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With this issue of the Times, I will begin my 15th year as Publisher, Editor, King of the Typos and much more. In this time we have only missed one issue (indicating our profits do not allow us to go on long trips) and hopefully we satisfy your needs to keep up with local news. The Totoket Times and the people of our town are fortunate to have loyal merchants who support our community. Not only does their advertising support help them get their message to the residents, but it also allows them to help get the town news to your mailboxes..

Postage and print prices continue to rise (more increases coming in 2016) but we have maintained our efforts to not increase advertising rates to businesses that are already struggling to keep their doors open.

As we too are experiencing that same struggle, it is once again time to ask our readers to help our advertisers to help our newspaper continue to bring the message of the people in our community to our neighbors. You can do this by making a voluntary contribution of at least \$10.00 to help us continue with our mission. The voluntary payment helps with increasing expenses, and shows your support for your hometown newspapers.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and if you have any suggestions please let us know. Send your voluntary payment to:

Totoket Times - PO Box 313, Northford, CT. 06472

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North Haven Camera Club on a foliage outing to Litchfield area.

Members of the North Haven Camera Club recently spent a gorgeous day photographing the fall foliage in the Litchfield area. Stops along the way included Bulls Bridge, Kent Falls, Cornwall covered bridge with a stop for lunch at The Wandering Moose Café at Cornwall Bridge where the staff was great. They ended their trip at Campbell Falls where they were able to practice long exposure techniques for some great photos!

The camera club is seeking new members. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you have a love of photography visit our web site www.northhavencameraclub.com for more information.

(Photo by Mike Gill)

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on January 8th.

Publications

Deadlines

12/4/15

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1/8/16

12/31/15

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December 18	December 11
January 8	January 1
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February 19	February 12
March 4	February 28
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Shop Locally!

Dear Editor:

During this holiday period, the residents of North Branford have the perfect opportunity to support the businesses in Town. Shop Locally!

Look at your list and you will find that many of your presents can be purchased right here. We are all looking for trees, greens, flowers and decorations for our houses. There are many excellent garden centers to meet your needs. Patronize them!

Also our bakeries, food stores, wine shops, drug stores, gas stations, ice cream shops and so much more! Shop Locally!

You don't have to leave town for hardware, cleaning, shoes, barber shops, beauty shops, children's parties, pet supplies, ice skating, laser tag and services. The list goes on.


When you go out for dinner, visit our local restaurants! They're great!

Stumped for ideas? There's nothing like a gift card for one of our restaurants, sports venues or other stores. It's good for all ages and sizes!

We urge you to Shop Locally this season and all year. These businesses ease our tax burden and should have our support. Join your neighbors and

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Thank You North Branford

Dear Editor;

On behalf of the Democratic Town Committee, we would like to thank the North Branford residents for their support and confidence in electing the Democrats to the North Branford Town Council. We are honored to serve the town and we look forward to working with our Republican colleagues to share ideas and ways to address the challenges before us. We hope to improve the business climate, to seek opportunities to reduce the tax burden on our homeowners, and to preserve the rural nature of this beautiful town.

The Democratic members of the Town Council believe in communication with all members of the community and want our citizens to enjoy opportunities for open dialogue and participation in future plans for our town. We look forward to leading the discussion and intend to carry out our platform ideals of transparency and inclusiveness.

As the majority party in town, we look forward to "moving forward" with all members of the community to continue to make North Branford a wonderful and safe place to live with opportunities to support town businesses, to send their children to an excellent school system, and to participate in a wide range of recreational activities.

Once again, we thank you for your confidence and are deeply honored to serve.

Sincerely,

David Palumbo, Democratic Town Committee Chair

Joseph Faughnan, Deputy Mayor. Town Council members: Daniel Armin, Marie Diamond, Chris Manna, George Miller

Let's Be "Frank"

Well Brother, it's that time of year again. First, came our local election. We have a new Mayor (or a former new Mayor), and a new majority party. I know you disagree but I have already said that in a town like ours, party politics is meaningless. However, I do think this slate is a good mix. We have some experienced people, some new and energetic blood and some pretty sharp councilors. I'll let you and our voters put each one in the proper category.

I can't believe last week would have been your 70th birthday. I made sure I celebrated for you. I spent some time cleaning up your yard and in your memory I had a salami, prosciutto, soppressata, mortadella and provolone sub with my homemade pickled eggplants.. You always said, "Screw the steak, where's the mortadella". That could be why I have been writing these letters for six years instead of talking with you on the phone. Either way, it was a perfect birthday lunch.

Next up is Thanksgiving. For some reason that remains the only holiday where all traditions have remained. As usual, I will spend the morning with you, mom and dad. I'll read the paper before SueAnn and Gina tear it apart for the Black Friday sales and I'll take care of your blankets. I still don't know what purpose they serve but mom was adamant about blankets at the cemetery. Then comes the food. My legendary antipasto, SueAnn's legendary soup, macaroni (I still don't call it pasta) turkey with all the fixings and a ton of desserts (some are still sugar free which is pretty funny). Chestnuts too (even though I don't like them, I still have one. It's tradition).

