knights Of Columbus Council 3928
390 South Union Street, Guilford CT. Phone 203-453-2801.

Dinner served 5:00 - 7:30 pm. (Takeout Dinners available)
Fish Dinner (fried or Baked) \$12.00
Caesar salad W/ Shrimp or Chicken \$8.00
Mac & Cheese \$6.00.
Hot Dog & French Fries \$5.00.
Available; Brownie Sundae, Clam Chowder, Stuffed Clams,
Shrimp Cocktail , soda, water, coffee.

Charities to benefit

February 20, Guilford before and After School Care Programs
February 27, St. George Council Children in need Fund.
March 6, Carl’s Crusaders.
March 13 Our Lady Of Mercy School.
March 20 Community Nursery School.
March 27 Kiddie Kollege Nursery School

Pancake Breakfast



Support Northford Cub Scout Pack 462

Please join us for our 4th Annual Cub Scout

Pancake Breakfast.

Donations: \$5.00 per person

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Food Service: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: St Andrew’s Episcopal Church - 1382 Middletown Avenue,
Northford, Connecticut 06472

ELECTRICIAN

TJC Electrical Services - No Job too small or big. Service upgrade & Generator Specials. Call Tom Cassella at 203-619-2823. Licensed & Insured.

PLUMBING

John DiMaggio Plumbing - Residential/Commercial repairs/remodeling. Big or small. Water Heater Specials! Licensed & Insured. Call 203 - 627 - 6826 or 203-484-4822. References available.

SERVICES

Northford Power Equipment - “The Mower Whisperer”. We service all brands of yard & snow equipment. Reasonable rates, pickup and delivery available. Call Mark at 203-484-2173.

Greg Tech Computer Services. Certified Technician. On-site support for PC's & Macs. Repairs, virus removals, wireless & network set-ups, software installation, computer training, upgrades, hardware and printer repair and more. Call Greg at 203-980-0782.

Handyman Services - Plumbing repairs and installations, light electrical work, dryer vents cleaned & replaced. Mailboxes repaired and replaced. General repairs/small jobs, dump runs etc. References provided. Call Pete at 203-804-6373.

HELP WANTED

Hair Stylist Wanted. Full or part time. Flexible Hours. Closed Monday & Tuesday. Apply in person at Hair Designs, 1717 Foxon Road, North Branford. Across from the Library.

Valentine Flower Deliveries. Must have own vehicle. Don’t wait, sign up now and deliver for Valentine’s Day week. Holiday drivers will receive a free rose bouquet. Apply in person at Petals 2 Go in the Central Plaza, North Branford.

FOR SALE

Wood Burning Stove - “King” Stove with automatic thermostat. Asking \$495 or best offer. Call 203-481-5133

NB Women’sClub Meeting

The North Branford Women’s Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church’s hall located on Notch Hill Road in North Branford. It will begin with a business meeting and refreshments. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature Ms. Diane Link - A Night of Chocolate Bits & Pieces with/the Choc-ettes.

If you are new to our town, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. The North Branford Women’s Club is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Club’s founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns.

We are involved with Veterans, Atwater Library Story Hour, Local Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Food Banks, Midnight Run, Scholarships and more. For additional information, please contact Ms. Barbara LaFrance at (203) 444-9998.

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
Business Classified Ads & Real Estate
3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00
\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words
Payment MUST accompany all ads. The advertiser must notify this newspaper of any errors.
Send ad along with your check to:
Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472
For more information call 203-410-4254

Fourth Annual
Take Your Child to the Library Day !



Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Saturday, Feb. 7th
9 am – 1 pm

Stop in the Children’s Room at the **Atwater or Smith Library** for a fun day of crafts, a “Book Bag of Books” raffle, special programs and more!!

Programs at the Smith Library:

Visit with “Boomer the Bobcat” and enjoy llama stories and crafts with Quinnipiac University Field Hockey Players
9:30 – 11:00 am

“Why I Love the Library” interviews With Mrs. Seiden and students from TVES: 10 am – Noon


Meet Llamas and Alpacas - 11:00 am
From Three Niece Farm of Hampton, CT
Educational talk on the differences between alpacas and llamas, where they come from, information about their care and handling, and use of their fleece.
**Register in the Children’s Room.
Space Limited.

Sugar Cupcake Truck & hot chocolate in the Community Room
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Time to check out books!




Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd.,
Northford, CT 06472
203-484-0469



Did you know.. that in 1857 Benjamin Page was paid \$14.00 per month to teach in North Branford Schools? Women were paid only \$5.75 per month for the same teaching duties.

Visit us on the web
TotoketHistoricalSociety.Org



at



980 New Haven Road Durham, CT 860-788-7870

Super Bowl Party
February 1, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Free Half Time
Buffet / Drink
Specials!





2/14 Valentines Day
Nuts & Bolts Singles
Dance Party
8:00 p.m.





February 10th - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Get your friends together and paint your MASTERPIECE
All supplies provided - sign up at:
www.PaintSocialArt.com

NEW EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: DJ DANCE PARTY
9 PM - STARTS JANUARY 23RD

NEW - TACO TUESDAY
\$1.50 TACOS
EVERY TUES. NIGHT 4 - 7 P.M.

Upcoming Band Schedule

1/17 Blonde Influence 1/24 Bad Mannerz
1/31 All Funked Up 2/7 Bad Apples
2/14 Valentines Day Dance Party featuring - Take 2 Karaoke & DJs
DON'T FORGET TO COME IN EARLY FOR OUR SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS!!!



