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## Ed Foundation Names 2020 Shining Stars

### David Palumbo, Marcey Onofrio, Tom Smith, Brian Lynch

The North Branford Education Foundation will be holding the Annual Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Seasons in East Haven. The Foundation has selected four citizens who have contributed to the quality of our community.

The fundraising dinner honors members of our community as well as the memory of Alan Davis. Tickets are just \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



**Tom Smith** is a life-long resident of Northford. Upon graduation from Wilbur Cross High School, he became a postman at the Northford Post Office. He married and raised two children, Kristin and Debbie, with his wife Marianne in Northford. Tom continued to serve as a postman for forty years. He was often commended for his attention to detail and the personal attention given to the residents on his routes. Tom also had his own landscaping company in town and worked for and is known by many.

Tom, the eldest grandson of Frank and Angelina Cecarelli, was instrumental in securing the development rights of Cecarelli Farms in Northford which led to the preservation of the farm for generations. As a member of North Branford Rural Preservation Committee, Tom was the first in this area to go through the Farmland Preservation program with the state, securing the farm in private ownership and protecting it from housing or other development.

Throughout his life, he has been a member of Northford Company 2 Fire Department fighting fires and responding to emergencies in the North Branford Community and neighboring towns. In 2008 Tom received recognition for 50 years of active service in Co. 2. While active in the Co 2, he was involved in organizing the Northford Carnival and presently helps coordinate the annual golf tournament which raises funds to maintain the firehouse and support community efforts like the North Branford Scholarship Fund. He was also a member of the Fireman's Ball Committee and hosted various activities at Co 2 for its members.

Tom has been a long-standing member and sexton of the Northford Cemeteries Association. He joined his father, Charlie Smith, as caretaker of the cemetery in the early 1950s and has served as president of the Association for forty years. Recently, he also became the superintendent of Bare Plain Cemetery in North Branford.

One of Tom's favorite pastimes was participating in North Branford community softball. His team, Smitty's Clippers, was the team to beat. As a spectator, he has always

enjoyed town baseball, hockey, football, and volleyball, especially at the high school level. He is an avid Boston Red Sox and New York Giants fan.

He often shows his antique cars at the Potato and Corn Festival, as well as other local charity events. In 2007, the community rallied together for an old-fashioned barn raising on Tom's property. The Hansen Barn, circa 1880, was removed from its original home in North Haven in 1987 and was raised by the community and members of the Northford Timberframers almost 20 years later. Many local charities were supported during this process including the Angels Foundation, the Miller Historical Museum, Walk for Lupus Awareness, as well as a local family.

Tom proudly represents the town of North Branford, and the village of Northford, as an Alan Davis Shining Star.



**Marcey Onofrio** has been a resident of Northford for 43 years. She is married to her husband Ron and has two children, Morgan and Cory. Growing up in Northford, Marcey attended the North Branford Public School System and graduated in 1984. Marcey's children followed in her footsteps and attended North Branford Public Schools. After graduation Marcey attended The Academy for Business Careers and became a paralegal. She then worked in the legal field for eight years. However, Marcey's love for children steered her away from the professional world when she decided to set up her own home daycare.

In November of 1993, Marcey opened her home daycare and she has continued to operate her business to this day. Marcey has helped raise countless children by caring for and nurturing them while their parents remain at work. She creates an environment in which the children, as well as their families, feel that they are an extension of her family. The trust and respect she has always earned is evident since all her daycare families are referred through word of mouth.

In the earlier years Marcey was a Girl Scout leader. As her children became involved in sports, Marcey ran numerous fundraisers for the various sports teams in which her children were involved. She also served as secretary of the North Branford Touchdown Club and helped organize many functions to benefit students and athletes.

Over the years, Marcey's husband, Ron, was very involved in town events and fundraisers as well. She helped him organize and run the many DARE car shows as well being involved behind the scenes at many other events. In doing so the fundraisers benefited many students, the North Branford School District, and our community.

In 2005, Marcey was asked if she would volunteer one Thursday night a month and run for a seat of the North Branford Board of Education ("don't ever fall for the one Thursday night a month line"). After a board member resigned before the next election, Marcey completed that term for two months prior to the upcoming election. She prevailed in that election and subsequent elections, and has served on the Board of Education to the present. Over the years, Marcey has held various positions on the board including Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Marcey has always believed that providing North Branford's children with a solid education is the most important investment a community can make. The time she spends in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours that she devotes to the students and the school district. Marcey is deeply involved in community activities and spends many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events. Her attention to the students of North Branford mirrors her caring and devotion to the children in her daycare.



**David Palumbo** has been a lifelong resident of the North Branford community and business owner in town. David also married a lifelong resident Sandra Dostie Palumbo. He raised 3 children in the community. Samantha (26), David Jr. (25), and Jake (16).

David was raised on a local farm in town, and showed horses all around the country and became a Worlds and National Champion by the age of 14 years old. David is a product of the North Branford School System. After graduation from N.B. High he worked for businesses in the transportation industry, and in 1991 David founded his own business Palumbo Trucking.

Palumbo Trucking is a dedicated tanker business that serves the North East Region. 30 years later, he has grown his business in the North Branford community in Real Estate, Diesel Repairs, Transportation, and now the Rail Road Industry.

David has become a valuable asset to our town. "This community has raised me and my kids. As a resident and business owner I need to give back".

David serves on the board of police commissioners in *continued on page 2*

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North Branford for 4 terms. He currently sits as the vice chairman. David has also served on the P.C.A.C. Association of Connecticut for a number of years starting on the board as an officer. He quickly moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> V. President, 1<sup>st</sup> V. President, then became chairman of the P.C.A.C. of Ct. for a period of two years, then retired.

David volunteers on the Public Safety Committee in North Branford, and serves on the North Branford P.D. facility & Town Center Advisory Committee. He has donated monetarily too many school projects, youth programs, and athletic events. He volunteers on different functions and fund raisers in town whenever needed.

