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However, to do this, I need your help. Once a year, I ask our readers to make a voluntary payment of at least \$10, to help defray the cost of mail and print. It also helps keep the ad rate resonable so our advertisers can continue to support us and get the paper to your homes.

I won't get into some of our local businesses who choose other means to get their word to the public and offer no participation in this community service which brings this paper to your homes. I will just talk about the great community supporters we have who help us bring this paper right into your living room.

To continue to provide this service, I need yout assistance. Don't wait for your neighbor to do this or hope someone else picks up the ball. Make the effort on your own and let's all work together to get the message out to all the great residents in our community.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Auditor of Public Accounts: An Unnoticed Government Function



The latest round of tax hikes and tolls from Governor Lamont and his trusted teammates in the legislature captured most of the year's headlines, but Connecticut residents have reason to be concerned about some stuff that didn't get the same level of media attention.

For example, a report issued in October detailed how more than \$260,000 in checks submitted to the Department of Agriculture went uncashed for months. More recently, another report shed light on a labor organization's misuse of money in a fund created to support workers affected by the horrific tragedy at Sandy Hook elementary school.

Those investigations, and others like them, were conducted by the state's Auditors of Public Accounts (APA.) It's a legislative agency that's under the direction of two state auditors appointed by the General Assembly. Its professional staff includes certified public accountants, certified information system auditors, certified internal auditors, and certified fraud examiners.

The APA performs important work, and their reports offer legislators—and the public—valuable insight into the mechanics of state government. Considering that, you may be surprised to know lawmakers rarely get the chance to ask questions about those reports in a formal setting. Despite a state law that requires it, Democrats who control relevant committees don't hold these hearings.

State law requires committees of cognizance and the Government Administration and Elections Committee to hold hearings within 180 days from the time reports are submitted to the legislature. As it stands, there are nearly 40 reports that are overdue for hearings. There's more to be heard in the near future, too.

Examples of problems outlined in APA reports include:

- Abuse of overtime
- Workplace violence complaints
- Massive financial reporting errors
- Benefits payments to deceased individuals
- IT security issues

So often, lawmakers who control the purse strings at the capitol stay there behind the wheel of a threadbare government—that they've cut all the fat from the two-year \$40 billion budget. Reports from the APA, alone, tell us otherwise. If a state employee is allowed to skirt established telecommuting guidelines and work part-time from new home in Florida—just long enough to qualify for state retirement benefits—surely there are more ways to save money.

I believe legislators should be able to ask questions about situations such

as that one, and it's why my caucus issued a letter to Democrat leaders urging hearings. We haven't received a response yet, but I'll let you know when we do. In the meantime, check out the APA's web site and its many reports at wp.cga.ct.gov/apa/ As always, feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments or concern about state-related issues either 860-240-8700 or vincent.candelora@housegop.ct.gov.

Let's Be "Frank"

Writing a Christmas letter is quite difficult. What can I say that hasn't been said before? What can I say that you don't already know? And at my age, what can I possibly want or need for Christmas.

I remember when we were kids and we asked mom and dad what they wanted for Christmas. Mom was always philosophical and loving. It was always something like, "I just want the love and good behavior of my kids. I want them to be good people, raise the kids the same way and make sure we are always together as a family". That was a task that Santa couldn't even fill all the time. Just ask for a damn scarf and stop making things difficult.

Dad was more to the point. He either said, "Ask your mother what I need", or "I don't want nuttin".

We always tried to stay in the true spirit of Christmas remembering it was about the giving more than the receiving. I remember giving great gifts to dad like veal cutlets, tupperware containers of pasta fagioli, escarole & beans or sausage and peppers.

Mom was a bigger challenge but most times it wasn't something really personal. A new sauce pan, a toaster and ironing board or a blender seemed to make her happy.

Now when my kids ask me, I'm challenged not to say, "I don't need nuttin" or just be wonderful human beings".

We're still keeping the family traditions but this time for the first time in a long time we are going to family members on Christmas. With Erica going to her in-laws and Frankie going to Brazil to be with his potential in-laws it's just three of us and we have been invited out.

