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A "GRAND" Gesture

When Frank Castlevetro was in a tragic accident, that took his life much too soon, the family wanted to do something for the North Branford High school music department in his memory. After contacting Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker it was decided that they would ask all donations made in his memory to be given to the music department. Running the contributions through the North Branford Education Foundation and getting a substantial donation from the Foundation, the family was able to raise close to \$5,000. Along with fund raisers from students in the music department, the school was able to purchase a much needed grand piano for the auditorium.



Pictured above are students from the chorus along with representatives from the high school and members of the Castlevetro family. Frank's legacy will live at the North Branford school district musicals for years to come.

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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 bringsthis 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.

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Touchdown Tommy

Notre Dame-West Haven football finished their season 6-4 and defeated Hamden in the Green Bowl for the 14th consecutive year on Thanksgiving Day.

North Branford's Tommy Candelora had two touchdown receptions, setting a Notre Dame historic record by scoring in every regular season game this year.

The junior totaled 14 touchdowns for the year coming from passw receptions, an interception pick 6, a fumble return and kick-off return.

For his all around efforts, Tommy was named Defense Back to Southern Connecticut All-Conference Tier 1 football team.




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State Representative Vincent Candelora The Transportation Debate Continues . . .



As we enter the holiday season, Hartford's activity has not slowed down. While the legislature is supposed to be part-time, budget issues keep us busy all year long, and December will be no exception. Tolls and transportation plans have taken up the airwaves, and despite years of conversation, I don't believe we are any closer to a resolution. Governor

Lamont has taken a strategic move of withholding payments for local road improvements to our towns as leverage to try and spark a deal, but despite these threats, he cannot garner enough votes for his transportation plan.

I believe our transportation conversation started in the wrong place. Rather than assessing our needs and budgeting a plan, the Governor and House Democrats continue to push the dialogue of tolls. Whether the proposal is trucks only or cars and trucks, the public isn't warming up to the idea because fundamentally they don't trust government. The flipflopping and ever-changing proposals doesn't bring confidence to win over the public.

At this point, I believe the best transportation proposal offered is the Senate Republican proposal, which funds the transportation program by shifting fringe benefit costs (pension benefits paid for by state employees) from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund. Surplus from the Rainy Day fund would pay down our pension debt, and free up those funds to carry the new pension general fund obligation. Essentially, the proposal pays down our 18% credit card debt and uses the saving from no longer having to make those interest payments on transportation projects. House Democrats and the Governor have criticized this plan because they don't want the Rainy Day fund to be used.

Here is why the proposal makes sense. In 2017, the bipartisan budget created Revenue and Volatility Caps which captures revenue before it's budgeted. The revenue is diverted into our Rainy Day fund and by law, must be used to pay down pension debt when it reaches 15%. Because of these caps, our budget's fund is slated to exceed 15% in just two years, where historically it has remained a 5%. This statutory structure is working as intended, and if these funds are not used to pay down our pension debt, I fear that they will be used on growing operational costs and increasing annual spending.

I am hopeful that we can continue to push the dialogue in the no-toll direction. Connecticut is not out of options. We can fund transportation without the need for tolls, and the Senate Republicans have shown the way.

WHIST A HUGE SUCCESS

Dear Editor:

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC, a 501C3 charitable organization, would like to thank the following for their help, support and donations to our Military Whist Fundraiser which was held recently: Giovanni's Pizzeria and Ristorante, Dr. Azzolin of the Northford Veterinary Clinic, Van Wilgen's Garden Center, Bobby's Apizza, The Missing Link Canine Training, Creative Hair Studio, Chat'n Chew, Golden Shears, Hair Dimensions, Anthony John's Pizzeria, Supreme Seafood, Arnold's Jeweler's, J Cakes, Rosabianca Vineyards, Paradise Hills Vineyard, Walmart, Mary Kay consultant Michele Nilson, Tony Z's Apizza and Café Allegra. We are grateful for everything that you did to help make this fundraiser a huge success!

