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I don't need to explain how prices have gone up, you can see it for yourself. The post office had two increases in 2024 and I now have a new printer starting with this issue and that is a bit more expensive than we were accustomed to.

I don't need to list all of the things that this newspaper does for the community. Those of you who are reading this note and newspaper know what is done for the community as far as free recreation and church pages just to name a few..

THIS IS YOUR NEWSPAPER. I gave up worrying about profits a long time ago. It's a labor of love and I will continue as long as my health and finances let me. My ego won't let me stop. I like coming into your homes regularly and offering my little help to the community.

So now I am going to need my faithful readers more than ever to make their annual voluntary paid contribution. It has never been closer to becoming a completely online newspaper and I don't want that to happen.

Let's get together and keep the home fires burning with the only newspaper *for our town and from our town.*

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



The recent arrest of a previously deported Peruvian national in Hartford shines a harsh light on the failures of Connecticut’s sanctuary city policies. This individual with a serious criminal history, including felony convictions out of New Britain and Bristol for unlawful restraint, burglary, and violating a protection order, represents the systemic risks these policies create. Arrested

by Hartford police on Nov. 20 for an alleged sexual assault that occurred in April, he was released on bond before federal immigration officials could issue a detainer. He roamed free until ICE apprehended him on the streets of Hartford on Dec. 3.

This incident reveals the peril of policies that prioritize shielding illegal immigrants over public safety. Despite being deported, this man returned to the U.S. in what federal officials called a “flagrant disregard for the laws of the United States and for the wellbeing of others”. Hartford’s sanctuary city policy that constricts cooperation with federal immigration authorities allowed him to remain at large, posing a preventable risk to residents. When repeat offenders like this individual exploit political loopholes, it is Connecticut’s citizens who pay the price in both safety and security.

These policies also exacerbate Connecticut’s financial challenges. The state’s free healthcare program for undocumented children, already in extremely high demand, is projected to exceed its budget by \$30 million this year. Such initiatives, while intended to provide care for the vulnerable, inadvertently act as a magnet for illegal immigration, putting additional pressure on limited resources. This diverts funding from essential services such as education, infrastructure, and public safety that legal residents depend on.

Budgetary issues aside, the Hartford case demonstrates how sanctuary policies not only endanger communities but also erode trust in government and the rule of law. Victims of these crimes, like the woman allegedly assaulted in April, face an uphill battle for justice when offenders evade accountability due to political posturing. Meanwhile, taxpayers bear the brunt of policies that prioritize ideology over practical governance.

And chances are, this individual will just return to the United States again. Nearly as frustrating is the news media’s indifference. Papers did little else than republish a shortened version of the press release from ICE, opting against digging into and providing even basic details of the alleged sex assault crime that led Hartford police to arrest the individual. Whether the Connecticut news media is interested or not, this isn’t just a border issue—these issues are happening in our state.

Connecticut must reconsider its approach. Sanctuary policies need reform to ensure that federal and local authorities work together to uphold public safety, enforce immigration laws, and restore fairness to the system. The safety, well-being, and fiscal stability of the state depend on it. This incident, and the others like it, should serve as a wake-up call for more elected members of our state legislature to act decisively and prioritize Connecticut’s legal residents over dangerous political experiments.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
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Let’s Be “Frank”

For as far back as I can remember as a kid, New Year’s Eve was always a special night for the family. We would all go to my aunt Tess and uncle Rudy’s house in Foxon. They would fit more than 50 people in their small cape. When I was 14, I don’t remember much except arguing with my mother because I really didn’t want go. She couldn’t understand why I wasn’t interested in going to a party where all of my cousins who were mostly older than me would spend the night finding places to hide and make out with their dates. I also wasn’t a big fan of watching my aunts and uncles having a few drinks and doing what I felt was a bit embarrassing.

There I sat watching all the festivities, and upset because I was unable to be with my friends. The only good part was getting back to school and telling my friends about the party. I couldn’t wait to tell him how my uncle puked on the rug. I also didn’t understand why my grandmother and my parents would cry when Guy Lombardo began his yearly countdown to Auld Lang Syne.

Well, I survived that year and I became a hero at school with all my stories. I had my classmates rolling in the aisles, talking about the party. Boy, I couldn’t wait for the next year to come.

With the next party rapidly approaching, I decided that I would definitely be ready for this one. I just received a camera for Christmas and I had it loaded and ready. This year would be my year to have some fun. The party started and so did I. When my relatives went into action I began to click away with my camera at quite a rapid speed. Boy these pictures would make Candid Camera look like a romper room amateur show. I wonder how much money my cousin Ric could give me so I wouldn’t show his mother the pictures of him and his girlfriend in the corner. I also got a great picture of my uncle being sick. It’s a good thing I bought colored film.