I'm hard pressed to keep the seven fishes on Christmas Eve. The only two who really like the fish are me and Frankie. I will repeat that menu on New Year's Day when we will be making that our Christmas with him, but for Christmas Eve it will just be crab and lobster sauce, shrimp cocktail, scallops, and baked stuffed shrimp and tuna fish in my legendary stuffed peppers. Even if you count the two variations of shrimp as two, that still only gives me six. Oh well, as dad would say, "There's another tradition shot to hell".

I remember the years I would sing at the five o'clock Mass for the kids, the Midnight Mass and the 11:00 morning Mass. Midnight Mass is now a thing of the past and the 11:00 Mass is now 10:30 and someone else sings for that one. A lot less stressful, but "another tradition shot to hell".


No more visiting all the old aunts and uncles. They are all dead. "Another tradition shot to hell".

Speaking of the old aunts, does anyone still drink vermouth. I remember when I reached the age of consent, they all had glasses of vermouth on the table. By the third or fourth house it got easier to make the rest of the visits. Someone told me the other day, they used the vermouth to de glaze the pans they cooked the fish in as it would take the smell of fish out of the house, I'm thinking "That's another tradition shot to hell".

No more playing Santa Claus for three or four Christmas parties. I've seemed to have outgrown the suit. "Another tradition shot to hell".

So with all these traditions "shot to hell", it's a wonderful thing being able to have great memories and make new ones.

Well, give my best to all and you guys will always be in our thoughts especially during these holiday times. Take care and I'll see you soon.



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Hands in the Pot of Gold

Here's some evidence that strongly suggests our US politicians have their hands in the proverbial pot of gold that is our US foreign aid. The US disbursed \$1.3 billion to Ukraine between 2014 and 2016, hundreds of millions going directly to the Ukraine's energy industry. Congress approved the first billion in March, 2014, after which millions were paid to the Bidens and the Kerrys from the Ukrainian natural gas company, Burisma Holdings. On 11/16/19 the OAN Newsroom reported that the Ukrainian General Prosecutor's office has evidence of payments from Burisma to Rosemont Seneca Bohai LLC in monthly installments of \$83,333.33. The Washington Examiner and other news outlets report that Rosemont Seneca Bohai LLC was then owned and operated by John Kerry Sr., John Kerry Jr., Kerry's stepson Christopher Heinz, Hunter Biden and his close friend Devon Archer. We also know that – in early 2014, at the same moment Joe Biden was spearheading the push for this US aid to the Ukraine's natural gas industry - both Hunter and his buddy Devon started receiving monthly paychecks of \$50,000 (or more) when they were mysteriously put on Burisma's board of directors. Freedom of Information requests seeking to know the actual destination of this US aid have been rebuffed with "we don't know, you need to ask Ukraine."

So, this is a $1 + 2 = 3$ scenario: (1) our tax money went to the Ukraine, earmarked for its energy industry; (2) the Ukraine then gave much of that US aid to its natural gas industry; (3) the politicians responsible for getting that US aid to the Ukraine's natural gas industry then received millions from the Ukraine's natural gas industry. Further evidence of wrongdoing = anyone who tries to investigate these obvious and direct connections is spurned, rebuffed, fired or impeached!

The Obama administration was central to the disappearance of billions of dollars in other questionable circumstances as well. Obama deposited 1.5 billion in cash onto a runway in Iran, untraceable money that literally could have gone anywhere, subject only to the will of those in on the deal. The Obama administration also had access to billions in Libya when henchwoman Hillary strangely boasted, "We came, we saw, he died," lording over the brutal murder of Gaddafi in Libya as 143 tons of Libyan gold and billions in currency went missing.

I suggest that this is not unique to the Obama administration, it is pervasive in our government – the Clinton and Bush administrations did it, etc. The fact that Trump wants to investigate it doesn't necessarily absolve him of it, but... As US citizens with our tax dollars invested in this we should be starkly curious about these things and at least critical of anyone who tries to prevent us from investigating the disappearance of our money.