When David is not working or volunteering he is an avid Snowmobiler "Every chance I get!", and a dedicated father and husband.

**Dr. Brian Lynch** and his wife Rosemarie have lived in North Branford since 1983. They have raised three children here (Tom, dan & Joe).

After graduating from UCONN, Brian continued his education at the New England College of Optometry. In 1981 he joined the practice of Dr. Leonard Spear in Branford, and never left. He is currently in his 39th professional year serving the eye care needs of the people in the community.

His commitment to serving both his profession and his community are evident through his actions. Professionally he has served as the President of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists and currently serves as the Chairman of

Legislature affairs (his 35th year). For his efforts to promote both his profession and the visual welfare of his patients, he has been awarded multiple awards and citations (including CT Optometrist of the Year on three separate occasions).

For the past 17 years Brian has travelled to Nicaragua to participate in a volunteer eye care mission (VOSH) to provide eye care and eyewear to the underserved.

Dr. Lynch has not stayed away from volunteering locally. He is very proud of his 24 years of service on the North Branford Parks and Recreation Commission and all that was accomplished during that time. He has worn many hats in that capacity including annually volunteering at the Potato & Corn Festival. As a soccer coach (10 years) and Scoutmaster for Troop 453 (6 years), he has demonstrated his commitment to the youth of North Branford.

Furthering his willingness to serve, he has been a member of the Branford Lions Club since 1982.



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## State Representative Vincent Candelora State Government is Becoming Inaccessible, and that Really Stinks



Something stinks in the legislature, and I'm not talking about the perfume. A recent opinion piece published in the Hartford Courant by a health advocate concerned about fragrances in tightly-packed committee rooms got me thinking about state government these days. In particular, this question from the author: "*So many people*

*want to testify at Connecticut legislative hearings, but how many are staying away because of their concerns about being enclosed in spaces with scented products?"*

I understand the author's point, but as someone who sits in these committee rooms, I think there's a more odious issue at play when it comes to the citizenry's interaction with government: the process itself has become increasingly inaccessible.

Take the simple act of testifying on a bill. For the average person concerned about an issue, getting those precious three minutes in front of committee members is akin to climbing a mountain—the hours-long process is exhausting if not disorienting.

Testifying involves a lottery process that's dominated by lobbyists and special interest groups. On top of that, state bureaucrats always get their say first.

Signing up at breakfast but not speaking until dinner, or even later, is common.

Can you can afford to miss a day of work to wait your turn in Hartford?

And this simple procedural issue is the tip of the iceberg.

Consider recent headlines about pro-tolling legislators conspiring with the governor to create a "public" forum on transportation featuring a tolling-friendly audience.

How about the budget-building tactics employed by Democrats who control both chambers of the legislature? Delivering a thousand-page budget bill—a document loaded with tax and fee increases—a few hours before a vote is unacceptable.

Most taxpayers would appreciate a chance to weigh in on such policy decisions that carry such significant impact on their lives.

Legislative business conducted after midnight? Don't get me started.

Ignoring statutory requirements to hold legislative hearings on state agency audit reports, including many that point to significant government failures?

Yes, that happens.

There's no doubt that this General Assembly, controlled by Democrats for the better part of four decades, has lost its way.

Can some of these problems be fixed easily? Of course they can. Change the rules to allow citizens to testify ahead of lobbyists. Hold public hearings on final budget bills. Allow representatives and senators to ask questions about those audit reports.

Will those changes happen? Without greater party balance in the legislature, I'm afraid we just won't get there. It'll take you hours to testify, and my colleagues and I will never get to pose questions about audit reports that detail waste, fraud, and abuse.

## Let's Be "Frank"

So brother, I know I'm not that old but I was eating a jelly donut yesterday (I know that's not on my diet but it was a weight loss goal treat) and I was wondering about some of the things I miss.

Wouldn't it be nice to once again eat a jelly donut that actually had some jelly in it?

I miss the days when going out and driving in the snow was a fun adventure. I was watching the weather yesterday and they asked us to send in fun pictures of how we were enjoying the snow. I wanted to send them a photo of me in my recliner wrapped in a blanket but I didn't think that's what they were looking for.

I miss the days when you actually spoke to people in person or on the phone. My fingers are a bit too chubby to type messages and the voice commands don't always come out correctly. You'd be surprised at the x rated translations that come out when you say Totoket Times.

I miss sitting on the porch and listening to the old man talk to the neighbor guys half in English half in Italian. Now if you do have a front porch and you sit on it the neighbors think you are spying on them.

I miss talking to real people at the bank instead of online transactions.

I miss going to bed without a sleep apnea mask and wrist braces for carpal tunnel.

I miss going sled riding with the kids. I tried to go with my grandson yesterday but Nico (like his pop he has no filter) told me I was too fat. He was right and at three years old he might have saved my life.

I miss having coffee at night or on a Saturday morning with some of the neighbors. I don't even like coffee but it was good times.

I miss Lawrence Welk, Jackie Gleason and Ed Sullivan.

I miss some of the discussions we had over our sons leaving the family loyalty and cheering for the Forty Niners and Patriots instead of our father's beloved Giants.

I miss baseball when inside pitches governed fair play rather than suspensions and dismissals.

I miss left over macaroni from Sunday being baked in the oven for dinner on Monday. I particularly miss fighting over the burnt ones.

I miss watching kids play stoop ball and street hockey and street football and watching them shovel the driveway to play basketball.

I miss mom's French Toast when the bread got too stale to use for sandwiches.

I miss watching Sunday football with a housefull of cousins, uncles and neighbors.

Thinking about all these things I miss makes me realize how lucky I am to have those memories and to continue making new memories.

I miss all you guys but I'm in no hurry to see you. I guess I'll see you guys soon enough.