Sincerely,

Cyndi Basil & Michele Nilson

Co-presidents, Northford/North Branford Women's Club, GFWC

Let's Be "Frank"

So as I write this letter, Thanksgiving is over. It was rather nice (I'm sure you didn't expect to hear that from your younger brother). Our thirty year old baby came in on Wednesday evening. He cooked brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes, dates stuffed with goat cheese and wrapped in bacon and some cheese thing made with Brie to add to an already extensive menu. His girlfriend was on crutches so he hung out home for all four days. we watched a lot of football (a wonderful break from the Hallmark channel) and it was all good. Your wife and son came over for Thanksgiving. Rose forgot her phone so we spent a lot of time talking (she was lost without Facebook), mostly about you (I hope your ears weren't ringing too much)

I ate to much as usual. Friday was left over day so I ate too much again. Sunday was a potluck Christmas dinner at church and it was nice to have the entire family at Mass and then at the dinner. I might as well mention, I ate too much again. I'm not weighing myself or testing my sugar until much later in the week. You always use to say if you don't know the numbers you can't fret over them.

So now it's time to prepare for Christmas. That's right, Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Let's stop referring to it as the holiday season or any other stupid names people want to call it. Put up the mangers, put up minnorahs (if that's what your religion dictates). Decorate with Santa Claus, angels and whatever else you believe in. Don't penalize me because you have nothing better to do than worry about my belief.

Our Christmas is going to be a little different this year. We have been lucky to have our kids together every year. This year it took Frankie a while to break the news to us, but he is spending Christmas in Brazil with his girlfriend and her family. It will be much quieter but he will be home for New Years Day and we will have another Christmas celebration. We will essentially have Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day to celebrate Christmas. It might be less hectic and give us all more time to enjoy three days of family joy instead of two. The start of a new tradition.

Besides the protestors, I am also deeply annoyed by the marathon of Hallmark Christmas movies on three different stations which started in October. They are all the same. They start the same, they end the same and they're the same in the middle. Does the same person write all of them. Who wants to watch them for two months 24/7. Bring back Matlock, Monk, Diagnosis Murder, and the old repeats from the seventies and eighties.

Last year when my mother in law was with us, even she got tired of them. She use to laugh as they all ended with a kiss as the snow fell on them.. We put on some old James Cagney and Henry Fonda movies and that made her smile. She sang all the songs as she tired of Hallmark which I never thought would happen.

Another annoying thing I have written about is these crazy weather reports. Get the bread, eggs and milk, the end of the world is coming. This last storm they predicted anywhere from 2 to 13 inches. My three year old grandson can give that prediction. Special storm warnings and extended weather forecasts are simply scaring people into the stores to purchase items they don't really need. You run around preparing for anything that could possibly happen and usually it is nothing.

Finally, there's not too much going on around here. The local political front is very quiet. On the state level everyone is talking about the Democrats ruining our State and on the National front they are blaming the Republicans.

I blame the people. We elect these politicians and then we continue to fight on the party lines. I've said this forever. It makes our state look ridiculous and it makes our country look worse. But that's the freedom we are lucky to have and we are still the best thing going.

I took care of all the cemetery blankets and pillows. It's starting to cost more for the dead then the living. Seems a bit crazy but I promised mom I would always take care of it so I guess I will. She's gone twenty five years and I am still afraid of her.

Well, take care of yourself. I hope you guys are all doing well up there and I hope you are preparing for the holidays in your own way.

I'll see you soon.

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The Editor

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SANTA CLAUS TOY RUN 2019

Northford Volunteer Fire Company #2 (Northford Center)
Northford Acres Fire Company #3 (Rte. 17 near the Durham Line)
This year Northford Volunteer Fire Companies #2 and #3 will be assisting Santa and his elves dropping off toys to children in Company #2 and Company #3 fire districts on Christmas Eve.

NEW INFORMATION

You can come to either Northford Company #2 (Rte. 17 Northford Center) or to Northford Acres Company #3 (Rte. 17 near the Durham Line), to sign up for Santa and his Elves to come to your house and hand out the gifts.

SIGN-UP DAYS AND TIMES

SPACE IS LIMITED ABSOLUTELY NO STOPS WILL BE ADDED TO THE RUNS AFTER SATURDAY DECEMBER 21ST.

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Please also remember that we **WILL NOT** guarantee a drop off time for the gifts. We normally begin our runs at 4:30 and end around 8:00. Please understand that Companies #2 & #3 still needs to protect the residents of Northford. In the event of an emergency delivery may be interrupted. However, should an emergency occur, we will still make every effort to deliver the packages as soon as possible.