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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 Night, 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 or email us at: 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.



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

Use Common Sense During the Holiday's

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

North Branford Fire department Recommends:

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

Fireplace and Stove Safety:

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

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

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

Facts of the Month

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

What better gift for a loved one this year, new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. And offer to install it too.

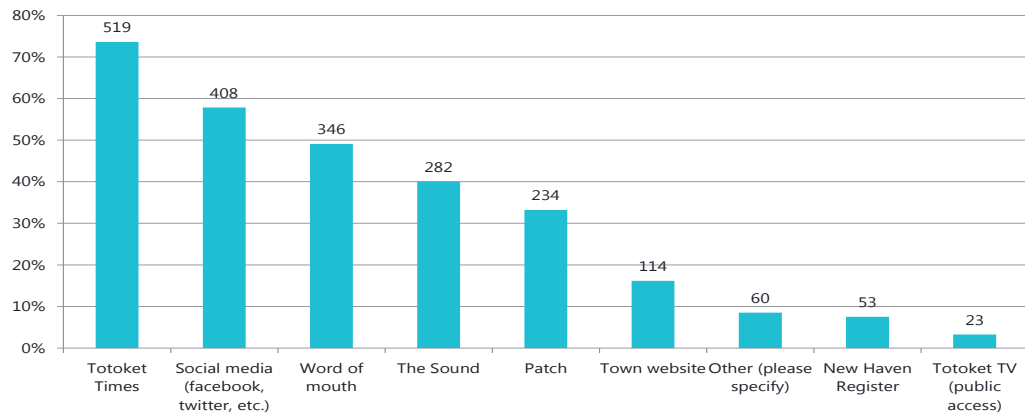
NORTH BRANFORD REPUBLICAN CAUCUS TO: Enrolled members of the Republican Party, Town of North Branford

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled members of the Republican Party on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:00 pm at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT for the purpose of endorsing candidates for election as members to the Republican Town Committee of the Town of North Branford, and to conduct any other business that may be proper to come before said caucus.

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HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COMMUNITY EVENTS?



- Totoket Times is the most popular source for community events
- Respondents also specified school announcements and direct emails

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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 or email at info@simplerecycling.com

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Four Hundred Attend Ed Foundation Breakfast

More than 400 people attended a recent Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the North Branford Education Foundation. Thanks to the hard work and tremendous breakfast presented by Michael Augur and the tremendous musical presentations by our students, the event was a huge success.

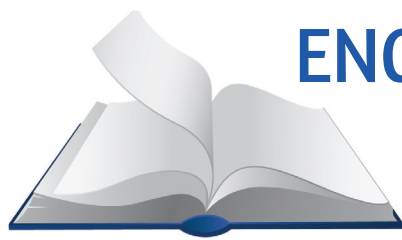
Santa and Mrs. Clause were quite busy taking Christmas orders from the children and Mr. Brodeur and his students were equally busy taking pictures of the kids with Santa.

Also on hand to help out was the NBIS National Honor Society students who helped in the kitchen as well as helping keep the dining area clean.

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JAN 17	6-8PM	Scrapbooking Workshop. Bring your projects and supplies to work alongside some fun people! Make a New Year's resolution to finish some of what we've started! Next date will be Friday, February 21st
	SMITH LIBRARY	
JAN 23	1:00PM	Pat's Picks Movie Club, presented by Patricia Cochrane, will be showing Calendar Girls, a 2003 British Comedy. Snacks and drinks provided!
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NOV 1- JAN 31	ATWATER & SMITH LIBRARIES	KIDS! Pizza Pie Reading Program. Read for 30 days b/t Nov. 1-Jan. 31. For every 5 days you read, receive a pizza topping for your pie & reading incentive prize! Once you've read for 30 days & finished building your pizza pie, receive a coupon for a free slice of pizza! For ages 3-12
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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.

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For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

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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 to register.