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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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## State Senator Christine Cohen Good News About State Finances

I'd like to start off the 2020 new year by bringing you a bit of good news about state finances.

Connecticut's Budget Reserve Fund, which acts as our state "savings account" and is sometimes referred to as our Rainy Day Fund, is at its highest level in state history: \$2.8 billion, or 14 percent of our annual expenditures. Financial advisors suggest it be at 15 percent; we'll reach that in June. For an analogy, the average household income in Connecticut is \$75,000 a year, so that's like you having \$11,250 in your household savings account.

Not only does Connecticut have its largest budget reserve in history, it's also twice as large as most U.S. states: the median state rainy day fund balance in America is just 7.6 percent, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO).

On the jobs front, a recent report by the state comptroller makes an important distinction when it comes to Connecticut's job-growth numbers: the difference between private-sector job growth (which is doing well) and government-sector job growth (which has gone backwards for many years). Private-sector jobs in Connecticut have rebounded since the end of the Recession, growing by 119,000 since January 2010. But government jobs in Connecticut have been decimated, falling by 16,000. When you read news stories about Connecticut's job growth, please remember that private-sector job growth and government-sector job cuts are all rolled into one, final number.

A new report from the legislature's non-partisan fiscal analysis office shows that over the past decade, from 2008 until this year, Connecticut's overall budget has grown by just 2.4% per year, while the discretionary portion of our budget grew at a miniscule seven-tenths of 1 percent per year (0.7%). According to NASBO, the 33-year historical average across America is a 5.6 percent state spending increase per year. That means that over the past decade, thanks in part to fiscal necessity and some bipartisan fiscal policies, Connecticut's budget has grown at less than half the national average.

Connecticut is also growing millionaires. According to state tax returns, the number of Connecticut residents declaring incomes in excess of \$1 million per year has grown by 8% since 2014. Connecticut also has one of the highest concentrations of millionaires and billionaires per-capita of any state in America.

And finally, Wall Street is positive on Connecticut because the legislature has taken steps to stabilize its finances. America's three biggest bond rating agencies – Standard & Poor, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch – all recently assigned various "A" ratings to Connecticut's general obligation ("GO") bonds.

I know we have some financial hurdles to face in the future, but I want you to know that the legislature has been taking serious steps to reduce state spending and increase our savings.

### Presidential Preference Primary Registration Deadline

The Registrar of Voters would like to inform the electors of the Town of North Branford of information pertaining to the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

In order to participate in voting in **any** primary in the State of Connecticut, electors must be registered in the political party for such primary. The upcoming Presidential Preference Primary is for the Democratic Party **only**.

Unaffiliated voters (i.e. not registered in any party) are **not permitted** to vote in any primary in the State of Connecticut. However, unaffiliated voters can apply to register in a political party in order to vote in a primary.

Electors should take note that enrolled party members may transfer from one party to another party three months **prior** to a primary.

**The deadline to transfer parties for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, January 28, 2020.**

Electors who registered as **"Independent"** are members of the Independent Party and will **NOT** be eligible to vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary unless they transfer parties by the above deadline.

**North Branford Registrar of Voters**

### "Don't Drop the Ball!"

**Dear Editor:**

Super Bowl Sunday, Americans will turn their focus to one thing and one thing only: football. That's right – the most anticipated exhibition of the year is right around the corner, and fans everywhere are pulling out their jerseys, preparing game day snacks, and stocking up on their favorite beverages for the Big Game.

If your game day plans involve cracking open a Bud Light or Bud Light

## North Branford Annual Economic Development Review 2019

Thank you to the volunteer members of the North Branford Economic Development Commission (EDC) for their support during the year (we had a quorum at every monthly meeting!) and particularly the contribution to our 'successes' through the tireless efforts of EDC Chair, Liz Caplan.

During the year EDC developed and launched the 'Destination North Branford' program with the help of volunteer communication professionals. One objective is promoting State-wide visibility of the Town, its attractions and the quality of life in the community. Another objective is to increase agri-tourism and build pollinator pathways to increase agricultural and horticultural yields. We involved local landscapers and farmers in the planning process and will be expanding these initiatives in 2020.

Many businesses and residents joined in this 2019 initiative, which included The Sunflower Project and the Destination North Branford video, both completed at little expense to the Town. We are seeking volunteers again to help us implement these initiatives including launch a residential wildflower pollinator pathway program from within the community and to generate awareness outside of the community. Our draft presentation of the North Branford Sunflower Project will be co-presented with the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) to some 1500 attendees at the Annual Conference of the CT Land Conservation Council in March.

We have facilitated quarterly meetings of the leaders of local manufacturers during the year with speakers that bring value to our community such as SBA, CERC, Work Force Alliance, Manufacturers Associations and renewable energy specialists. These breakfast meetings have been hosted by local manufacturers including Honeywell, ESI and will continue in 2020; our first speaker on **February 18th will be Colin Cooper, State of CT, Chief Manufacturing Officer (CMO)**.

Our 2020 plans include meeting with businesses leaders to learn more about their concerns and development plans and to assess whether there is potential for their supply chain vendors to relocate closer to North Branford.

We are delighted that Honeywell chose to relocate two business units into their Northford facility in 2019 and now have over 650 full time employees there.

Tilcon invested some \$6 million in local equipment upgrades in 2019 and provide a key material in infrastructure improvement across the Country.

Economic Development collaborated closely with the Town Planner on the scope, development and completion of the ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). It is anticipated in 2020 that POCD Action Plans will be prioritized and EDC will include implementation of several tasks defined in the consultant's report.

Several new businesses have been established and publicized in partnership with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and the local media, including Rose Vineyards, Stewards of the Land Brewery and there are other business developments in progress.

We have worked closely with North Branford Land and Conservation Trust and Evergreen Woods during the year to conserve and support their efforts to create new recreational spaces in the community.