Speaking of tradition, Frankie just informed us, he's going to the "other side" for Christmas Eve. First time ever we won't have everyone for Christmas Eve. However, he will be here on Christmas Day. I should be happy. All the kids live close enough for us to get together for every Holiday and most Sunday's. I remember mommy use to say the only excuse for not being at Christmas Eve dinner was death. She was always so flexible and open minded.

Frankie also just informed us that we are going to be grandparents again. He will be the proud owner of a miniature Australian Shepard. I refuse to be referred to as the grandparent of a dog. Especially one from "down under". Besides, Johnnie IV is almost three and it's time for a granddaughter to join our family tree, not a puppy.

Well, that's it for now. I'll talk to you on Thanksgiving and I'll see you soon.

State Representative Vincent Candelora Connecticut's New Normal: Another Deficit



As you've all probably heard by now, the state has fallen into another budget deficit. It has become the new normal. As a result of the latest downturn, the Governor finally reached out to the Republicans for bipartisan talks to close the budget gap. Agreeing to enter into talks was a tough one. In the spring, Republicans offered their own budget proposal which was summarily rejected by Democrats, and in the dead of night, they rammed through a budget that raised taxes to an unprecedented level. After only three months, the budget is out of balance to the tune of over \$350 million. Many argue that the Governor merely wants to get the Republicans' fingerprints on the "murder weapon", and, therefore, Republicans should not engage in any talks.

I believe that is the easy position to take, but it's not the right one; hence, Republican leaders have agreed to offer solutions to this budget crisis and work toward a bipartisan agreement to close our deficit. We have an obligation to the state and our districts to solve this problem.

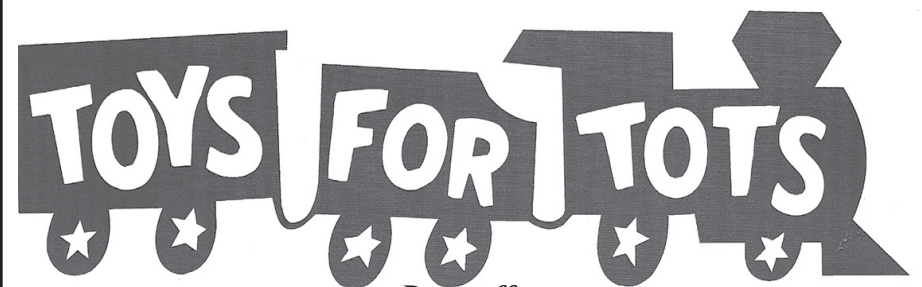
After many weeks of work, we have outlined a two-tiered proposal. Our plan curbs spending by \$372.8 million this fiscal year in order to close the current shortfall, which is estimated anywhere from \$118 million to \$330 million. We restore earlier cuts to hospitals and programs for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill. We seek to eliminate the unitary tax and some other corporate taxes proposed in the last budget which has resulted in businesses threatening to move jobs out of state.

The second tier of our proposal focuses on long-term structural changes to budget practices. We propose putting a hard cap on state borrowing. We seek to define the spending cap in statute so future legislators can no longer ignore the constitutional spending cap that was adopted to control spending when Connecticut implemented the income tax. We propose a constitutional "lock box" on transportation funding so that all money raised for transportation cannot be diverted to the General Fund, rather it must be used on transportation needs.

We also seek to mitigate larger deficits brewing in future years by asking state employee unions to consider a wide array of concessions. These include requiring all non-hazardous duty workers to contribute 4 percent of their salary toward their pensions; capping cost-of-living adjustments to future retirees' pensions; calculating pensions using only base salaries so that vacation and overtime would be excluded; developing a new, hybrid retirement plan that relies partly on a defined contribution for new workers, similar to the system recently adopted in Rhode Island.; suspending longevity payments for all workers after April 2016; increasing state employee health and dental insurance premiums by 10 percent; and increasing drug co-payments for both existing employees and retirees.

Given that Connecticut faces another almost \$3 billion dollar deficit in the next biennium, we must look at the long term structural issues in our budgeting practices. It is my hope that the Democrats will join us in these discussions, and we anxiously await their ideas to fix Connecticut without raising anymore taxes.

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Letters to the editor..

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

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

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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North Branford/Northford Holiday Programs Office of Social Service

1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT

Phone: 203/484-6006 www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations and generosity.

Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated.

If you are interested in assisting someone, family or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small.

Christmas Basket Share – Same as Thanksgiving Basket Share, although the donor may choose to include gifts for children.