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Criscuolo, Keana
D'Aria, Samantha
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DePino, Lucian
Dion, Taylor Grace
Dodge, Lauren Nicole
Goodmaster, Marco
Holzer, Callie
Kundrath, Jordan
Kunz, Cassidy
Lucibello, Morgan
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack Joseph
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Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay Alpesh
Pearson, Nicolas
Peterson, Lars
Prato, Matthew
Rish, Adeline Maria
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Sigal, Elizabeth Claire
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Tynes, Bianca Fey
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Wilson, Desiree Lynn

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Amendola, Ashley
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Cosgrove, Jason
Danner, Nathan
DeLucia, Ryan
Dion, Gabrielle Marie
Durkin, Kaleigh Rae
Esposito, Benjamin
Esposito, Shane
Falcioni, Alexa Jai
Ferraro, Samantha
Graver, Kara Ellen
Hannan, Catherine
Higgins, Joshua
Hills, Adriana Marie
Hoskins, Mallory
Krebs, Marley Mae
Lamot, Joanna
Mann, Julia Rose
McCullough, Giana
McMillen, Erin Shea
Melillo, Karma Angel
Melillo, Samantha
Mercuriano, Edmund
Merry, Natalie
Monde, Jack Robert
Nuzzo, Megan
O'Connor, Jason
Onofrio, Isabella
Onofrio, Julianna
Ozoria, Arianna May
Papa, Anthony
Patel, Preet Chirag
Proto, Natalia Grace
Rodican, Andrew
Sadlon, Ana Carol
Scalia, Matthew Ryan
Schmidt, Alivia Gina
Segui, Gioia Cipriana

Sinski, Kyla Lynn
Spanier, Sofia Bean
VanDerMaelen, Sophia
Vongher, Miles Yamato
Grade 6 High Honors
Aiken, Bree Addyson
Albrecht, Danielle
Bliven, Alyssa Jean
Bliven, Gary Taylor
Brustman, Leah
Burke, Madelyn
Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Chase
Cioffi-Smith, Riley
Connelly, Tyler John
Crane, Abigail Keep
Cucchiarelli, Jack
DeFelice, Madelyn
DePino, Payton Hope
DiStefano, Madison
Dodge, Tyler Daniel
Esposito, Alexa Lauren
Evans, Ariana Ann
Fowles, Kaelyn Jean
Haeckel, Jason Edward
Heffernan, Tyler John
Iamunno, Benicio
Klouman, Matthew
Kowalewski, Kaylee
Lacroix, Cameron
Longo, Brandon John
Manganiello, Gianna
Marino, Alyssa Charla
Nastri, Jamie Love
Navarrete, Cassidy
O'Brien, Charles
Papa, Samantha Marie
Pienkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob Logan
Raymond, Caleb
Ryszczyk, Ava Diana
Sherman, Aiden Heath
Sigel, Anthony Joseph

Sorrell, Sophia Marie
Sudusky, Kyle
Tang, Meghan
Venturini, Leo
Vitarisi, Lauren
Westefeld, John
Grade 8 Honors
Allen, Caleb Jeffrey
Amaturo, Ava Grace
Bailey, Katelyn
Blomster, Luke John
Brustman, James
Cameron, Christopher
Cappetta, Aidan
Custodio, Samuel
DeCola, Luke
Dion, Joshua Rolf
Doody, Jalynn
Ferrucci, Te'a
Fico, Gianna Raye
Gamble, Gianna
Herassme, Joelle
Hutchinson, Aiden
Jacobs, Joseph
Johns, Jake Cozzi
Karpel, Brooke Lyn
Kluk, Alexander
Koltypin, Jacob
LeBeau, Patrick
Lin, Sabrina
Nuzzo, Giana Grace
O'Brien, Mikella
Pinette, Leah Reese
Riordan, Michael
Sochocki, Abbygail
Stadolnik, Emma
Stoner, Connor
Sweeney, Jillian