We are working with the Totoket Historical Society (THS) to develop plans to create an Historic District in North Branford. We also assisted Totoket TV's relocation to the former North Branford Town Hall which has been substantially renovated.

**David Lehman, Commissioner of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Governor's Chief Economic Advisor, was the guest speaker at the Annual State of the Town breakfast together with Town Manager Michael Paulhus which was held in the Town Hall Council Chambers on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**We welcome businesses and nonprofit organizations to join us in increasing economic growth in North Branford**

**Roger Salway, 203-484-1034**

**Economic Development Coordinator  
Town of North Branford**

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**Sincerely, Tony Lota - Alcohol Awareness Coordinator  
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## North Haven Camera Club Presents Portrait Lighting

The North Haven Camera Club will host a presentation on portrait lighting on Tuesday, Feb. 4th by the very talented photographer and artist, Mark Battista. Mark will demonstrate how to control the direction and quality of lighting. His lighting techniques are inspired by the great artists of the past, Rembrandt, Vermeer and Caravaggio.

The presentation will be held at the club meeting at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave, North Haven, at 7:00 p.m. Come early at 6:30 p.m. for mentoring or socializing. Guests are welcome.

North Haven Camera Club has workshops, expert guest speakers and field trips throughout the season. Many of the club's guest speakers have decades of professional experience. The club also conducts monthly competitions for photographers of all skill levels and prepares members for regional and national photographic contests and events.

For more information, visit the club's website at [NorthHavenCameraClub.com](http://NorthHavenCameraClub.com).



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## Join the Sons & Daughters of Italy Your Life will Never be the Same

It's time to meet new people, get out of the house and enjoy different cultural events every month. The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, meet on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven.

While maintaining many of the Italian-traditions, the ethnically diverse group has donated close to \$200,000 through its charitable giving programs.

Some of the groups we have supported are: The North Haven Education Foundation, North Haven High School Scholarship Fund, Alzheimer's Research Association of CT., Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Epilepsy Foundation of CT., Ronald McDonald House, MADD, Fisher House, American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Local Food Banks and Youth Groups, care packages for our Military troops and many more.

Scheduled for 2020 are: Trivia Game Night, Valentine's Dinner, Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner, Golf Tournament, Horse Racing, Comedy Night, Friday Night Bocce Club, Family Movie nights, Fashion Show, Military Whist, Dominoes and additional events yet to be determined.

Do as much as you like or as little as you like and have fun doing it. Visit our website at [www.northhavenlodge2805club](http://www.northhavenlodge2805club) or email us at: [nhs-dilodge2805@outlook.com](mailto:nhs-dilodge2805@outlook.com) or call Frank at 203-410-4254 for more information.

Dues is only \$45.00 per year with a one time \$15.00 Application Fee.

Start the new year off right by getting off the couch, meeting new friends and enjoying yourself in a pressure free atmosphere.



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Guilford, CT 06437

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**Super Bowl Specials**  
Open Sunday, February 2nd from 1pm to 7pm

**They're back! Championship Wing Platter**  
Includes 5 varieties of wings  
Buffalo, BBQ, Kicken Bourbon, Scarpello Wings  
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Small Tray	Large Tray
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Variety of 3 Mouth Watering Fried Eggrolls  
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<b>Cheesy Fries Plain</b>	<b>Spicy Cheese Fries</b>
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9 inch container	9 inch container

**PARTY PIZZA  
MOZZ OR PLAIN  
\$30.00 FOR  
SUPERBOWL  
MUST PRE ORDER**

# Recycling News

## Did you know you can recycle these items in your blue tote curbside?

Newspapers, mail, envelopes, clean paper plates, magazines, catalogues, office & school paper, file folders, paperback books, telephone directories, paper bags, shredded paper placed in paper bags, holiday wrapping paper (no mylar or metallic) and holiday cards.

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### Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program Started in North Branford in November

If you would like to participate in this program, please use the Simple Recycling pink bags you received with the program info. Fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more to help keep these items out of our trash.

Place bags next to your recycling bin at the curb on your regular trash pickup day by 7am.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags between 7am and 5pm and leave new bags.

If you have not received your program info in the mail, need additional bags or want to see a full list of accepted items, go to [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) or email at [info@simplerecycling.com](mailto:info@simplerecycling.com)

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.

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## Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 7, 2020

9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

*Can't wait until our town's March collection?*

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling.

Located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury; hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website: [take2recycle.com](http://take2recycle.com)

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### **"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. Help avoid potential flooding by clearing leaves, snow and ice in the fall and winter months from around storm drains. Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

**Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!**

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## BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)

Week of April 20 and November 9 on your scheduled pickup day

\*No home cleanouts\*

## THE MAKE US PROUD!



**Kurt Casanova (photo)** graduated from Navy RTC in Great Lakes, Ill on 12/6/19 as an Airman Apprentice. He is training in Pensicola, Florida for Aviation Electronics Tech in programming and computer systems.

**Nicole Bruno & Ashley Slubowski** were named to the Dean's List at Asumption College in Worcester, MA.

**Jessica Zumbo** was named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

**Marie Zampano** was named to the Dean's List at

Lasell University in Newton, MA.

**Nicholas Mancini** was named to the Dean's List at American International College in Springfield, MA.

**Bella Crotta** was named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

**Ryan Gries** was named to the Dean's List at Becker College in Worcester, MA.

**Julia Pietrogallo** was named to the Dean's List at Providence College in RI.

**Morgan Violette** was named to the Dean's List at Albertus Magnus College in CT.

## North Branford Education Foundation

### Unveils New Website!



The North Branford Education Foundation which has issued close to \$100,000 in grants and schoalrships, has now unveiled its new website.

To find out more about the foundation including, how you can donate, apply for grants or check out some of our upcoming or past events, vist [www.northbranfordeducation-foundation.org](http://www.northbranfordeducation-foundation.org).