Be Responsible for the Holidays

Dear Editor:

As we gather over holiday feasts this time of year, many of us choose to enjoy some holiday spirits. Before you ring in the New Year with friends and family, we ask that you resolve to enjoy responsibly and “Drink Wiser” this holiday season.
Budweiser’s responsible drinking campaign, “Drink Wiser,” promotes simple drinking behaviors that can lift your holiday cheer while also keeping our community safe.
If you plan to toast the season, remember these two resolutions to keep everyone’s spirits bright:
1. Plan ahead for safe rides
2. Hydrate between beers

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Drunk driving and binge drinking are 100 percent preventable, so make the smart choice this holiday season. Those who plan ahead to “Drink Wiser” can spend their holidays focused on what matters most.
Sincerely,
Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
Dichello Distributors, Inc.
Orange CT.



NB Land Trust Tree Identification Hike

Join the North Branford Land Conservation Trust for a winter tree identification hike on Saturday, December 14 on the Notch Hill Brook Trail led by Mike Ferrucci. Mike is a professional forester with field experience in four countries and thirty-three states. As the Land Stewardship Forester for the NBLCT, Mike organizes quarterly work parties made up of land trust members and other volunteers to help maintain the trails and the natural beauty of the Land Trust properties. Mike graduated with a Master of Forestry from Yale University in 1981. A resident of North Branford for over 50 years, he retains great memories of growing up in a rural farm town and knows our woods. The Notch Hill Brook Trail starts on town property and crosses the historic defunct trolley line. Once on land trust property the trail becomes a loop in secluded and undisturbed woodlands. At just under 2 miles, the red blazes lead you through a valley, across photogenic Notch Hill Brook, around swampland and up a rocky out-cropping. It is a moderately challenging hike. Meet at the end of Ciro Rd by 9:15am for a 9:30am step off. Heavy rain or snow postpones the hike until Sunday, December 15.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Office of Social Service

1332 Middletown Ave.

Northford, CT Phone: 203.484.6006

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com



Each year this Office of Social Service offers a toy program for children that live in Northford or North Branford. The Program allows parents to see the toys that have been donated and choose the toys that they feel their children would

enjoy. The Program also allows grandparents living in the community to choose toys for their grandchildren. All toys are new and unwrapped. We ask that you show proof of residency, such as a photo ID with your address and two (2) utility bills in your name and that you be reasonable. Toys will be distributed at the Stanley T. Williams Community/Senior Center located at 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, Ct.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 9:30 am – 12:30 Noon
Parents Only

Thursday, December 12th, 2019 9:30 am – 12:30 Noon
Parents & Grandparents

If you are interested in donating a toy for the program, we offer three drop-off sites. You may do so at the North Branford Town Hall, North Branford Police Department, and the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center. All toys should be new and unwrapped. **Toys may be dropped off in the Collection Boxes located at all sites between November 6th , and December 10th, 2019**

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North Branford/Northford Holiday Programs Office of Social Service

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

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

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

Christmas Basket Share —

Donor Drop Off: Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 (9:30 AM — 11:00 AM)
Recipient Pick-up: Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 (11:30 AM — 1:00 PM)

Angels Need Christmas Gifts

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**The Last Issue before the
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call Now to get your Christmas &
News Years Eve message to your neighbors!**



The NBHS AP Biology and AP Environmental Classes recently completed their annual class trip to Chatfield Hollow to complete on site lab experiments. Students collected and analyzed water samples and completed learning activities throughout the day at the state park located in Killingworth CT. NBHS AP teachers Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Polemeni once again organized the trip.

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Students Helping Others

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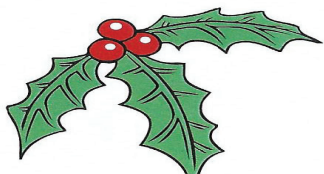
Families donated fresh produce, fresh dairy items, frozen vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert mixes, a pumpkin pie, a home-baked apple pie, stuffing mixes, gravy, some cold apple cider, a grocery gift card to Big Y, and of course... *a turkey!* Other items included canned goods, breakfast cereals, pancake mix and syrup, coffee, peanut butter, crackers, and nuts. *Sometimes in life, we all get by with a little help from our friends...* The basket was made with



love and many good wishes for our North Branford neighbors. May our NB neighbors enjoy a holiday that is filled with love and gratitude, and may they know that the youngest of children in our Town care about them

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Submitted by Jerome Harrison school Principal Elisabeth Parker