Thomas, Sean Aaron
Toto, Sophia
Vaspasiano, Katie
Vongher, Frederick
Waligroski, Brinley
Woodin, Delani
Yeager, Nina Marie
Grade 7 Honors
Amin, Makaila
Aneiro, Christina
Brezicki, Adrianna
Caso, Nicolas Joseph
Collett, Carys
D'Albero, Matthew
DeFrancesco, Alexa
Dell'Aquila, Vincent
Dievert, Larson
Famiglietti, Nico
Forslund, Brianna
Galasso, Gregory
Godoy, Noah Tomas
Haines, Madelyn
Hannan, Mary
Izzo, Tanner James
Kamienski, Daytona
Kundrath, Kyle Mark
Manske, Griffin
Minnocci, Brody
Minor-
Luqueno, Angel
Montesanto, John
Palmieri, Grace
Regino, Nicolette
Tagliatela Potts, Aiden
Tropiano, Dante
Grade 6 Honors
Apuzzo, Joseph Frank
Baxter, Caleb Craig

Beecher, Zachary
Brezicki, Jayden
Brindisi, Marcus
Brittall, Avery
Brockett, Jack
Budd, Michael
Carafeno, Brooke
Ciampi, Luca Ray
DeFrancesco, William
Falcigno, Nico Matteo
Fries, Alana
Gage, Skylar Lynn
Goodmaster, Michael
Ianniello, Gianna
Intravia, Luca
Jara, Wilson Abel
Jara, Wilyan Hernan
Kilstrom, Liam
Kuczynski, Madison
Landino, Luca Joseph
Leone, Gavin Philip
Ludington, Sofia Anna
Palasiewski, Arianna
Preiss, Emma Louise
Saulino, Luca Aniello
Schreiner, Jakob
Tam, Loretta Harriana
Traill, Gavin Ian
Urbina, Mateo
Valente, Jonna Nicole



NBHS hosted the annual SHED (Shoreline Heads of English Departments) Writers Workshop

On Friday December 13, 120 students attended from the Shoreline Conference - students from North Branford, Cogenchaug, Cromwell, East Hampton, Hale-Ray, Lyme-Old Lyme, Morgan, Old Saybrook, Valley and Westbrook. Students participated in workshops led by six local writers on fiction, poetry, songwriting, entertainment journalism, independent publishing, and overcoming writer's block.

Ms. Dodds, a member of the NBHS English Department, once again organized the event and is pictured below (3rd from right) along with presenters for the workshops.

Story & Photo, courtesy of NBHS Pirncipal Todd Stoeffler



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



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

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UNDEFEATED HARLEM ROCKETS

Standing left to right: Cliff "Wi-Fly" Malone , Chris "Stretch" Samuels, DaVonne "Omelette" Dunlap , Kevin "Showboat" Jackson, Donnie "Razzamatazz" Seale, Sitting: Keith "Make 'Em Dance" Johnson

Harlem Rockets Take on The North Branford All-Stars

The North Branford High School Gymnasium will be the site of the Rockets (pictured above) against a select group of teachers and friends. The fund raiser, organized by the North Branford Education Foundation will be a night to remember as the teachers attempt to get their first win ever in this annual event.

The event will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020. Tickets in advance can be purchased at Jerome Harrison School, Totoket Valley Elementary School, North Branford Intermediate School and the District Central Office, for only \$8.00 per person.

All tickets at the door will be \$10.00. There will also be souvenirs, refreshments, stuffed breads and candy & chips to keep your nourished throughout the game.

Proceeds from this event will go towards grants and scholarships to enhance programs for the education of our students. for more information call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



Eight T-Birds Named to First Team All League

Eight players on the 7-3 North Branford High School football team were named to the All League First team. Tyler DiNapoli was named as a running back and he was also named to the Class "S" All State team. He was joined on the All League team by quarterback Brandon Fratta, SE Alex Clinton, Flex-Player Aiden Ferrucci, DB Nate Raymond, LB Xaivior Cognata, Offensive Lineman Alex LeMere and Defensive Lineman Stathi Gianniotis..