## America's Boating Course

New Haven Sail and Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, will be holding its America's Boating Course beginning Tues., Jan. 21, for five to six weeks, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven. In addition to basic boating, it will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of the course satisfies Connecticut's state licensing requirements.

All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales> and go to the bottom of the page and hit "start".

All students will complete registration, pay, and pick up books on Tues., Jan. 21. Everyone must have their ID number at the start of class on Jan. 28. The class will cost students \$65.00 per person. Prospective students should contact Past District Commander Art Andrea at (203) 641-0954 or email: [andreaa112@comcast.net](mailto:andreaa112@comcast.net) to register.

## Seaman Ship Boat Handling Course

Offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, starts Tues., Mar. 17, at 6:30 p.m. for nine weeks. Location: Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven, CT. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$100. Information/registration: Past Commander Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or email [andreaa112@comcast.net](mailto:andreaa112@comcast.net). Sign-up deadline: Mar. 10.

The Seamanship (Boat Handling) course contains material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots.

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.nhsps.org](http://www.nhsps.org).

## 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 the fall of 2020 will be held as follows:

**Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Rd. North Branford**  
**wednesday, February 5, 2020. 9:00AM to 12:00PM & 1:00 - 3:00PM**  
**Evening Registration from 5:30 -7:30PM**

In order to facilitate registration, we ask that you begin the process online by following the directions on our website <https://jerome.northbranford-schools.org/> Click on the “Kindergarten Registration” button. Here you will see directions on starting the enrollment process and the downloadable forms that are required by the district. 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:

Child must be five (5) years of age on or before January 1, 2021.

The birth record or other evidence of the child’s age has been examined by the principal or designee.

Your child must have a current physical exam date; one that was completed after September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. 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 unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.

Proof of residency has been examined and approved by principal or designee such as: deed to home or dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian’s and student’s residence.

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 Friday, February 7, 2020 at the same times noted above.

*The North Branford Board of Education policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age disability (including pregnancy) or gender identity or expression, or against homeless children and youth.*



## NB in Regional Music Festival

Recently, 7 North Branford High School students participated in the 2020 Southern Region Music Festival! The two-day festival was held at Maloney High School in Meriden, CT, with several hours of rehearsals on January 10th and 11th, and concluding with two fantastic concerts Saturday afternoon. The accomplished musicians represented NBHS as members of the Treble Choir, Mixed Choir, Concert Band, and Orchestra.

The Southern Region of the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) is comprised of over 50 public and private schools in the southern portion of CT. Students participating in this festival took part in a rigorous audition process at Foran High School in November, 2019, to win a spot in the Southern Region Ensembles. These students are now eligible to audition on February 8th for the CT All State Music Festival!

Attached, please find a picture from Day 1 of the Festival. From left to right: Emma Yacono, Sheyenne Rivera, Christina Riggione, Marisa Helff, Benjamin Reynolds, Emma Schreiber, Caroline Shadman, and Sarah Bennett (EH/NB Co-op).

*Photo courtesy of: Katie Trainer, 9-12 Band Director, K-12 Music Department Leader North Branford Public Schools.*



## WE’RE ON THE MAP



Driving down Route 80 after dark now makes everyone take notice with a new neon NB sign at the top of the North Branford Intermediate School.. It’s a perfect way for our community to take pride in what we have. It also draws attention to visitors, letting them know of our pride and brand of our community. Coupled with the (during season) banners on the tennis courts, North Branford is definitely putting our best foot forward and letting everyone know we are here and we are proud.

### Adult Education Provider ERACE Wins Competitive Federal Grant to extend its National External Diploma Program (NEDP) Classes to Non-Residents

**(BRANFORD, CT)** - The East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education (ERACE) has won a competitive federal grant to extend its National External Diploma Program (NEDP) classes to all Connecticut residents ages 17 years and older. Until now, all high school diploma programs were only open to residents of Branford, Clinton, Guilford, or North Branford, who are all members of the regional collaborative that forms ERACE.

“Thanks to these new funds, we are now able to help more adults achieve their educational goals. A high school diploma opens the door to greater professional opportunities,” Program Facilitator Christine Bjork said. “It means a better life, not only for themselves, but for their families as well.”

Students enrolled in NEDP work one-on-one with an instructor, learning content relevant to their everyday lives. The program is ideal for working adults due to its flexible hours and emphasis on at-home studying. Upon successful completion, students graduate with a nationally recognized high school diploma.

NEDP slots for non-residents are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit **ERACE** online at [erace-adulted.org](http://erace-adulted.org) or call (203) 488-5693.

**About ERACE:** East Shore Region Adult Continuing Education (ERACE) is an adult education provider, offering free high school diploma, English For Speakers of Other Languages, and citizenship programs for individuals who live in Branford, Clinton, Guilford, or North Branford. ERACE also publishes a Spring and Fall catalog of enrichment courses, open to public enrollment at a low cost.



### Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

**Openings currently available.**

1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80)  
 North Branford, CT  
 203-481-3909  
[www.weecarenb.com](http://www.weecarenb.com)



## North Branford Class of 2020 Project Graduation Fundraiser

**\$1000. Voucher**

**to Southwest Airlines**

\$5.00 per ticket - 5 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to be held, Sunday, March 1, 2020

Winner Need not be present

For tickets call Becki & Kevin Glenn

[kbjmglen@yahoo.com](mailto:kbjmglen@yahoo.com)

LAST CALL!

LAST CALL!