Donor Drop Off: Friday, December 18th, 2015 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Friday, December 18th, 2015 (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

Community Dining Room Annual Thanksgiving Feast -- Thanksgiving Day - Donations Needed

The Community Dining Room (CDR) will serve a full, traditional Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, November 26, beginning at Noon thru 1:30. All members of the community are invited to join the feast. Empty nesters, older adults, and families who would enjoy sharing a special Thanksgiving Dinner with neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Patricia Kral, Director of the Community Dining Room, said “fresh flowers and other decorations will set the mood, while our guests enjoy a generous feast including turkey, ham, cranberry creations, mashed potatoes, pie and many other delicious, seasonal dishes. All of us appreciate the blessings we have received, and Thanksgiving is the perfect time to share with our neighbors, particularly those who might need a little extra help this holiday season,” added Kral. “I urge those who are able to be generous and donate food or funds to help make this Thanksgiving feast the best yet.”

If you can contribute a turkey, favorite dish or a gallon of cider or milk, please contact Melissa Branch no later than Monday, November 23, at 488-0447 (please leave a message).

Serving the Connecticut shoreline since 1985, the Community Dining Room (CDR) provides nutritious meals 365 days a year with our home delivery program, lunch in our dining room every day, Saturday morning breakfast, Tuesday family dinner and Wednesday take-out dinner. In addition, the CDR offers community service opportunities for youth and vocational training for persons with disabilities. For more information about the CDR, visit their website. www.communitydiningroom.org.

CONNECTICUT YULETIDE CAROLERS KICK OFF 10th ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH CONCERT OF CAROLS

The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers will celebrate the start of the holiday season with a concert of carols on Sunday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Branford. Victorian carolers will fill the winter air with the bright sounds of the season, singing traditional and

contemporary Christmas music a capella in 4-part harmony to bring holiday cheer to young and old alike. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers was formed in 2006 by Guilford residents Michael and Lori Cartwright. Their inaugural season consisted of 6 singers and 12 performances; the group has grown to 24 singers from all along the shoreline making over 50 performances throughout Connecticut and New England.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 9th, 2015, 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon, Parents Only

Thursday, December 10th, 2015, 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon, Parents & Grandparents

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer three drop-off sites. You may do so at the North Branford Town Hall, North Branford Police Department, and the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Toys may be dropped off in the Collection Boxes located at all sites between November 3rd, and December 4th, 2015

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm for the final Saturday this Fall: **November 21st**. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Curbside leaf pickup takes place for 2 weeks: **Nov 23rd thru Dec 4th**. Please also use biodegradable paper bags without any tape. For more information, call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**.

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered at our October 3rd recycling & e-Waste event; over 11,500 lbs of electronic waste was collected and disposed of properly!

“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.

You can help avoid potential flooding by clearing leaves and brush in the fall and snow and ice in the 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!

Mike Doody - Back in the Chair

After a two year absence from the Town Council, Republican Michael Doody has been re-elected to the Council and garnished the most votes to be named Mayor of North Branford.

Although voter turnout was less than two years ago, the voices were louder as they turned a Republican 6-3 majority into a Democrat 5-4 majority. Democrat Joe Faughnan was elected as Deputy Mayor and he was joined by fellow Democrats Marie Diamond, Dan Armin, Chris Manna and George Miller.

Anthony Candelora, Al Rose and Rose Angeloni joined Doody as republican Council members. Three term Mayor Candelora retained a spot on the Council but lost the top spot and Deputy Mayor and long time Mayor and Councilor Joanne Wentworth was not elected.

For a complete district and town breakdown of the election, visit; www.totokettimes.com

Last Public Stargazing for this year at Young's Pond Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven will host a public observing event on Saturday November 21st starting after 7pm at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All members of the family are welcome to look through the telescopes to have a closer look at the stars and the planets. This month, the telescopes will be pointed at the Andromeda Galaxy, the Ring Nebula and the Pleiades star cluster. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

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

Dugay Engaged to Raccio



Mr. and Mrs. John Dugay of Northford, CT announce the engagement of their daughter, Julianne Forte Dugay to Benjamin Joseph Raccio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raccio of Hamden, CT. Julianne is a graduate of Central CT State University and is employed as an Asset Planning Manager at Sikorsky Aircraft. Benjamin is a graduate of Eastern CT State University and is employed as a Lending Manager at Nutmeg State Federal Credit Union. A September 2016 wedding is planned.

At The Libraries

Santa will arrive at the Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd. Northford,

On a Fire Engine from The Northford Fire Department Company 2!

Saturday, December 5th. 9:30 am

Join us for a visit with Santa. Enjoy a morning of holiday cheer with FREE continental breakfast, games, crafts, and a picture with Santa.

**Please register by phone: 203-484-0469

Or email Erin Collins: ecollins@northbranfordschools.org

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Friends of the North Branford Public Libraries and the Northford Fire Department Company 2

DIY Ornament Wreath-making with Miss Lindsey. Thursday, December 10th from 6:30-7:30pm In the Community Room

Learn how to make an inexpensive and easy do-it-yourself ornament wreath. For under \$20, you can find all of these components at the Dollar Store if you do not have them at home already, and you'll be making a wreath that would sell for \$50-75 in a name-brand craft store!