That year passed, and now things began to really change. I finally reached the big 16. I got my license during the summer and there was no way that I was going to the party this year. The arguments began once again in September. All of my friends were having super parties around town and I wanted to stop in on every one of them. Well, I thought I was gonna stop in on every one of them. Once again my mother put her foot down and that was always a pretty heavy foot. “We are a family”. She kept telling me this over and over again. I remember that I kept yelling something about my being a big boy and that Lincoln had freed the slaves sometime ago. This was to no avail, so at the usual time of about 7:30 on New Year’s Eve we began this journey over to my aunt’s house. As soon as I entered. I went upstairs and hid in my uncle’s office. I was gonna let them pay for not letting me go to my friends parties. They weren’t gonna see my face for the rest of the night. At about 1130 I realized that nobody really cared if they saw me or not as no one had even come up to the room to see if I was still living or if I had jumped out the window in a fit of depression. I decided right there that I would have to go downstairs and make my presence known. I am a person who thrives on attention and this was ridiculous.

I descended the stairs with a snarl on my face, and I started to mingle in with the rest of the family. I felt a little better when my cousin told me that several of them tried to come up and rouse me out of the room, but once again, my mother told them the only way I’d come down was if they left me alone and made me think they had forgotten me. My mother she was always the smartest person in the room. That party and no great memories. All I can remember is that I wanted to go home and go to bed. My mother had made one look quite foolish, and I hated her for it.

Once again as Guy Lombardo began his countdown. My grandmother began to cry, and my mother as well. All I can remember is thinking “good they should cry for a long time for forcing me to come to this party.

1974. This party would be the greatest. I was 17 years old and on my way to the great adult life. My family also had a tradition going on at these parties that the adults were supposed to be unaware of. 17 is the age of which the younger kids begin to sneak drinks upstairs to see if we can have the great time that the adults were having. This was gonna be my year the turning point of these parties. Next year I’d be able to drink legally because they were going to change that majority law to 18 so this would be the last year for me sneaking drinks *continued on page 4*

Letters to the editor...

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

Use Common Sense During the Holiday’s

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

North Branford Fire department Recommends:

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

Fireplace and Stove Safety:

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

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

1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
5. Use only seasoned hardwood
6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
8. ***Never leave a fire unattended*** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
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Burning permits can be found on the Town Website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.gov

If you have questions, please contact the North Branford Fire Marshal’s Office at 203-484-6016.
Remember, Burning Permits are required for anything other than a fire pit or chiminea.

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Frank continued

Most of the party is very difficult to remember because I didn’t get to spend much time with the others. There was just me and my cousin Joe having a race to see who could sneak the most drinks upstairs without getting caught. Joe is a bit more advanced than I because he had been doing this for a couple years in anticipation of his 21th birthday. He was ahead of me by a score of about 7 to 4 when I decided to quit. It was pretty hard to drink something when you couldn’t bring your hand to your mouth without spilling it all over the place. So this is what it’s like to be drunk. I couldn’t figure out why my uncle liked it so much. Maybe adults get a charge out of getting sick, forgetting half of the evening and making complete fools of themselves. This was definitely not my best party. It was supposed to be the greatest, but it was worse than last year. The sad part was that there was no one to hate but myself, and that took all the excitement away from hating.

1975 this was definitely my year. I got myself a girlfriend and she was gonna see how great Italian families spend New Year’s Eve together. Wait until all my relatives see that the ugly fat kid with the broken nose and crooked teeth has found himself a pretty girl. I put on my light blue leisure suit, my high platform shoes and I was ready to shine. It was my turn to have a good time at these parties. It was my turn to really find a quiet corner and spend the whole night making out.

Night pass quickly because once I found my corner, I only left for an occasional drink and a trip to the men’s room. Boy what a night. Now I know why everyone enjoys these parties. It was like, going parking and not having to worry about getting caught by the cops or getting home too late. The night was ours. No one cared what we were doing because they were too involved with forgetting their problems for the night. We were in love and we had no problems. The time flew rapidly, and the only interruption was when my little cousin stuck a camera in our faces and said smile you’re on Candid Camera. Boy he was such a little brat. Why couldn’t he just leave us alone and let us continue the greatest petting session of all times.

Well, I can remember driving my girlfriend home as I walked her to the door. I was too tired to even kiss her good night. Her mother who would spy on us, to make sure that we weren’t kissing too long, looked at us when we walked into the house, as though something was wrong. She never said anything, but we both knew that she was quite puzzled by our lack of demonstrative affection. My girlfriend and myself just kept smiling at each other because we had a secret that was too good to share with her. We were in love.

1976. There was a slight problem. My girlfriend’s parents wanted us to attend their party. Well, I guess I can make the effort but only if if we leave at 11 o’clock and catch the tail end at aunt Tessa’s. The first part of the evening went by slowly. Her family and her friends were not much fun. They sit there nursing a drink for an hour and talk about old times and boring things. I’m telling you if this was a Polish party, I hate to see their wakes. The fact that I had been to Italian wakes that were far more entertaining than this party. We finally managed to leave at about 10:30. I couldn’t take any more boredom.