BEST GAMES IN TOWN

North Branford High School Winter Sports Schedule

Boys Hockey

Saturday	12-21	@ Pomeraug	7:30
Monday	12-23	@ Guilford	3:00
Monday	12-30	@ E.O. Smith	7:45
Monday	1-6	Guilford	3:00
Saturday	1-11	@ Daniel Hand	3:30
Wednesday	1-15	Cheshire	3:50
Saturday	1-18	North Haven	3:30
Wednesday	1-22	Branford	8:30
Saturday	1-25	Trumbull	3:30
Thursday	1-30	Woodstock	8:20
Saturday	2-1	Lyman Hall	7:45
Wednesday	2-5	East Haven	3:50
Saturday	2-8	SGWL	5:30
Wednesday	2-12	Amity	3:50
Saturday	1-15	Staples	2:45
Monday	2-17	@ East Catholic	12:50
Wednesday	2-19	South Windsor	3:50
Saturday	2-22	Farmington	7:30
Wednesday	2-26	@ Sheehan	7:30

Girls Basketball

Friday	12-20	@ East Hampton	7:00
Monday	12-30	Westbrook	7:00
Friday	1-3	@ Coginchaug	7:00
Monday	1-6	@ Amistad	6:00
Wednesday	1-8	@ Branford	7:00
Friday	1-10	Valley Regional	7:00
Tuesday	1-14	Portland	7:00
Friday	1-17	Cromwell	7:00
Tuesday	1-21	@ Old Lyme	7:00
wednesday	1-22	@ Lyman Hall	7:00
Friday	1-24	@ H - K	7:00
Monday	1-27	Morgan	7:00
Saturday	2-1	Old Lyme	7:00
Monday	2-3	@ Valley	7:00
Thursday	2-6	@ Cromwell	7:00
Monday	2-10	@ Morgan	7:00
Thursday	2-13	H-K	7:00
Monday	2-17	Coginchaug	7:00

Boys Basketball

Thursday	12-19	Hale Ray	7:00
Friday	12-27	Coginchaug	7:00
Monday	12-30	@ Westbrook	7:00
Monday	1-6	Platt Tech	7:00
Thursday	1-9	@ Valley Regional	7:00
Monday	1-13	@ Portland	7:00
Thursday	1-16	@ Comwell	7:00
Tuesday	1-21	Old Lyme	5:30
Thursday	1-23	H - K	7:00
Tuesday	1-28	@ Morgan	7:00
Friday	1-31	@ Wolcott Tech	4:30

Connecticut Sportsplex

"All You Can Play All-Day"

New Years Eve—10am—4pm
\$25 per person

****Unlimited****

Laser Tag, Cyber Sport, Playscape & Soft Drinks!!

Family Fun Center Holiday Hours

December 23 —12pm to 5pm
December 26—12pm to 9pm
December 27—12pm to 10pm
December 30—12pm to 5pm

For more information
Call 203-484-4383 or visit www.ctsportsplex.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

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

Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



ACTIVITIES

SIZZLING SCIENCE

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: January 7 - January 28
Time: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: Come fizz, pop, and boom with Sizzling Science! Each week children will discover the fun and fascinating world of science through amazing hands-on experiments, some with an eruption component. Future scientists will be engaged and inspired!

TODDLER TIME ART

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: January 7 - January 28
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: Does your child like to glue, paint, and use glitter but you don't want the mess at home? In this class we explore different materials and the mess stays here! Creativity is encouraged and unique art projects are made based on seasons, holidays, books and characters.


ABC'S FOR 3'S

Who: Age 3
When: January 7 - January 28
Time: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades
Description: A fun hands-on introduction to letters and numbers through art, sensory exploration, songs, science, and movement. Designed to provide structure, build confidence and independence from caregiver. Perfect for children not yet enrolled in preschool or need an extra day of structured activities!

IMAGINATION STATION

Who: Ages 2 - 3
When: January 8 - March 4
Time: Wednesday, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Fee: \$35
Instructor: Sharon DiCrosta, Owner of The Dancer's Studios
Description: Imagination Station is a creative movement class that introduces children to the joy of movement and music. Basic motor skills will be challenged as we develop rhythm and imagination in an atmosphere of fun!