Please bring the following materials with you to class: A hot glue gun and plenty of glue gun sticks. An old wire coat hanger that can be unbent and reused. 45 large (at least 3 inch diameter) or 60 large and small mixed plastic ornaments. Round ornaments work best, and glass ornaments will shatter. A festive bow or ribbon of your choosing

You can make your wreath in any color scheme you can think of! Match your favorite holiday décor, or make a gift for a neighbor, friend or family member.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Sign up in advance in person or by phone at 203-484-0469.

Winter Crafts Club @ The Smith Library Children's Room

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. For ages: 5 & up with the help of a parent/guardian.

***Registration required. Sign up in person or by phone at 203-484-0469.**

Make a different craft each week! Supplies provided unless otherwise noted.

December 1st – Miniature Snow Globe Ornaments – We will be making tiny snow globe ornaments that you can use as decorations this holiday season! **Bring a miniature figurine to put in your snow globe.

December 8th – Olaf Snowman Cupcakes – Join us as we make a Frozen-inspired treat you can eat, based on the silly snowman Olaf!

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries are hosting a Book Fair at the North Haven Barnes and Noble Thanksgiving weekend from November 27th through November 30th. Purchases made at ANY Barnes and Noble as well as on-line purchases will be credited to the Friends via a voucher coupon available at both of the Town libraries and at: BN.COM/bookfairs as well. Further information may be obtained by calling (203) 481-2730.

Also, the Friends are taking orders for Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes for the holidays which can be purchased via a form available at each of the Town libraries.

The Healing Power of BioPhoton Light. Christina Kuepper, a practitioner of complementary medicine, will speak at the Atwater Memorial Library about the healing power of biophoton light and an instrument called the Chiren on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. For more information you may call the library at 203 315-6020 or Christina at 201 312-9223. Christina's website is www.LightworkLady.com

Joan Hoey, LCSW, is noted for a widely praised workshop presentations on Reducing Stress in the work Place, Having a Zestful Marriage, Bereavement: Coping with the Loss of a Loved One, showcased her humorous, perceptive, and optimistic approach to improving relationships. Monday, November 23rd at 7:00pm Schafer Community Room, Smith Library. 3 Old Post Rd. Northford 06472. (203) 484-0469 to reserve your seat or you may register in the library.

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Jerome Harrison Elementary School welcomed students, families, and veterans to school today with a sea of red, white and blue. All students were wearing these colors and carrying small flags to wave at the veterans as a show of love and support. Additionally, the walls of the school were decorated with patriotic artwork from all Jerome Harrison students under the direction of art teacher Diane Remetta.

Students and staff at Jerome Harrison Elementary School spent their Veteran's Day morning recognizing and honoring local veterans during a formal assembly. The day began with a full breakfast in the JHS cafeteria served by Michael Augur and the



North Branford Food Service Staff. Over 50 local veterans were in attendance and enjoyed their breakfast and time-to meet and reminisce with each other. After breakfast, our veterans were honored by a ceremony that included patriotic music sung by staff and students at JHS as well as Landcraft Fife and Drum Corps (songs included "The Star Spangled Banner", "You're a Grand Old Flag", and "God Bless America"). Our local Cub Scouts also led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the ceremony. Veterans were honored during the ceremony through student essays on "What it means to be a Hero" that were read to them during the event. Students concluded the ceremony by singing the song "Hero" as a tribute to the veterans and veterans were given cards from students thanking them for their service and dedication. During the event students also learned about the branches of the United States Military. The event was a wonderful success and was attended by Senator Ted Kennedy, Representative Vinny Candelora, and Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker. The annual event at JHS is planned by teachers Miki De-Caprio, Linda Humphrey, and Patti Carlo and continues to grow as a great way to honor veterans and educate students about the importance of Veteran's Day.



North Branford High School (photo left) also celebrated Veterans day with a program organized by Mrs. Cangiano-Barry. With many students and staff attending, the Veterans shared positive observations regarding the students' and faculty's warm reception.

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EHHS/NBHS Takes 4th in New England

The East Haven High School/North Branford High School Co-op Marching Band finished the 2015 season by winning fourth place at the USB and New England States Championship.