I rushed to my aunt’s house in about 60 miles an hour. Too much time had already been wasted this year. I had decided that there would be no attempt made to find a corner for making out. It was a part of this family and I was going to enjoy myself. I could make out anytime I wanted, but there was only one limited time to have a party with my family. I spent the entire evening playing games and drinking and singing with any aunts and uncles and older cousins. This is what being a family was all about. It was laughing together and crying together, talking about the good and the bad things of past and the hopes for the future.

My mother was crying about some of the very hard times that she had in her life and this year I didn’t want her to cry. This is what a family is all about my uncle and a couple of my cousins decided to play party games to bring out the joys of life and wash the sorrows away. Soon everyone was singing and having a great time This is what family was for.

Family stuck together when times got rough and they made things easier. They’re all about having a whale of a good time when my mother started to feel bad they could have let her cry all alone and continued with their party, but this was a family and we just didn’t do anything like that, If one of us was hurting, we were all hurting. This party would remain in my mind for a long time and it still does because this is what New Year’s Eve parties at my aunt’s were all about.

The final party I went to as a kid was just like the others. We started talking about it in September and the anticipation grew as time got near and We saw each other often throughout the year, but nothing is as special as when we all get together and really do something as a family. It’s not enough to see each other during the year because for one reason or another someone’s always missing. No one would ever miss a New Year’s Eve party because this was the time when we were all share and we couldn’t fully share ifso-meone was missing. ***continued on page 9***



North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy
Helping the Community

The Community Outreach Committee of the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy prepared a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House of CT, as part of their meals from the heart program, in support for the family ... Casciello, Regina Najarian, Judy Feather, Georgianna Hull, Charlene Logan and Denise Mazzotta Krause. It was a great success! More information on our Lodge can be found at <https://northhavenlodge2805.club> .

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Behrens, Annaliese
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Brown, Randall Philip
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Claude, Mason Noah
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Byrd, Jeremiah Robert
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Cushen, Ace Phillip
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Farotti, Jackson Parker
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Reding, Jacqueline
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Sherwood, Logan
Shove, Carter Michael
Skinner, LilyAnn
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Piroli, Luciano A
Reep, Brian John
Rivera Tacoronte,
Rocha, Arianna Marie
Rodriguez, Maya
Sabine, Ariel Isabella
Scasino, Marie Beth
Smith, Cypres Jazz
Smith, Jade Sativa
Speringo, Gabriella
Timario, Nathan t
Tynes, Jason Antonio
Yanza-Rivera, Jaquelyn
Zolnik, Gavin Smith

Grade 7 Honors

Allen, Cameron Sean
Biehler, Thomas
Borgia, Nicholas
Budd, Lillian Mary
Cardenas, Toby Iker
Carolla, Giuliana
Carter, Liviana

Cerrone, Marco
Cleary, Molly May
Como, Michael Alcide
Cramp, Matthew
DiLungo, Gennaro
Duggan, Cashel Sean
Esposito, Lily Amelia
Ferraro, Eliaz Aloysius
Ferraro, Madelyn Rose
Frani, Gabriella
Haggerty, Richard
Krebs, Trey Maxwell
Lowery, Connor
Maturo, Robert
Mullen, Liam
Pizarro, Liangeliz
Ramage, Brody James
Rullan, Orlando
SantaMaria, Ava Joy
Savo, Andrew Gennaro
Sciuto, Abbey Lynn
Troqe, Joni Erdet

Grade 6 Honors

Arabolos, Isabella
Biron, Gabriella Lucia
Caffalette, Preston
Casteel, Jaire
Cifaldi, Madison
D’Aria, Carmelina
DeMartino, Logan r
Falconi, Erick Slayder
Fortier, Daniel
Green, Evan Viktor
Horn, Aubrey Claire
Jennette, Luke Mason
Longley, Preslie
Mastriano, Mila Paige
Montalvo, Alana
Salz, Hailey Marie
Sciuto, Brooke Helen
Sommo, Louis
Verzi, Mitchell Allan
Vitale, Michael

Totoket Trotters Inspires Health and Community at TVES

Totoket Valley Elementary School (TVES) has been buzzing with excitement and energy this school year thanks to the return of the Totoket Trotters program. An initiative that began as a fun way to encourage students to stay active, Totoket Trotters has grown into a hallmark of the school’s recess culture, fostering health, goal-setting, and community spirit. The program, made possible through the generous support of the TVES PTO and dedicated volunteers, is an optional running and walking incentive program held during recess. Students have the opportunity to run or walk laps around the playground fields, with their laps tallied by volunteers. Each lap counts toward cumulative mileage, with students earning collectible charms and other rewards for their efforts. Milestones such as half-marathon and marathon distances are celebrated with special recognition, and weekly, the school recognizes one class with the Golden Sneaker Award to celebrate participation, effort, and other accomplishments. This weekly recognition not only motivates students, but also reinforces the program’s focus on inclusivity and encouragement. Special themed fun runs, held

periodically, add an extra layer of excitement and camaraderie to the program. These events encourage school-wide participation and are often the highlight of the week for many students. Participation in Totoket Trotters has been exceptional, with high levels of student involvement across all grades. The program’s popularity stems from its flexibility—participation is entirely voluntary, and students can choose to run as many or as few laps as they wish. This adaptability ensures that every child, regardless of their athletic ability, feels welcome to join. A standout achievement this year is a group of dedicated students who have already reached half-marathon status, demonstrating their commitment to staying active and setting personal goals. Beyond the physical activity, the program emphasizes positive values like perseverance, teamwork, and healthy lifestyle choices. Totoket Trotters has been a fantastic addition to our school culture. It’s wonderful to see students cheering each other on, setting goals, and enjoying their time outdoors. As the school year progresses, we hope Trotters will continue to inspire students to lace up their sneakers, hit the field, and embrace the joy of movement. Together, the TVES community is proving that a little exercise and a lot of encouragement an go a long way