*Food - Souvenirs - Drinks and Candy and Chips  
will be available for sale.*

### **HARLEM ROCKETS**

**TAKE ON THE NORTH BRANFORD ALL-STARS**

**Friday, January 31, 2020 - 7:00**

**North Branford High School Gym**

**Tickets can be purchased in advance only \$8.00**

**at Jerome Harrison, TVES, NBIS, Central Office**

**All Tickets at the door will be \$10.00**

**Paid in Advance tickets by check only**

**Made out to NBEF**

## **Connecticut Sportsplex**

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\*\*\*AND A WHOLE LOT MORE\*\*\*

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For more information  
Call 203-484-4383 or visit [www.ctsportsplex.com](http://www.ctsportsplex.com)

## **Last Chance! Registration Closing Soon!**



**To register visit:**

**[nbylax.org](http://nbylax.org)**

Join America's Fastest Growing Sport!

**Open to Boys & Girls in Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

\*Multi Player discounts until January 31, 2020

\*All Late Fess have been waived!

**Boys & Girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration closes at Midnight on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**Boys & Girls: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program Registration open until March 1<sup>st</sup>!**

\*(Multi-Player discounts do not apply to K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Programs)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOYS OR GIRLS PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Brian Martinik, Boy's Coordinator: [boyscoordinator@nbylax.org](mailto:boyscoordinator@nbylax.org)

Joe Amatore, Girl's Coordinator: [girlscoordinator@nbylax.org](mailto:girlscoordinator@nbylax.org)

Neil LeBeau, President: [president@nbylax.org](mailto:president@nbylax.org)

FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: [info@nbylax.org](mailto:info@nbylax.org)



# 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



## ACTIVITIES

### TODDLER SENSORY SCIENCE

**Who:** Ages 3 - 4  
**When:** February 4 - February 25  
**Time:** Tuesday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$55  
**Instructor:** Elena Bigio, Kidscapades  
**Description:** Squish, pop, mix, and fizz with Toddler Sensory Science! Toddlers will discover the fun world of sensory and science through hands on science experiments and messy sensory explorations!

### MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

#### SELF DEFENSE TRAINING - KRAV MAGA

Students will be taught modern self-defense techniques and will work fun fitness and coordination drills in this well rounded martial arts program of Krav Kempo Jitsu. Classes are professionally taught in a friendly environment and strive to instill respect and determination.

#### Pre School Self Defense

**Who:** Ages 3-4  
**When:** February 6 - February 27  
**Time:** Thursday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Where:** Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy  
**Instructor:** Tom Smith & Staff

#### Youth Self Defense

**Who:** Ages 7 - 12  
**When:** February 8 - February 29  
**Time:** Saturday, 10:50 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Where:** Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy  
**Instructor:** Tom Smith & Staff

#### Child Self Defense

**Who:** Ages 5 - 6  
**When:** February 8 - February 29  
**Time:** Saturday, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Where:** Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy  
**Instructor:** Tom Smith & Staff

### BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a style of martial arts that focuses on grappling and ground fighting. Students will learn this style in a safe and supportive environment which fosters respect for self and others. Brazilian Jiu jitsu is not solely a martial art, it is also a sport; a method for promoting physical fitness, building character, and a way of life.

#### Youth Brazilian Jiu jitsu

**Who:** Ages 7 - 9  
**Time:** Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:10 p.m.  
**Who:** Ages 10 - 15  
**Time:** Wednesday, 5:10 - 5:50 p.m.  
**When:** February 5 - February 26  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Where:** Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy  
**Instructor:** Tom Smith & Staff

#### Adult Brazilian Jiu jitsu

**Who:** Ages 16+  
**When:** February 4 - February 27  
**Time:** Tuesday, 8:05 - 9:15 p.m.  
**OR** Thursday, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$45  
**Where:** Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy  
**Instructor:** Tom Smith & Staff

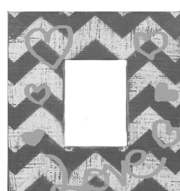
## CRAFTS WITH SYLVIA

**Where:** STW Community Center **Instructor:** Sylvia Brewster  
**Fee:** \$25 per class

### CHEVRON VALENTINE FRAME

Wednesday, February 12th, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Description:** Learn masking, color mixing and stenciling techniques as we create one-of-a-kind frames using the fashionable chevron pattern.



### North Branford Senior Center

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

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at [www.nbrecreation.com](http://www.nbrecreation.com)

**Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am**



Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Now going to Shoprite twice a month!



Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

\*Please call by 9am\*

### BUS TRIPS

#### Ireland Great Hunger Museum/Genwood drive In

Friday, February 28, 10:30, \$7 res / \$12 nr

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University investigates the Famine and its impact through art. Lunch on your own at Glenwood.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Steady Steps Wednesday, January 29, 12:30, FREE

Learn strategies for increasing stability and preventing falls, as well as a fall prevention screening. Join us for this interactive and relevant conversation. Presented by our friends at the VNA.

#### Dollar General, Monday, February 3, 12:30pm, FREE

Let's go to Dollar General to pick up a little this and that!

#### Atwater Library, Wednesday, February 5, 12:30pm, FREE

Visit our local library, pick up some books, get caught up on current events and chat with our lovely librarians.

#### Know the Ten Signs, Friday, February 7, 12:45 pm, FREE

This program will focus on the difference between typical age-related changes in cognition and the warning signs or symptoms of Alzheimer's disease as well as the diagnosis process, value the early detection and resources that can help.

#### Indoor walking at Ikea, Monday, February 10, 12:30pm

Let's get out of the house, head down to Ikea for an indoor walk. Treat yourself to a frozen yogurt on the way out! Please sign up by Friday, February 7th.

#### Cornhole, Tuesday, 2/11 & 2/25, 11:00am, FREE

Come play Cornhole in the gym with friends.

Curious what TAI CHI is all about? Try one class for FREE!

### INTRODUCTION TO SENIOR TAI CHI

**Instructor:** Martin Reichgut, MD

Marty will use the flowing, meditative movements of this ancient Chinese martial art to improve balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, and memory. He will demonstrate how we can use Tai Chi's self-defense strategies to reduce our stress and protect ourselves from the repeated assaults of everyday life.