The percussion section won the caption of "Best Percussion" finishing first out of 29 bands

NORTH BRANFORD COMMUNITY NIGHT TO CARE FOOD DRIVE – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

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Any questions, please contact: Sherry DelGaudio @ 203-605-1113

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Pillow	\$16.00	Quantity: _____	_____	_____	_____

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NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERIOD I HONORS

HIGH HONORS

Grade 12

Augur, Gabrielle
Calamita, Sarah
Chironno, Erika
Combs, Kristen
Cotton, Alana
Cristante, Vittoria
Currie Eilidh
DelGaudio, Carissa
DellaRocca, Chelsea
Doody, Julia
Dulak, Holly
Faraclas, Kristen
Feliz, Dayro
Golia, Meghan
Grandpre, Kaylea
Kruser, Jillian
Martone, Leah
Messore, Nicole
Moran, Catherine
O'Neill, Taylor
Pantera, Michael
Pokora, Mary
Pollick, Mara
Razouki, Wissam
Sauro, Rachel
Sobask, Catherine
Stephens, Ashley
Stiegler, Erin
Turner, Jessie
Zumbo, Jessica

HIGH HONORS

Grade 11

Bronner, Morgan
Chan, Winnie
DeFrancesco, Tyler
Gibilisco, Austin
Joiner, Peyton
Lombard, Morgan
Lucibello, Alexi
Miessau, William
Nemergut, Carolann
Pawlak, Victoria
Randolph, Emma
Sgambato, Deanna
Sudusky, Julia
Tang, Jessica
Young, Hali

HIGH HONORS

Grade 10

Beardsley, Britney
Beisaw, Aaron
Candelora, Christopher
Colavolpe, Matti

Criscuolo, Sarah
DePalma, Sierra
Despres, Ethan
Dewitt, Julia
Esposito, Abigail
Fillion, Katelyn
Galdenzi, Zelda
Gibilaro, Cheyenne
Harrison, Makayla
Johansen, Alex
Kennedy, Vanessa
Lovelace, John
Madoule, Michael
Mattson, Lydia
Norton, Emilia
Powers, Brooke
Sauro, Cole
Wilson, Madeline

HIGH HONORS

Grade 9

Anastasio, Colby
Anderson, Ashley
Ash, Jason
Augur, Alessandra
Bailey, Morgan
Callender, Christopher
Chironno, Jenna
Constantinidi, Sydney
Cook, Sarah
Cristante, Alexina
Diaz, Alyssa
DiMartino, Bella
Frandsen, Logan
Kilburn, Jessie
Miconi, Patrick
Pavic, Ana
Phabmixay, Joanna
Pietrogallo, Julia
Raccio, Brianna
Sabetta, Rebecca
Sellitto, Anthony
Slubowski, Ashley
Souza, Kaitlin
Torgerson, Mary-Kate

HONORS

Grade 12

Ablondi-Olivo, Lauren
Albert, Emilie
Arabolos, Andrew
Balzano, Theresa
Basiz, Haley
Boulas, Kayla
Browne, Timothy
Burkle, Adam

Carangelo, Michelle
Chamberlain, Matthew
Dulak, Maggie
Farkash, Alexa
Fisher, Patrick
Ford, Kyle
Fries Madison
Giammattei, Gabrielle
Giardina, Madison
Golia, Lindsay
Grzebisz, Derek
Hansen, Vyolette
Hernandez, Richard
Ingarra, Jessica
Juniver, Mitchell
Klemme, Benjamin
Kusmit, Ryan
Levine, Nickolas
Madoule, Lauren
Miller, Colby
Miller-Karsmarski, Laurel
Opie, Tanner
Pierpont, Rachel
Rezendes, Zachary
Romanella, Patrick
Scala, Michael
Taft, Christina

HONORS

Grade 11

Alaska, Jason
Allain, Niklas
Cappello, Nicole
Castaldi, Gabriella
Castaldi, Gianna
Czarkowski, Stephanie
Damiani, Jillian
DeLucia, Anthony
Fiondella, Angelo
Fraenza, Ashley
Garcia, Tabitha
Garrett, Emma
Giatrelis, Nicholas
Haeckel, Julia
Johnson, Meredith
Luke, Samantha
Mastriano, Gregory
Mingione, Pasquale
Mirabella, Felicia
Oliver, Kelly
Pappolla, Austin
Querfeld, Robert
Raucci, Abigail
Redente, Kaitlyn
Sagnella, Cara

Santiago, Julianna
Seymour, Stephanie
Slubowski, Jamie
Stelmaszczyk, Lauren
Stone, Tabitha
Testa, Stephanie
Vecchio, Tyler
Wilson, Patience
Zargo, Kari

HONORS

Grade 10

Albrecht, Rae-Chelle
Ash, Nicholas
Bookman, Sydney
Bozzuto, Gavin
Bryden, Jenna
Butler, Owen
Cacopardo, Jarrett
Calabrese, Nadia
Esposito, Sean
Gall, Matthew
Godfrey, Britney
Goeman, Sahdalia
Guest, Adriana
Haeckel, Jake
Hammond, Brianna
Hemstock, Olivai
Jablonski, Jeffrey
Konopka, Brianna
Maenza-Scarano, Kayla
Mingione, Ryan
Muller, Kaitlyn
O'Neil, Thomas
Otfinoski, Joshua
Ouellet, Courtney
Prodoti, Michael
Ramada, Danielle
Robertson, Nina
Scell, Amanda
Spayd, Hunter
Walters, Alyssa
Zampano, Marie
Zumbo, Paul