NEW CRAFTS WITH SYLVIA

Who: Kids (7 and up) & Adults of all ages
**Kids under 12 need an adult present to help during class*
When: January 15th
 Tea Towel Printing
Time: Wednesday, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. 
Fee: \$25
Instructor: Sylvia Brewster
Description: Learn various printing techniques such as Potato, Relief and Transfer as we create unique and useful tea towels.

ARCHERY

When: January 18 - February 22
Who: Grades 4 - 8
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Who: Grades 9 - 12
Time: Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50
Instructor: Debbie Gibilaro
Description: Learn and hone the basic skills as you develop using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a safe and supportive environment.

ROBOTICS

Who: Ages 5 - 9
When: January 18 - February 22
Time: Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$90
Instructor: Kids Corner CT
Description: This class introduces the gadgetry that powers our household devices. We will be making devices together, then individually. Participants can build a robot that will clean anyone's bedroom on command. We use the LEGO Mindstorms EV kits. Learn mechanical design, construction, programming and teamwork skills.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

Who: Ages 5 - 9
When: January 18 - February 22
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$90
Instructor: Kids Corner CT
Description: Kids will engage in a different activity each day to introduce non contact sports that may include: badminton, volleyball, kickball, basketball, floor hockey, whiffle ball, ga-ga pit, and some scooter fun. We will work on skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork but primarily stay active and have fun!

Recharge Yoga
Who: Ages 13+
When: January 6 - March 9
Time: Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

Gentle Yoga
Who: Ages 13+
When: January 10 - February 28
Time: Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

Yoga to Release the Week
Who: Ages 13+
When: January 9 - February 27
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

Kids Yoga
Who: Ages 5 - 12
When: January 11 - February 29
Time: Saturday, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

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

Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am



Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



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

ACTIVITIES

Healthy Conversations, Wednesday, January 15, 1:00pm, FREE
 Men and women are invited to join the East Shore Nurse Educators as they facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.

Fascia's Chocolates, Friday, January 24, 10:30pm, \$15 res/\$20 nr
 Join us for a trip to Fascia's Chocolates, handcrafted in Waterbury since 1964. This visit will include a chocolate tasting, tour and opportunity to craft your own chocolate bar! Lunch stop on your own to be determined.

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 from January 15 - March 4
 Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40*

Thank you to everyone in our community that joined us for the Annual Tree Lighting!

We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Thank you to North Branford Rotary, North Branford Public Works, Cliff Potter for the hay rides, Nick Filippides and the NBHS Choir, North Branford National Honor Society, Interact Volunteers, Ice Matters, Tripledale Farm, Branford Bible Chapel, JJ's food truck, Sugar Cupcake Truck, Smorstix, North Branford Co. #2, Santa and all of the amazing volunteers that made our tree lighting another wonderful success. We couldn't do it without you!



*Happy Holidays!
 - NB Parks and Rec*

FAMILY TRIVIA

Friday, January 31st

6:00 - 8:30pm
 STW Community Center

Register as a family or group
 \$10 per team
 Teams of 2-6 people
 must register in advance

Game begins at 6:30 sharp

Bring your smart phone
 to use as your controller!

Some tablets will be provided

snacks & refreshments will be served

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine 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. 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.

**Remember the Real Gift this Christmas
Come Join us in Celebrating Christ's Birth**

St. Ambrose Parish

203-484-0403

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, 12-24 - 4:00

St. Augustine

St. Monica (English Ordinary with no incense)

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday - 12 -25 St. Augustine

**Adoration is offered every Monday & Tuesday from
5-6pm at St. Monica Church.**

Vesper Service every Sunday during Advent

5:30 at St. Monica

St. Augustine Church

30 Caputo Rd. North Branford

St Monica Church

1321 Middletown Ave. Northford

Christmas Worship at Zion

*Join us for the traditional services and events
of this most holy and joyful holiday season!*

Sunday, December 22: 4th Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Carols & Anthems

with Choir, Piano, Organ, Guitar, Viola, Flute, and Mandolin

5:00 p.m. Festal Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music and Carols

Sunday December 29th-

First Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

Advent and Christmas Schedule

North Branford Congregational Church

1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT

*Please join us as we travel through Advent
to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.*

Tuesday, December 24 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - let us celebrate the arrival of the Light of the World!