The session runs until March 4

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40

Presented by East Shore Health Department

**\*\*NEW\*\* Beginning in February "HOT TOPICS"**

The last Monday of every month at 10:30am, at the Senior Center Let's help the nurse educators decide what topics are "Hot" for you.

Stop by the senior center and fill out an interest poll checklist. Your participation will determine February's topic.

### Resilience, free Film Screening

Monday, January 27, 10:30am, FREE

Don't miss this FREE screening of RESILIENCE: THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS AND THE SCIENCE OF HOPE. This is a film about childhood trauma and the adverse effects on health over our lifetime.

## 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](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong"**. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://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](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) or [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

**Zion Episcopal Church**, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September - May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://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.

### Bible Study & The New Testament

We hope everyone who wants to keep growing in Christ will join our NBCC guide, Jennifer, as she helps us explore "*The New Testament*".

We meet every first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the chapel of North Branford Congregational Church at 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford. Any questions please email Jennifer at [bellmad1@aol.com](mailto:bellmad1@aol.com)

## Continuing Community Workshops To Help the Less Fortunate

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for our continuing community workshops every Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. (new time) to work on projects that help the less fortunate. During the past year we have helped vulnerable children, the homeless, families of service members, senior citizens, school children and others. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. The workshops are ongoing. It is heart warming to see the community come together to help with these projects.

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others. Like us on Facebook.



**Harriet Ljunggren**, 92, of North Branford, wife of the late Sven "Swede" Ljunggren for 60 years, passed away December 23, 2019. She was born in Hartford, CT, a daughter of the late Arthur and Anna Johanson Olson. After graduating from Commercial High School in New Haven, she worked for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad. Once her children were grown, Harriet re-entered the workforce, first in the North Branford school system, and later as an Administrative Assistant at Community Banking Co. She was a longtime member of Bethesda Lutheran Church, the Bethesda Doubles Club, and the Vasa Order of America in New Haven.

Harriet was the mother of Paul W. Ljunggren and his wife Barbara of North Haven, the late Sue Ann Clarke and her husband J. Thomas Clarke of Greenville, SC, and grandmother of Christian (Rachael) Ljunggren, Jillian Ljunggren, Wendy (Andrew) Pfrenger, Daniel (Michele) Clarke, and Katherine Clarke. She is also survived by 7 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Doris Hentz, and a brother, Eric Olson.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 11 a.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 305 Saint Ronan St., New Haven. Burial will be private. BEECHER & BENNETT FUNERAL HOME, 2300 Whitney Ave., Hamden is in care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Harriet's memory may be sent to Bethesda Lutheran Church, 305 Saint Ronan St., New Haven, CT 06511.

For more information or to send a condolence, please see her obituary at [www.beecherandbennett.com](http://www.beecherandbennett.com).



**Dudley Harrison**, life long resident of North Branford, passed away peacefully on December 20th, at the age of 83. He was born November 8, 1936, to the late Clifford E. Harrison and the late Lucy Dudley Harrison. He was the beloved husband of Ethel (Vicky) Brindley Harrison for over 60 years and is also survived by his two cherished daughters, Susan Harrison Toal (Terry) CT., Sandra Harrison Faulkner (Cliff) CT., and Leslie Brindley Potter (Ted, dec.) CT. He also leaves behind four beloved grandchildren, Devan Zadrozny (Justin) N.J., Shan-

non Toal N.Y., Matthew Faulkner (Hannah) CT., and Lucy Faulkner CT.

Dudley graduated from East Haven High School and Hartford Regional Technical School, majoring in the carpentry trade and spent four years in the army reserves. He went on to work as a carpenter and then construction superintendent until his retirement. In 2012, he was honored with a lifetime membership by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters for 50 years of continuous membership.

A hard working family man, Dudley lived his entire life on Harrison Farm and was well known for growing Christmas trees, producing maple syrup, blueberries and fighting hard to preserve North Branford's farming and agricultural heritage. In 2008, Dudley was named North Branford's "person of the week" and honored at the Totoket Historical Society's 50th anniversary for his community work and dedication to preserving North Branford's farming traditions. At that time, the museum's weathervane and a plaque were officially dedicated to him. He enjoyed playing guitar in the North Street band, "The Last Hayride", performing in their barn and at many town events. He took great pleasure in feeding birds and watching the wildlife that came to his backyard. He was especially proud of his family and always looked forward to family gatherings.

A generous man, Dudley leaves behind the Harrison Farm Preserve, that he and Vicky donated to the North Branford Land Conservation Trust in 2018. This land that the Harrisons purchased years ago has beautiful trails that they created over the years and is to be protected in its natural state in perpetuity, for all to enjoy.

There are no services planned at this time per Dudley's wishes. Donations in his memory may be made to any of the following: The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. P.O. Box 378, North Bfd., Ct. 06471 The Totoket Historical Society P.O. Box 491, Northford, Ct. 06472. The North Branford Congregational Church [1680 Foxon Rd. North Bfd., Ct. 06471](http://1680FoxonRdNorthBfd.Ct.06471)

## Patriots of Liberty

Patriots of Liberty is a one-woman tour de force musical presentation where four noted women of American History are portrayed. This Old Hat is an original musical that brings the following women of American History to life: Betsy Ross tells her unique story about the first American flag; Deborah Sampson tells of her adventures when she disguised herself as a man to fight in the Revolutionary War; Elizabeth Cady Stanton speaks of the Women's Suffrage Movement, women's dress reform and her contemporary, Harriet Tubman; Amelia Earhart tells the story of her solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Edward Smith Library at 3 Old Post Road, Northford.