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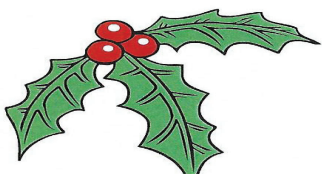
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Pedersen, Katy
Perez, Alysha
Rispoli, Hanna
Roof, Erika
Rosado, Alexie
Schimelfanick, Kara
Schreiber, Emma
Sorrentino, Carly
Sudusky, Stephanie
Teodoro, Amanda
Tomaso, Christian
Vitarisi, Rachel
Waligroski, Alyssa
Wang, Allison
Wheeler, Christopher



Sabetta, Ethan
Serenson, Emma
Shadman, Caroline
Sorrell, Alexis
Stanford, Jason
Stoner, Aidan
Valentino, Alessia
Votto, Ryan

HH 10TH GRADE

Anderson, Ryan
Belbusti, John
Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Caso, Maissa
Chittenden, Zachary
Cronan, Tyler
Danz-Manner, Ashton
Gomez, Nichole
Hills, Isabella
Iuteri, Mila
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan
Levine, Taylor
Marra, Grace
Monde, Ryan
Norman, Delaney
Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pinto, Gabriella
Reynolds, Benjamin
Ricardo, Marissa
Rivera, Sheyenne
Rosiak, Timothy
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Scalia, Dominic
Senerchia, Hanna
Stone, Makenna
Toto, Olivia
Yarnall, Paige

HH 9TH GRADE

Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella
Beardsley, Alyssa
Bogardus, Grant
Brindisi, Dradon
Bureau, Shelby
Candelora, Ava
Carroll, Spencer
Chasanoff, Ryan
Cotton, Alexa
Cucchiarelli, Patrick
D’Amico, Cecelia
DeJesus, Jordan
Falcioni, Nico
Gambardella, Ava
Gambardella, Sophie
Garrett, Cameron
Heffernan, Carolyn
Higgins, Nathan
Ianniello, Alexandra
Juniver, Tessa
Kamienski, Payton
Nero, Antonio
Park, Mia
Rojas, Cristian
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Sabine, Daniel
Shadman, Alexander



Sim, Paulyнна
Teodoro, Alexa
Trudeau, Emma
Vincent, Vada
Wang, Marissa
Wray, Dana

HONORS GRADE 12

Avallone, Attilio
Barrett, Alexandra
Brigido, Joshua
Bureau, Karlee
Capasso, Tyler
Cavalier, Sofia
Cole, Emily
Criscuolo, Madeline
Cucinotta, Sally
D’Aria, Vincenzo
D’Onofrio, Bianca
Dautaj, Briana
Fassett, Connor
Ferrucci, Aiden
Glenn, Mackenzie
Lavorgna, Amanda
Little, Frederick
Lucibelli, Luke
Matthews, Jaime
Michonski, Jonathan
Mitchell, Dylan
Mone, Sabrina
Mott, Izabella
Olsen, Nicholas
Pompano, Janessa
Powers, Jetta
Proestakis, Juliana
Ricardo, Julia
Rienzo, Sophie
Rosiak, Madison

Roth, Tyler
Sarmento, Gabriella
Schanz, Isabella
Singer, Grace
Sitro, Michael
Smola, Ava
Spayd, Jenna
Stoddard, Paul
Sullo, Gianna
Torres, Dakota
Vanacore, Noah

HONORS Grade 11

Amendola, Ashlee
Anastasio, Sophia
Barile, Alyssa
Beardsley, Bryce
Becker, Nadia
Bunnell, Jeremy
Cacopardo, Adrianna
Canelli, Jadon
Carofano, Gabriella
Colavolpe, Bella
Coyne, Connor
Criscuolo, Charliana
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
DellaCamera, Sophia
DeLoughery, Mia
DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Giacomo
Duffy, Dylan
Esposito, Alena
Esposito, Isabella
Evans, Summer



Ferreira, Olivia
Frandsen, Justin
Garrett, Jillian
Geist, Griffin
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Gott, Onna
Graver, Summer
Herassme, Christopher
Hughes, Zoe
Jassil, Karina
Kendrick, Alyssa
Leete, Conor
Martinik, Colby
McCormack, Emily
Miconi, Jada
Miller, Zoe
Nuterangelo, Dominic
Nuzzo, Amanda
O’Brien, Jamison
Olson, Emily Anna
Pedersen, Matthew
Piercey, Erica
Podoloff, Jake
Preiss, Mallory
Provencher, Hunter
Rice, Leslie
Sellitto, Andrew
Taylor, Ella
Teran, Evan
Tranquilli, Nicholas
Vecchio, Krista
Velez, Ariana