HONORS

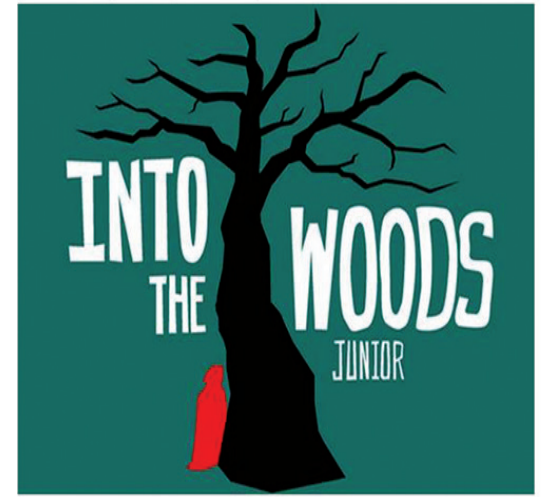
Grade 9

Aaron, Aaliyah
Annunziato, Brianna
Astrom, Arianna
Augur, Hannah
Buffone, Rachel
Campagna, Lea
Carson, Katelyn
Chan, Alvin
Cosenza, Julianna
Crescenti, John

DeAngelo, Samantha
Dupuis, Shannon
Gallagher, Matthew
Hart, Israel
Jacobson, Carl
Mancini, Nicholas
McClure, Nina
McLay, Ian
McNelis, Joseph
Montanaro, Jacob
Montefusco-Joshua
Neubig, Emily
Oliverio, Kaley
Otfinoski, Jason
Palma, Isabella

Penna, Gillian
Rabuffo, Michael
Ramada, Angelina
Raucci, Amelia
Reed, Makayla
Regan, Jordan
Rodriguez, Odali
Rodriquez, Olivia
Russo, Erika
Sibley, Tyler
Stoner, Brendan
Taylor, Noah
Testa, Ashley
Velez, Kaylee

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Sacred Heart Academy Offers December Entrance Exam

For those who missed the November test date, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on **Thursday, December 10** at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. To register for the exam, candidates for admission must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org with \$60 fee by Tuesday, December 8. We ask students to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Testing concludes at noon. For further information or to arrange an interview or "shadow day," please contact Director of Admissions Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, at 203-288-2309, x307.

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North Branford Fall Baseball Champs

Coach, Drew Girardi, Coach John Garrett, Manager, John Onofrio & Coach Dominic Scalia Top Row: Genaro LaBanca, Jadon Canelli, Matt Reyes, Nick Tranquilli, Patrick Mullen, & Dominic Scalia Bottom Row: Cameron Pragano, John Onofrio, Drew Girardi, Ben Stegina & Cameron Garrett Missing From Photo: Patrick Cucchiarelli, Nico Falcioni & James Mascari.

The 2015 North Branford Little League 12U Fall Baseball Champ had an OUTSTANDING season finishing their record as 15 - 0!

North Branford defeated North Haven 11-5 on Sunday, November 1st to become the 2015 Branford Fall Ball 12U Champs!! This team had an amazing season with great pitching, defense, and offense, capped by 14 home runs!!

While holding their opponents to a total of 50 runs, they crossed home plate a total of 182 times. Congratulations to all the coaches, players & parents on a fantastic season!

T-Birds Win 34 - 6 on Senior Night

After recognizing 16 seniors, The North Branford High School football team improved their record to 5-4, by defeating Gilbert-Northwestern Regional by a score of 34 - 6. In the first quarter, Paul Pastet connected with Shelby Franklin on an 87 yard scoring touchdown to start the scoring and give the T-Birds and early 7-0 lead. Franklin took another pass from Pastet to score on an 16 yard TD in the second quarter to take a 14-0 half time lead.

NB matched the first two quarters with a touchdown in the third quarter as Pastet took one in on a 4 yard run. The T- Birds scored 2 in the 4th quarter with a 3 yard Ryan Reilly run and a 32 yard touchdown interception by Matt Chamberlain.

Pastet's favorite target was Franklin as he hooked up for 8 completions and 229 yards. He also found Matt Chamberlain for 57 yards and Reilly for 26. reilly also connected on a 43 yard halfback option pass. Franklin also rushed for 24 yards.

Defensively, Franklin had 12 tackles and 10 assists, with Mike Calamita adding 10 tackles and George Poleschuk adding 6 with 6 assists. Poleschuk had 2.5 sacks and Nick Mancini and Nick Krista had 1 each. Franklin had 2 interceptions and Matt Chamberlain and Jack Meyers had 1 each.

The T- Birds will travel to East Haven where they will play Hyde on Wednesday, November 26th.