North Branford High School Class of 1975

50th Class Reunion

Save the date: August 22, 2025, 6 to 10pm
Amarante’s, New Haven, CT
For more information and updates:
Facebook group **NBHS Class of 1975**
Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) to
NoBranfordHSClassof1975@gmail.com.
Please share this information with other classmates.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Avonlea LeBeau, Emma Reep and Desiree Wilson have concluded their first semester at ECSU.



North Branford Education Foundation Annual Concert & Breakfast with Santa

The North Branford Education Foundation recently held their Christmas Concert & Breakfast with Santa. Special thanks to NBIS Principal Karolyn-Dahlstrom, District Music coordinator Meredith Zoll, the performers from our schools, students from the NBIS Honor Society and of course Santa,

Pictured below, Camila & Levi Onofrio (wth Santa), and the students entertaining our community.



Madison Hoop Dreams Christmas Vacation Basketball Camps

On December 27th and 30th, Madison Hoop Dreams will offer 2 days of basketball camp. Each day features skill development, competition and fun at the HK Middle School (451 Rt 81).

The camp is for players in grades 3 - 9 and is from 9 AM to 3 PM. Players are encouraged to register early to ensure a spot. Their limit is 80 campers and they will draw from over 15 towns. They plan to have 3 leagues to provide age appropriate competition. All of their programs are co-ed.

Each day starts with an hour of skill development. Then, campers will have fun participating in competitive basketball games for the remainder of the day. During the games, the coaches give instruction to help each player improve their knowledge and understanding of the game. This is an excellent opportunity for all players to Improve their skills for the basketball season.

The cost is \$60/day for the 6 hour camp. However, they encourage teams to attend. If there are 3 or more teammates attending, they offer a discounted price of \$50/player each day.. Please have one of the parents text Coach Bill Barker with the names of the teammates attending (203-494-6905). If possible, they will have teammates on the same team. However, trades may be necessary to balance the competition. Suggestion: Make the camps part of your gifts for Christmas or Hanukkah.

For more information and to register, please go to www.madisonhoopdreams.com. If you have any questions, please call or text Coach Barker at 203-494-6905 or email him at wab6933@gmail.com.



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Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Community Baptist Church. 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. Adult bible study and prayer meeting, and children’s clubs on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more info.: 203-488-8581; info@cbcbranford.org; www.cbcbranford.org

Hope Christian Church (we are an Assemblies of God affiliated church) 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven CT www.hopeag.com. Sunday Service 10:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook. “realpeople realhope reallife” (203) 234-7328

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available.To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey; you will always be welcome here.

Northford Community Church. 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. John Vigneri, Pastor. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. 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.northfordcommunity.church.

St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10 a.m., except during the Summer are held at 9 a.m.(from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! St. Andrew’s supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew’s Parish Hall. St. Andrew’s annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; Back-to-School backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew’s priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005.”

Please join us for worship at **St. John’s Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John’s Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

Shoreline Community Church located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website www.sccbbranford.org. SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor . We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. While we are in transition, we continue to hold services of Morning Prayer following Rite 2 in the Book of Common Prayer, and do have services of Holy Eucharist when we are fortunate to get a supply priest. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

Saint Andrew’s Advent Schedule

“St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, announces the following information for Advent and Christmas:

During the four Sundays in Advent, Rev. Bryan Spinks will lead informational sessions with the theme of “Journeying the way of Love”, with lessons from the Gospel of Luke. These will be held in the Parish Hall following our 10:00 Holy Eucharist services, during our coffee/refreshments/fellowship hour.

Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24th, will begin at 3:45 with Carol Sing, followed by 4:00 Holy Eucharist service.All are welcome, please join us during this very special and holy time of year. 1382 Middletown Ave., Northford. ”

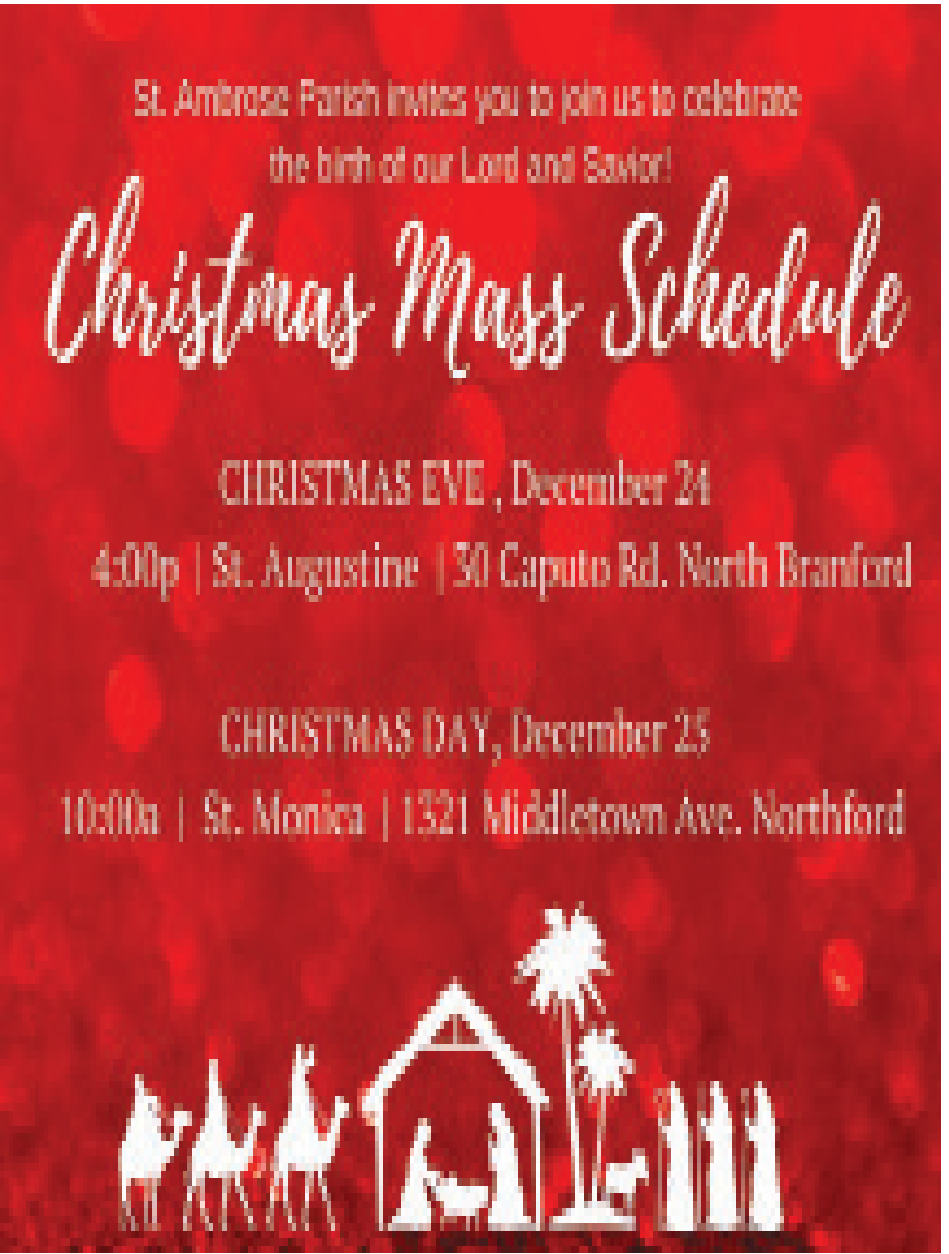
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because of an order from the Roman emperor that a census, or record, of all people, be taken in their hometown. After traveling pregnant on a donkey for several days, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem and were told there were no places to stay. The inns were full. Seeing that Mary was due at any moment, an inn owner told Joseph they could stay in his stable.

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:4-7)

Mary and Joseph settled on the hay in a stable with animals sleeping. Mary went into labor, and Jesus was born in the stable.

The only place for the sleeping baby to rest was most likely in the animals’ trough, known as the manger.



Frank continued

The final party was one to remember. The person I thought was the love of my life had dumped me and the alcohol was going down freely. Some people were sitting back hesitating to get involved in the festivities and they seemed to really be excited when I pulled them into the fun. They might have been afraid to make fools of themselves, but we were a family. This was a fun time and the only fools were the unfortunate people who didn't plan a party like this one. Some people just didn't know what life was all about.

The night went by quickly and once again it was time for Guy Lombardo to begin the countdown. My aunt hardly swivelled through the people filling glasses with champagne when countdown began. Happy New Year. Everyone went around, hugging and kissing. Once again my mom, my grandma my aunt were sobbing almost uncontrollably. I could hear my little cousin asking his mother "mom this is supposed to be a party. why are they crying?"

I remember a line in an old English play that I had forgotten that I had seen. Following the joyous occasion a young son entered his father's bedroom only to find his father openly weeping. He cautiously asked, "papa why do you cry?" The father lifted up his head and sobbingly answered "it's life son. At your age, it can make you laugh but at my age it can bloody damn well make you cry.

Now that I'm at the age where I'm in bed by 10 o'clock on New Years Eve, I reflect on those parties at Uncle Rudy's and Aunt Tess's house. They were part of the fabric that made me who I am. Just a few hours a year, but so many lessons learned.