HONORS GRADE 10

Ackerman, Lauren
Barrett, Samantha
Brennan, Robert
Brustman, Nolan

Bunosso, Isabella
Burke, Saoirse
Camejo, Genesis
Carmona, Alejandra
Cavalier, Christopher
Chopus, Jake
Christiano, Jonathan
Cosenza, Mitchell
Damiani, Maya
Danner, Jacob
DePino, Gianna
DeSena, Dane
Diglio, Stefania
Ford, Zechariah
Helwig, Samantha
Langlan, Charles
Maeby-Oshomah, Alexis
Marcarelli, Lexi
Melillo, Kate
Nuzzo, Ryan
Nye, Morgan
Pollock, Catherine
Pujols, Cynthia
Rossicone, Jalen
Saldutti, Jake
Spinelli, Francesco
Stakaj, Franceska
Teodosio, Demetrios
Virginelli, Michael
Waldron, Cailey
Yacono, Emma

HONORS 9th GRADE

Aiken, Aislinn
Ananiatis, Dayna
Betzner, Bridget
Burwell, Dylan

Capasso, Chelsey
Castellano, Richard
Collins, Jason
Defaranos, Elias
DellaCamera, Angelina
DeSisto, Nicholas
Dolzani, Robert
Farrell, Ally
Gallagher, Stephanie
Gallipoli, McKenna
Geist, Aidan
Girardi, Drew
Izzo, Eric
Johnson, Charles
Kendall, Avery
Krista, Cassidy
Lacroix, Molly
Langelo, Dominick
Luciano, Edwardo
Manning, Ashley
Masi, Heather
Martinez, Nevaeh
Martone, Isabella
McDermott, Victoria
McIntyre, Cameron
Minicucci, Danielle
Palma, Gianna
Powell, Carly
Raffone, Paul
Raymond, Maiah
Riordan, Mea
Schmidt, Gabriella
Serenson, Tyler
Tranquilli, Nathan
Wessoleck, Christin
Westefeld, Grace

Northford Women’s Club
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, 2020.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women’s Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, contact Mary Connolly at 203-484-0722.



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

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North Branford, CT
203-481-3909
www.weecarenb.com



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

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ACTIVITIES

****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: December 11th
Victorian Christmas Ornaments
Time: Tuesday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$25
Instructor: Sylvia Brewster
Description: We will decorate foam balls with luxurious fabrics, ribbons and beads to create opulent Christmas decorations using pins and glue.



****NEW** MARY'S CULINARY CLASSES**

Who: Ages 5-14
When: December 17
Pepperoni Stromboli and Hot Cocoa Cupcakes
Time: Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40
Instructor: Mary Amter
Description: Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience where children can explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques. From monster meatloaf to hot cocoa cupcakes these exciting new classes will engage children in delicious creations.



YOUTH SKI CLUB AT MT. SOUTHTON

Who: Grades 6 -12
Session: January 10 - February 7
Time: Fridays, 2:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Pick up & drop off at NBIS Lot/STW Lot
Fee: Lift Only \$255
Lift & Lessons \$295
Lift & Rental \$325
Lift, Lessons & Rental \$350

Description: Enjoy the evening skiing at Mount Southington!! Packages available for either skiing or snowboarding. Supervision as well as roundtrip school bus transportation with a pick up and drop off at NBIS and STW Community Center.

ROBOTICS

Who: Ages 5 - 9
When: January 18 - February 22
Time: Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
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.

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

BUS TRIPS

Trees of Hope

When: Friday, December 13
Time: Departs 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$2
Description: Tour the beautifully decorated trees and shop for the perfect gift in the holiday boutique. We will then choose a spot to stop for lunch.

Ivoryton Playhouse/An Actor's Carol

When: Wednesday, December 18
Time: Departs 11:00 a.m. (show at 2:00)
Fee: \$35 res/\$40 nr
Description: AN ACTOR'S CAROL - Burned-out actor Hugh Pendleton, not-so-fresh from playing Scrooge one too many times in the backwater community theatre where his once promising career has met its unglamorous end, is surprised to encounter three spirits of his own in this quirky and compelling ode to the holiday classic. Lunch stop on your own prior to show to be determined.