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day -

Remember to take the time to thank Our Father for the amazing gift of His Son!

Sunday, December 29

10:00 AM A Special Worship time featuring the movie - Nativity!

Advent & Christmas Services at NCC

During December "A Little Church with a Big Heart" welcomes everyone to come and sing traditional Christmas Carols at 9:45 a.m. prior to regular 10 a.m. worship services. Enjoy and expand the joy of the Christmas season by joining with others in song.

Holiday services on Sundays at 10 a.m. during Advent involve the lighting of an Advent candle each week. Advent starts on Sunday, Dec. 1. The special "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held on Dec. 8.

The Christmas Eve service on Tues., Dec. 24, will be at 5 p.m. with lessons and carols. Take a few minutes out from your busy schedule and add some meaning to this special time of year. All are welcome.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1382 Middletown Avenue Northford,

Connecticut Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve service will begin with Carol Sing at 4:00 p.m. followed by Holy Eucharist.

There is no Christmas Day service at St. Andrew's.

All MACM parishioners are invited to Christmas Day service at St. James, Higganum, beginning at 10 a.m. (clergy: Rev. Jim Bradley)

Bell Tower Progress at NCC

Petra Construction was on site last week, preparing to remove the temporary roof and put up the steel support framing. They've demolished the old bell platform, and are building the new one on the ground.

The exterior work should be finished this week. There was a crane on site to lift the steel base into place and install the permanent roof and bell platform. The bell tower and steeple will be delivered and installed in February. They will install the bell tower, place the bell inside it, then install/attach the steeple. This last step is reputed to take place in one day!

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North Haven Camera Club Resumes Meetings

The North Haven Camera Club will resume club meetings on Tuesday Jan. 7th. Laura Parisi will present Getting to Know Your Camera. This will be a great opportunity on how best to use your camera and gear to improve your photography.

The club meets from September to June at the Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave, North Haven, at 7:00 p.m. Come early at 6:30 p.m. for mentoring or socializing. Lectures and presentations are conducted the first Tuesday of the month and photography competitions are held the third Tuesday of the month. Guests are always 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 NorthHavenCamera-Club.com

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Food & Firewood Box

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," has put a food box and a firewood stand in front of the church to help people in need. Non-perishable food is in the food box and firewood is on racks in the stand. People can "take what they need, and leave what they can." Please do not leave items with expired dates in the box. Since winter is coming and temperatures can get below freezing, no canned food, jars, or bottles that could freeze or expand should be put into the box. Items that contain liquid will need to wait until spring. Donations of items such as rice, pasta, cereal, and diapers are welcome.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Church website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.



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Italian Rum Cake - Rum soaked vanilla cake filled with alternating layers of vanilla and chocolate Italian cream, then frosted with whipped cream and garnished with sliced almonds.

Loaded Carrot Cake - Carrot cake enhanced with carrots, raisins, coconut, pineapple and walnuts, then frosted with cream cheese frosting.

Assorted Mini Cannoli Platter - 2 dozen of Pastry Fusion handmade cannoli shells and cannoli cream. (\$30)includes chocolate dipped and regular cannoli shells).

Assorted Holiday Cookie Tray \$14.00 per pound.

Assorted Italian Pastry

Pies

Pumpkin Pie	\$14.50	Apple Pie	\$14.50
Chocolate Lemon Pie	\$14.50	Blueberry Pie	\$14.50
Cannoli Cream Pie	\$20.00	Lemon Meringue Pie	\$15.50
Banana Cream Pie	\$15.50	Chocolate Cream Pie	\$15.50

Cheesecakes 8" \$22.50 10" \$30.00

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