Well take care brother. Happy New Year to you and those who have joined you on the other side. Take care and I'll see you soon

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

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

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

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2025.

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

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

Sen. Cicarella Named Deputy Republican Leader Pro Tem, Announces Legislative Committee Leadership Appointments

HARTFORD – State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-North Haven) today announced that he has been appointed as the Senate Republican Caucus Deputy Leader Pro Tem and will continue his role as the caucus' chair of operations. Sen. Cicarella was also reappointed as ranking member of the legislature's General Law and Public Safety and Security committees for the 2025–2026 term of the Connecticut General Assembly.

He said, "I'm honored to continue my service as the voice for families, seniors, veterans, and businesses of the 34th District. I'll continue to work with Senate Republican leaders to offer policies that will make Connecticut more affordable, safe, and prosperous for all residents.

"We must bring more tax relief to families and make more improvements to laws that affect public safety in our state, which is a huge issue for people in our district. I have been extremely vocal on these two issues since I was elected and will continue to do so."

Sen. Cicarella has been a leading voice for affordability and public safety at the Capitol during his previous two terms. Since entering office, he successfully led multiple community rallies across the 34th District to oppose an additional gas tax, supported a budget that provided additional tax relief, and led efforts to defeat majority Democrats' proposed electric vehicle mandates. In 2024, he led the Senate Republican effort to reduce skyrocketing energy bills by supporting several policies that included the removal of public benefits charges from customer utility bills.

Additionally, Sen. Cicarella continues to lead the effort to connect Connecticut's residents with well-paying careers through workforce development legislation. In 2022, he made key contributions to a legislative measure that helps high schools partner with local job creators, along with reinvigorating vocational school recruitment. Most recently, he has championed legislation that ensures high school students receive financial literacy education and better access to apprenticeship programs.

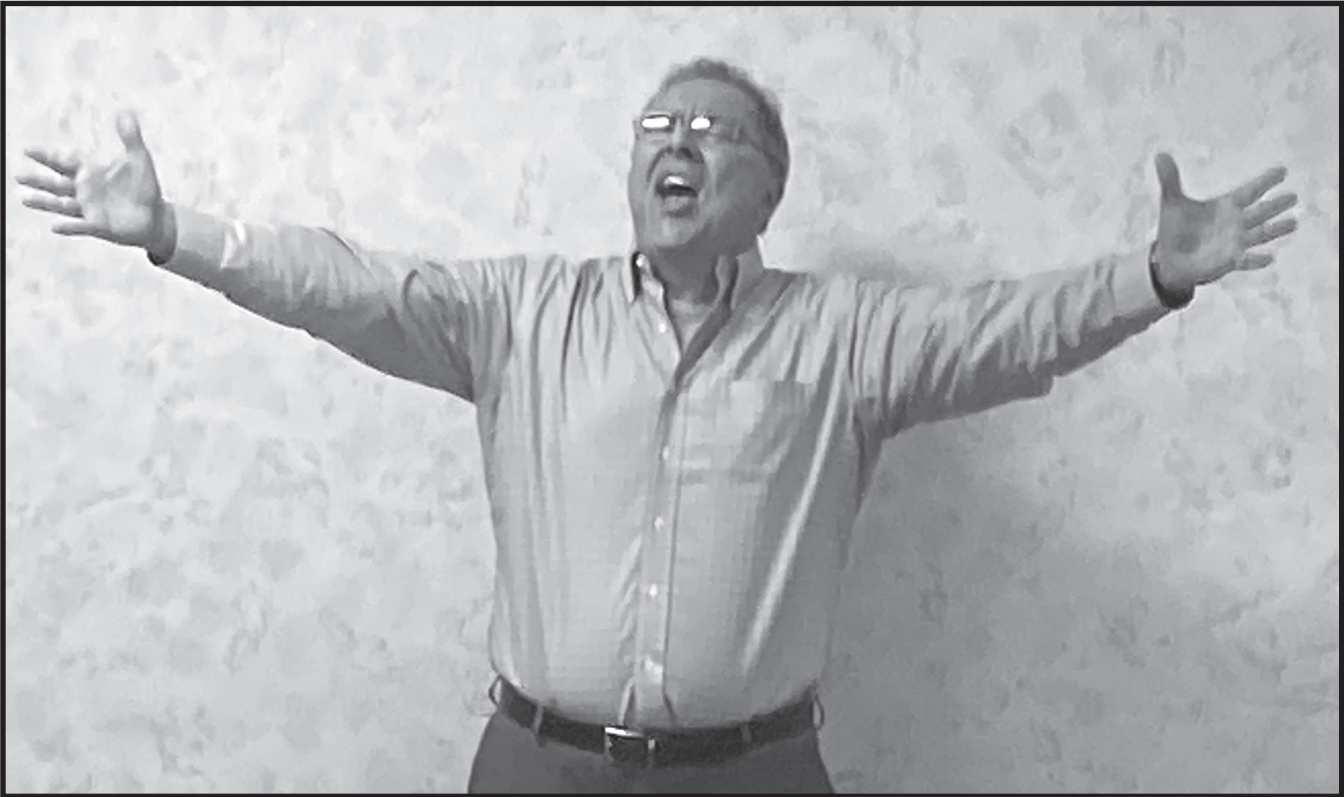
"We must continue to ensure that all Connecticut residents have an opportunity for well-paying, fulfilling careers—importantly, our veterans. College isn't for everyone, and there's a pressing need for workers in the trades as well. These fields are not only what keep our state functioning; they also provide opportunities for many people, both young and more advanced in age, to become employed and on track for a great career," said Sen. Cicarella.