ACTIVITIES

Craft - DIY Bookmark, Friday, November 22, 12:45, FREE

Make your own bookmark out of old calendars!

Cornhole, Tuesday, 12/10 & Friday 12/27, 11:00am, FREE

Come play Cornhole in the gym with friends.

NBHS Holiday Celebration - Thursday, December 12, 10:30am

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of sing-a-longs, holiday treats and much more with the high school students! Please register in advance.

Holiday Movie - Smith Library, Monday, December 16, 12:45 FREE

Come enjoy Holiday Inn, a 1942 American musical film directed by Mark Sandrich and starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, with Virginia Dale, Marjorie Reynolds, and Walter Abel. With music by Irving Berlin, the composer wrote twelve songs specifically for the film, the best known being "White Christmas".

Healthy Conversations, Wednesday, December 18, 1:00pm, FREE

Men and women are invited to join the East Shore Nurse Educators as they facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.

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



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Join your community on
Friday, December 6th for our
Annual Tree Lighting

Town owned Augur Property
290 Forest Road, Northford

6:30 - 8:30pm
Rain or shine

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Marshmallow
Roasting

Hay Rides
Musical
Entertainment

Hot Chocolate
& Cookies
Petting Zoo



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*Help a senior who may be in
need this holiday Season!*



Look for our 'Gifting Trees' at the Atwater Library, Smith Library and STW Community Center in Early December!

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.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Clothing Drop Off Project

Cleaning out your closets? We have a place for you to drop them off!! St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Northford has teamed up with St. Pauly Textile Inc., to collect used clothing. The company works with non-profit organizations , like St. Andrew's Episcopal, to set up used clothing drop off sheds designed to give community members a clean, attractive, and well-monitored place to donate gently used textile items, which are then distributed both here in the U.S. and worldwide to people who need them. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church receives funding for clothing collected, and additionally has the option to use any of this clothing to serve local community needs. St. Pauly Textile, Inc. collects over 120,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the United States) yearly. All of the usable clothing is worn by someone, somewhere in the world. In 2017, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills. The company was founded 22 years ago in Rochester, NY and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items include clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, drapes, linens, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Donors are asked to donate items in a plastic bag to protect against dirt and the elements. There is a small box on the shed that contains receipts to help donors take a tax deduction. Consider donating your used clothing items today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, "The White Church On The Hill In The Heart of Northford", 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472 Contact information: Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, St. Andrew's. Cell # 203-710-7005

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.

Sunday, December 8
10:00 AM Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE -
Praise Music & Second Sunday Brunch
Wednesday, December 11 7:00 PM
Advent Prayer Stations - Come experience an interactive way to pray!

Sunday, December 15 10:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

Wednesday, December 18 7:00 PM
Blue Christmas Service -
A Light in the Darkness for those experiencing loss

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.

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.

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BCC Fundraisers to Benefit Homeless Cats



NORTH BRANFORD – Branford Compassion Club will be holding its Annual Holiday Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BCC Feline Rescue and Adoption Center Lobby, 2037 Foxon Road. Great selection of cookies will be available baked by elves and only \$5 for a baker’s dozen. Plated and wrapped cookies will also be available for the purrfect holiday hostess gift. And while you are there, don’t forget to check out the Wishing Tree. The Wishing Tree fundraiser runs from Saturday, November 30 through Saturday, January 4, 2020. Choose a gift tag off the tree and return with your gift for the kitties any Saturday during December. For more information about the cookie sale or the kitties’ wish list to Santa, please visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org.

Recycling News

Christmas Tree Pick-Up for 2 weeks in January
January 6th – 17th on your scheduled trash day

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program
Started in North Branford November 11th

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

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

Additional Organizations for your Donations
Big Brothers Big Sisters <https://www.bbbsswct.org/>
Christian Community Action <https://www.ccahelping.org/giving-opportunities>
New Reach <https://newreach.org/content/how-to-help/>
EcoWorks <https://ecoworksct.org/donate/>
Donation Town <http://donationtown.org/> - this site helps you find charities that will pick up your donations for free

“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues. Help avoid potential flooding by clearing leaves, snow and ice in the fall and winter months from around storm drains. Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

Remember:
Only Rain in the Drain!