\*Registration is required (203) 484-0469 as seating is limited\*

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## Free Tax Assistance

The Edward Smith Library in Northford is offering a free tax assistance program, every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 3rd through April 13th, from 1:00-4:00pm. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, people with disabilities, or limited English speakers who need help in preparing & filing their own tax returns. Assistance will be on a first come, first served basis. Please bring the following items with you:

A current picture ID card and Social Security card, along with any Social Security cards for dependents

Last year's tax return~All tax documents showing income and potential deductions

## Pollinator Pathway

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (6 pm)

Smith Library – 3 Old Post Rd. Northford

(203) 484-0469 to Register (Seating Limited)

Natureworks will be presenting this important program on teaching what a Pollinator Pathway is and how you can create one with Native Plants!

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<b>JAN 29</b>	<b>6:00PM</b> <b>SMITH LIBRARY</b>	Ask-a-Lawyer. Have a legal question? Get a free consultation with an attorney. Consultations last 10-15 minutes. People are seen on a first-come, first-served basis
<b>FEB 11</b>	<b>6:00PM</b> <b>SMITH LIBRARY</b>	Pollinator Pathways. Natureworks will be presenting this important program teaching us about Pollinator Pathways and how you can create a native plant habitat at home to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects
<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>1:00PM</b> <b>SMITH LIBRARY</b>	Movie Matinee. His Girl Friday, a 1940 American comedy-drama-romance, starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. Snacks and drinks provided!
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>6:00PM</b> <b>SMITH LIBRARY</b>	Scrapbooking Workshop. Bring your projects and supplies to work alongside fun people and get advice from your fellow scrapbookers. Next date will be March 20th
<b>FEB 8</b>	<b>10:30AM</b> <b>ATWATER LIBRARY</b>	KIDS! Take your Child to the Library Day. Science Outside the Box with Jane Copes "Professor Sepoc" Learn how to make your own personal book. There will be two interesting designs you can try, then you can begin to write your own story
<b>FEB 8</b>	<b>1:00PM</b> <b>SMITH LIBRARY</b>	KIDS! Take your Child to the Library Day. A Place Called Hope, a rehabilitation center for birds of prey, will be here for a presentation with live birds of prey currently under the care of the professional staff from their rehabilitation center!
<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>10:30AM</b> <b>ATWATER LIBRARY</b>	KIDS! Just Hatched Story Time with Silly Jilly. Enjoy name games, stories and songs! Recommended for ages 2-6. Register at 203-315-6020

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## BCC Holds Two Winter Fundraisers to Benefit Homeless Cats



NORTH BRANFORD – Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center kicks off 2020 with two fundraisers to keep the kitties warm and fed this winter. The first is a food and supply drive on Saturday, January 25 (snow date is Feb 1) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its shelter, located at 2037 Foxon Rd. The kitties' wish list includes Purina Friskies Chicken or Turkey Pate, Blue Buffalo Healthy Gourmet Chicken or Turkey Pate for cats or kittens, Earthborn Feline Primitive dry cat food and Yesterday's News cat litter. For a complete

wish list, please visit [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org).

BCC's second fundraiser, "Hearts for Cats" runs during the entire month of February. It's the purrfect gift for your valentine cat lover. With a donation of \$25 or \$50 you can dedicate a heart on BCC's Donor Wall Tree of Life to that special valentine or pet. Pink hearts can be purchased with a \$25 donation and red hearts with a \$50. The name of that special person or pet will be inscribed on the pink or red heart painted on the donor wall tree. All donations will benefit the BCC homeless cats. BCC is in great need of volunteers at the shelter to help feed, clean and socialize our cats. There are immediate opening for morning and evening shifts. Volunteer application forms can be found on the website or call 203-483-6369. You can also stop by any Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cats and kittens will surely help you get rid the winter blues and put a smile on your face.

## NB Land Conservation Trust Wants You

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust is seeking one or more community service, volunteer groups to help us do conservation work at our Harrison Farm Preserve on North Street, North Branford. The project can be scaled for any size group, from 10 to 100. 6 to 20 volunteers at a time might be best, but we can work with any number up to 100.

We need help creating wildlife habitat by building "wildlife brush piles". The "brush" is really dead wood (small logs and branches of various sizes) that has been cut into manageable-size pieces by our volunteers. This wood is blocking our ability to control the invasive plants effectively. It also is perfect for brush piles that provide habitat for small wildlife, if the pile is constructed correctly.

Six to ten capable volunteers can complete a brush pile in 1 to 2 hours, depending on how ambitious they want to be in terms of target size for the completed effort. There is a technique needed, which we can teach to the volunteers in about five minutes. And there is flexibility as to approach, allowing for some creativity. Finally, there is a nice sense of accomplishment when the pile is completed and the photos are taken!

Note that we estimate that the wood and branches which are blocking our progress are sufficient to build 12-15 more brush piles (we've built 3 thus far). So there is plenty of work left to do; hence up to 100 volunteer work sessions (2 hours or so) could be accommodated.

This work can be done anytime, with a goal to complete most of the work this winter, spring, or early summer. There will be similar projects over the next few years.



We look forward to hearing back from you! Please contact Hank Petroskey at 203-484-9002 for information. The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservatio

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## Sponsor Days for Girls

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The North Branford Rotary and Zion Episcopal Church are sponsoring a Days for Girls event including sewing and supply preparation, informational power point on the work of the Stroups in Kenya and a soup luncheon fundraiser on Saturday February 15 from 10 am until 2:00PM at Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Rd, North Branford.

Come sew and serge, help iron, prepare supplies to ship to Kenya. There is something for everyone to do. All ages welcomed. Bring your sewing machines and tools, irons and ironing boards. Dr Ralph Stroup and Mary Ann Stroup, founders of Kenyan Health Care Initiatives and the CT Chapter of DFG will present a power point overview of life in Kenya and the work they do as everyone enjoys lunch. For more information email [OrangeCt@daysforgirls.org](mailto:OrangeCt@daysforgirls.org)

Supplies needed: Girls brief and bikini Panties sizes 8- 16, please avoid White

Prewashed Fabric: brightly colored patterns to hide stains No animal, camouflage, or eyes.

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