Sen. Cicarella was first elected in 2020 and enters his third term representing the 34th State Senate District. The district includes the towns of Durham, East Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, and Northford, which was added during the 2021 redistricting project.

He urged all residents interested in having their voice and ideas heard on issues before the Connecticut General Assembly to contact him at Paul.Cicarella@cga.ct.gov or visit www.SenatorCicarella.com. 860-240-8832

Clemente Speaks of Italian music and famous singers and contributes an unexpected surprise!

Recently, Al Clemente spoke to the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy on Italian music, particularly, Lanza, Pavarotti and Bocelli. When he was finished, he surprisingly entertained the crowd with several arias from historical operas.



Recycling News

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day are Trash Holidays
Pickups will be delayed 1 day for these 2 weeks.
Christmas Tree Pickup – January 6-17, 2025
On your scheduled pickup days.

The 2025 Recycling/Trash Information Card will be in
your January Totoket Times. Please look for it and save
it for a reference to all the trash/recycling events all year
long.

Here are some tips for this holiday season.

Meal Planning

- Single-use paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils all belong in the trash.
- Shop smart to avoid throwing away excess food.
- Compost your food scraps.

Gift Giving

- Think outside the box – purchase experiences, memberships or donating to a non-profit on behalf of a friend or family.
- Check out local thrift and consignments stores for holiday gifts.
- Shop local to support your local economy.

Please recycle the packaging that your holiday shipments arrive in.

- Cardboard shipping box - recycle bin
- Styrofoam – trash bin
- Bubble wrap – plastic film drop-off location
- Shipping envelopes (plastic in and out) – plastic film drop-off location
- Shipping envelopes (mixed materials) – trash bin
- Plain cardboard gift box - recycle bin
- Plain wrapping paper – recycle bin
- Fancy wrapping paper (metallic, glitter, flocking) – trash bin
- Ribbons/bows/string – trash bin
- Cellophane wrapping paper – trash bin
- Plain holiday cards – recycle bin
- Fancy holiday cards (metallic, glitter, flocking) – trash bin
- Photo holiday cards – trash bin

If you aren’t sure if it should go into the recycling or trash, put it in the trash. Don’t put your recyclables inside a cardboard box or plastic bag.
Recycling should always stay separated and loose.

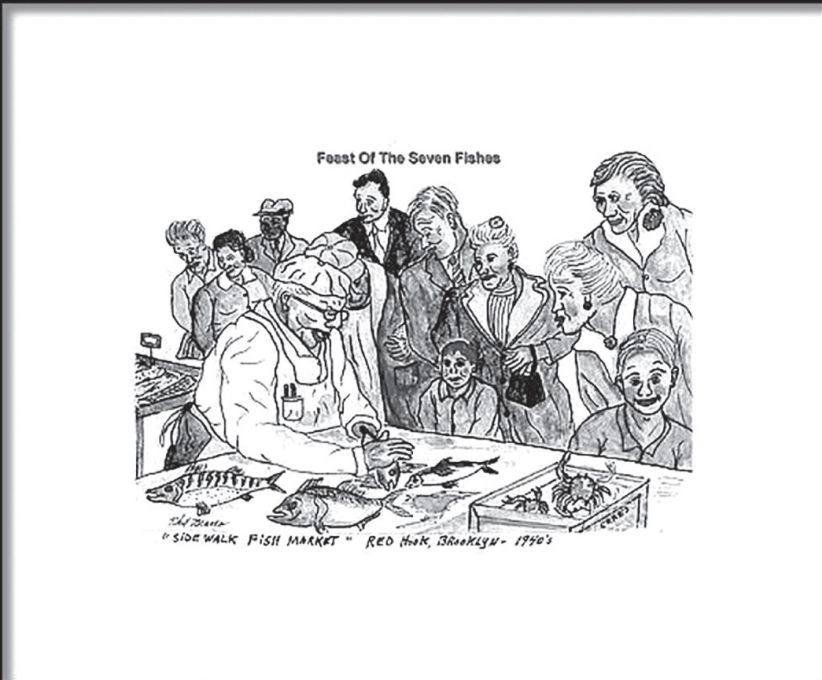
Plastic Film Reminder

The town’s drop off locations are:
[Atwater and Smith Libraries](#), [Northford Store](#), [STW Community Center](#), [The Food Pantry of NB](#), [Country Paint and Hardware](#), [T.J.’s Launderette](#)

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com. They also have an app.