Top photo Reilly unloads on the halfback option as (lower photo, Franklin pulls one in). (Photos by Bob Parisi)

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Baked goods donations are needed for the upcoming STW Community Center **BAKE SALE**. ALL proceeds benefit North Branford Senior Center. November 23, 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call the Community Center at 203-484-6017 to sign up.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Excited for Thanksgiving? Celebrate with us at the our Annual THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON STW Community Center on **Tuesday, November 24th at noon.** (eat it here....or take it TO GO!)

Your meal includes:
Oven Roasted Turkey, Cornbread Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed White & Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Buttered Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie w/ Whipped Cream.
 Coffee / Tea/ Juice
\$5.00 per person / Sign-up required

Join your community at the Annual Tree Lighting

December 4th - 6:00pm

Petting Zoo, Face painting, Crafts. Roast Marshmallows over a fire and drink Hot Chocolate.

Featuring musicians from North Branford High School
 And don't forget to get your picture with the big man from the North Pole!

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The Holidays are upon us! Give your mom the ultimate gift of pampering with a Holiday Season Makeover!

We want to hear about your mom! Write us an essay (age categories: Grades K-3; Grades 4-6; Grades 7-8) telling us why your mom deserves to be pampered this Holiday Season and she could win one of three makeovers and a three-month fitness membership at the STW Community Center.

Include name, address, contact number and grade category with essay and return to STW Community Center by November 30. *Presented by Legacy Salon & North Branford Parks & Recreation Departments.*

Annual 2015 Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 22nd 12 noon

Fruit cup, Eggplant rollatini, Filet of sole stuffed with crab & shrimp or Chicken Piccata. Served with rustic mashed potatoes, steamed tender green beans, crusty bread, coffee/tea/juice and cannoli pie for dessert!!! Bring a \$5 grab bag
 Residents \$10 / Non-residents \$12

BUS TRIPS

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW. MONDAY, DECEMBER 7
 Cost: \$100 resident / \$105 non-resident

Bring on the sparkling costumes, long legs and high kicks! See the Rockettes in all their glory and visit Radio City Music Hall to witness this awe-inspiring tradition. Take some time to see the Rockefeller Center Tree, shop along 5th Avenue and get your holiday off to a spectacular start! Includes round-trip motor coach transportation and Orchestra ticket to 2 p.m. Show.

LASALETTE SHRINE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10. Cost: \$20

Start your day by enjoying the many restaurants and shopping at Federal Hill in Providence. From there travel to the Shrine to hear a concert sung by the renowned Father Pat. Attend Mass if you like and then as the sun goes down wonder at the marvelous Christmas lights and displays. Lunch on your own. Bring your walking shoes.

FOXWOODS CASINO. MONDAY, JANUARY 11
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WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW - NYC. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
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YOUTH PROGRAMS

MOUNT SOUTHINGTON TEEN SKI TRIPS *Same prices as last year - no increases!*

Who: Grades 6-12
Session: January 8 - February 5
Time: Fridays, 2:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Where: Mount Southington Ski Area
Fee: Lift only \$235
 Lift & Lessons \$275
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Enjoy the evening skiing at Mount Southington! Supervision as well as roundtrip school bus transportation with a pick up and drop off at NBIS and STW Community Center.

We have extended the registration deadline until Friday, 11/27.

CUPCAKE DECORATING

Who: Ages 9-12 - Boys & Girls Welcome!
Session: Friday, November 20 - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 resident / \$15 non-resident

No previous experience necessary! You will transform ordinary cupcakes into sharks, sunflowers, and other amazing creations! We will provide the cupcakes and any other supplies that are needed!

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

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. 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 on 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. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

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 Marena. 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 9am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Cement Your Legacy in the Village

Northford Congregational Church is soliciting additional help from businesses and individuals to replace its 107-year-old bell tower. In recognition of a donation of \$750 or more the Church will include the donor's name on a bronze plaque to be permanently placed in front of the base of the tower. If you would like to participate financially in this restoration project, please make your check payable to the Northford Congregational Church Bell Tower Fund, P.O. Box 191, Northford, CT 06472. Whatever the amount of your tax deductible donation, it will be greatly appreciated. Make a donation before December 31 and take a tax deduction.

The Church traces its roots to the original meeting house that was built in 1746 a few feet south of the present structure. The Church was officially organized in 1750, the same year that the village name was changed from Salem to Northford. The present brownstone structure was designed by noted Yale architect Henry Austin and was built in 1846. Although the Church was gutted by a Christmas Eve fire in 1906, the exterior walls remained. Rebuilt in 1908, this beautiful historic edifice is the centerpiece of the Village of Northford and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thus far the Church has raised \$34,790 of the estimated \$65,000 needed to complete the project. The bell tower project entails the building of a new bell tower and steeple in modern materials, reinforced support for the bell, and the return of the bell for another century of faithful service.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road in the Northford section of North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com.

Santa Comes to Northford Garden Center Saturday, December 12th, 10 am – 3:30 pm

Santa is coming to Natureworks! Gather up the whole family including your pet to visit with Santa on our Christmas porch. Bring your camera and capture the moment!

Natureworks Garden Center is located at 518 Forest Road (Rte. 22) in Northford. For more information call 203-484-2748 or visit our website at www.naturework.com.

The Totoket Historical Society will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 21 from 9 - 2 p.m. at the Reynolds-Beers House in North Branford. The House is located at 1740 Foxon Rd. on the campus of the Atwater Memorial Library.

This year the Holiday Bazaar will feature small "attic treasures", costume jewelry, small Christmas items, handmade articles, baked goods, jams, pickles and condiments. The Miller Barn, as well as the Reynolds-Beers House, will be open for visitors.

Donations for the sale are still welcome at the Reynolds-Beers House on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. when the house is open. For large item pick-up or information, call 203-488-0423 or e-mail: totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the buildings under the Society's care: the Reynolds-Beers House, The Little Red School House, the Miller Barn and the Little White Gas Station.

St. Therese Church, 105 Leetes Island Rd., Branford will hold a Holiday Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, November 21 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM & Sunday, November 22 9am to 12 noon.

More than 20 vendors, handcrafted items, penny auction, home baked goods, jewelry and a giant tag sale. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. For more information, call 203-488-2998.

Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford hosts its Annual Holiday Fair on November 21, 2015. Come join us - we'd love to see you and share our joy in putting on this event with the community at large.

We will be offering a beautiful handmade assortment of 18-inch doll clothes - smocked dresses, robes, nightgowns, hats, boots and pretty outfits, all reasonably priced. This is a perfect place to begin your shopping.

Our amazing cookie walk has grown - we will be offering more than 50 kinds of homemade cookies. This year, we are also offering cookie trays made up to have for your Thanksgiving dinner, a perfect hostess gift.

We have an entire section of Beanie Baby gifts - themed sets for little more than the price of one. These are adorable gifts for grandchildren, neighbors and friends. They are very affordable, nicely packaged and ready for giving.

We have a tasty selection of jams, baked goods, candies and the like. Many items are packaged and priced for one or two people. Our volunteers are heading to Vermont to get fresh Cabot cheese, always a favorite.

We have some new themes for raffle baskets this year - always worth a ticket or two! We will also have a new selection of crafts this year that you will want to see.

Take a peek at our White Elephant tables with many Christmas items as well as general household goods.

Finally, come join us for lunch - homemade chili, pizza, hot dogs - make it a day of fun! The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. Zion is located at 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford.

North Branford Congregational Church. Please join us on Sunday, November 21st from 9:00AM - 2:00PM and maybe finish your Christmas shopping. There will be gift baskets, handmade items, raffles, and a jewelry table. There will also be a room filled with Better Treasures as well as your White Elephant Room.

Please join us and have lunch at our Café Noel!

Masonicare Health Center, 22 Masonic Avenue in Wallingford, cordially invites the community to attend this year's free Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and on the indoor "Main Street" at the Health Center.

The fair will feature a wide array of unique items offered by some of the best artists and crafters in Connecticut. Gifts will include kitchen items, cosmetics, jewelry, hand-poured candles, fresh and dried florals and wreaths, ornaments, pet toys and ornaments, holiday decorations, baked goodies, scarves, shawls, hand-made soaps, purses, woodwork, and more. Residents and Masonicare volunteers will also have their own hand-crafted items available for purchase. Food and drinks will be available. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be on hand for the children and there will be a free "make and take" ornament table. The model train room will be open to all. A highlight of the day is a special drawing that will be held for a beautifully decorated, 3-ft tall Christmas tree. Tickets will be on sale in the Health Center lobby.

For additional information, please contact the Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997. A few vendor spots are still available. Interested vendors should contact Carla Young at 203-679-6253 or Maria Santiago at 203-679-5980 as soon as possible to make arrangements. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Stop by Northford Congregational Church for a Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and Bazaar on Sat., Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most original tabletop tree will be awarded a cash prize; 2nd and 3rd prizes will also be awarded. Registration fee \$10; registration deadline, Tues., Dec. 1 at 12 noon. Contact Tanya at 203-484-9155, or email rsmckosky@gmail.com. Be creative and whimsical; use your imagination; think of a theme or original idea. Free admission and parking; door prize.

Original handmade ornaments, Bevin Brothers ornament bells, refreshments, and baked goods will be available for purchase at this fundraiser for the church Bell Tower Fund.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

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Payment deadline is November 15, 2015. For a vendor application or for more information, contact Chris at: chriskat32@aol.com or 203-484-9648. The Animal Haven is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes.

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The Dudley Farm Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road, at the intersection of routes 77 and 80 in North Guilford, CT. For more information, contact the Museum at 203-457-0770 or the Market at 860-349-3917, visit www.dudleyfarm.com or check us out on Facebook at Dudley Farm Museum.



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