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



Feast of the Seven Fishes

The **Feast of the Seven Fishes** (Italian: *Festa dei Sette Pesci*) is an Italian American celebration of Christmas Eve with dishes of fish and other seafood.
[1][2] It is not a «feast» in the sense of «holiday», but rather a grand meal.

Christmas Eve is a vigil or fasting day, and the abundance of seafood reflects the observance of abstinence from meat until the feast of Christmas Day itself. [1][3]

Origins and tradition

The Feast of the Seven Fishes typically consists of seven different seafood dishes. The tradition comes from Southern Italy, where it is known as The Vigil (*La Vigilia*), but with no mention of the number seven. This celebration commemorates the wait, the *Vigilia di Natale*, for the midnight birth of the baby Jesus.

The long tradition of eating seafood on Christmas Eve dates from the Roman Catholic tradition of abstaining from eating meat on the eve of a feast day. [1] As no meat or animal fat could be used on such days, observant Catholics would instead eat fish (typically fried in oil). It is unclear when or where the term «Feast of the Seven Fishes» was popularized. Nick Vadala, writing for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* found the newspaper’s oldest reference to the feast in a 1983 article. [4][5]

The meal includes seven or more fishes that are considered traditional. “Seven fishes” as a fixed concept or name is unknown in Italy. In some Italian-American families, there is no count of the number of fish dishes. A well-known dish is baccalà (salted cod fish). Fried smelts, calamari and other types of seafood have been incorporated into the Christmas Eve dinner over the years.

The number seven may come from the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church, or the seven hills of Rome, or some other source. There is no general agreement on its meaning. [1][2]

Typical feast

The meal’s components may include some combination of anchovies, whiting, lobster, sardines, baccalà (dried salt cod), smelts, eels, squid, octopus, shrimp, mussels and clams. [2] The menu may also include pasta, vegetables, baked goods and wine.

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BEGINNER FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC (INDOOR)

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 9-30 - 5:30 - 6:30PM

STW GYM/CAFE

GRADES 1-4 \$50RES / \$55NR

Instructor: Cheryl Canada-Associate Head Coach at Quinnipiac University, USA Field Hockey Level II Accreditation, CPR and First Aid Certified
Join us for small games and scrimmage play! Open to boys and girls of all skill levels that are new to the sport or looking to enhance their skill level. This clinic is designed to develop the basic skills each athlete has by focusing on tactical game awareness, 1v1 defense, elevated passing, elimination and shooting skills. This clinic is fun, exciting, and creates player synergy no matter what age or skill level. Equipment needed: Stick, mouth guard, shin guards. Sticks can be provided if necessary. Please let us know at time of registration.

Winter Break

PARK & REC DAYS

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

Monday December 23

Friday December 27

Monday December 30

8:30am - 4:30pm

STW Community Center

\$35 per day or \$90 for all 3 days

Lunch included!



Jan-YOU-ary Wellness Journey

Start the year off right by embarking on a wellness journey focused on becoming the best version of "YOU."

Join Jackie Gargano, Certified nutrition coach, Certified personal trainer and Licensed massage therapist for this 6 week program.

Each week will tackle a new topic to build healthy habits and set micro goals for 2025!

**Participants have the option of weighing in or taking measurements each week.*

January 6 - February 24 (No class 1/20 & 2/17)

5:30 - 6:30 STW Senior Room - \$ 70res / \$75nr

Week 1: Getting started, Wellness goals, Understanding calories & macros

Week 2: Protein, "Good foods" vs "Bad foods"

Week 3: Tiny habits, On the go snacks/meals, Tackling take-out

Week 4: Importance of sleep, Self care strategies

Week 5: Get moving, How to add strength training

Week 6: Staying motivated, Curb cravings, Combat negative self talk.

GENTLE YOGA

Join instructor Brianne Barrett for a gentle yoga class designed to softly open tight areas of the body while strengthening muscles and reinforcing balance. Much of this class is taught on the floor with very little transitioning between standing and sitting. This class is supportive of people working with injuries or chronic conditions.

STW Yoga Room

Fridays, Jan 3 - 24 12:00-1:00pm Ages 18+

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 nr

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NOON YEAR'S EVE LUNCH

Let's celebrate the new year together with a Noon Year's Eve Party!

January 2, 2024 \$5 (register by 12/27)

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Comfort Food That's Nutritious & Easy

January 21, 2025

STW Senior Room

1:00-2:00pm *Register by 1/17*

Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder

February 11, 2025

STW Senior Room

1:00-2:00pm *Register by 2/7*

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays Jan 7 — Feb 25 10

10:30—11:30am \$45 res / \$50 nr

Instructor: Sharon Bailey

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is done while sitting and using a chair for support. Chair yoga helps build strength, improve coordination, and promotes relaxation, reduces stress.

CARDIO DRUMMING

Thursdays Sept 5 - Nov 7

1:00—1:45pm \$12 res / \$15 nr

Instructor: Senior Center Staff

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