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HELP WANTED

LABORER I – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Laborer I in the Public Works Department to perform all types of manual labor related to road and grounds maintenance. Requires High School diploma or equivalency certificate, one (1) year experience in construction and/or grounds maintenance or any equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates the ability to perform duties. Minimum CT CDL, Class A license. Starting wage is \$14/hr. plus benefits. Applications are available at the Town’s website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com and at the Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Please submit application and other materials in person by mail (no faxes or emails) to the Town Manager. This position will be opened until filled.
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Feedback for Sunflower Project

Bright towering sunflowers, green rows in cornfields and brightly colored trees have given way to barren fields and slumping stalks. If you’re anything like me, you love it.

Why? Because this season of cold, flattened or dead-headed flowers may have the look of gloom and hibernation – but this town is anything but sleepy. Things are brewing and fermenting here in North Branford, and I’m not just talking about beer and cider at Stewards of the Land Brewery (our new farm brewery!) or wine at our vineyards (Rosabianca and Rose Vineyards). I’m also talking about our town government and community organizations. This is the season where town leaders and volunteers work hard to reflect and analyze what has been accomplished over the past year as a community, and to prepare the “seeds” of new ideas for a new year with sharpened strategies to do even better.

This is exactly why The Sunflower Project, a volunteer-driven economic and community development project, wants your feedback. First, if you’re just hearing about this project for the first time, please visit us at DestinationNorthBranford.com to learn about this incredible initiative to enhance economic and community development, all while establishing essential pollinator pathways to benefit our agricultural town.

The Sunflower Project recently conducted a survey of town residents and businesses in an effort to build on the project’s first-year success in delivering more than a quarter-million free sunflower seeds to be planted at homes, businesses, churches and schools throughout town. Here’s what our survey found:

* 83.3% of those surveyed said the project benefited North Branford by beautifying homes and businesses, 75% reported an increased presence of pollinators and 75% also said it enhanced community connectivity across town.

* 63.6% of those surveyed said they took advantage of donated seeds and planted them at their home or business.

An overwhelming number of people – 96% -- said they would like the Town of North Branford to continue The Sunflower Project in the future. Recommendations for project enhancements included optimizing business participation, expanding sunflower visibility on major roadways, creating a sunflower maze destination and working with businesses to establish sunflower-themed events.

Until then, community planning and educational events are under development, including a new slate of “3E” events at the libraries – a series of topical discussions – as well as efforts by the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. to further enhance our town’s trail system. Whatever your interest, Fall and Winter are anything but quiet here, so please explore and consider all that our town and community organizations have to offer.

If you are a resident or business leader in the community who would like to provide additional feedback, recommendations or get involved in The Sunflower Project, please visit DestinationNorthBranford.com and/or contact North Branford Economic Development Coordinator Roger Salway at edc@townofnorthbranfordct.com or 203-484-1034.

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DEC 11	6:30PM	ATWATER LIBRARY	"All Fired Up" Cider! This tonic is revered by herbalists for its ability to prevent cold and flu symptoms or shorten their duration if they occur. Sample a variety of "All Fired Up" cider recipes and then create your own "flu shot in a jar!"
DEC 12	1:00PM	ATWATER LIBRARY	Pat's Picks Movie Club, presented by Patricia Cochrane, will be showing Saving Mr. Banks, a 2013 period comedy-drama. Snacks and drinks provided!
DEC 16	12:30PM	SMITH LIBRARY	Movie Matinee. Holiday Inn, a 1942 holiday musical film, starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Snacks and drinks provided!
DEC 17	6:30PM	ATWATER LIBRARY	They Called Her Reckless: True Story of the American Warhorse. Named for the "reckless" rifles she would supply for the Navy, come hear Reckless's heroic story from Janet Barrett, author of the first full biography of this amazing warhorse
NOV 1- DEC 20		ATWATER & SMITH LIBRARIES	KIDS! Pizza Pie Reading Program. Read for 30 days b/t Nov. 1-Dec. 20. 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
DEC 7	10:30-12	ATWATER LIBRARY	KIDS! Gingerbread House Workshop. Build & decorate your own gingerbread house! We provide everything needed to decorate a delicious cookie cottage. For ages 5-12. Register at 203-315-6020
DEC 14	9:30AM	SMITH LIBRARY	KIDS! Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy a morning of holiday cheer with a continental breakfast, games, crafts & a picture with Santa. Santa arrives at 9:30am on a fire engine from the Northford Fire Department Company 2. Register at 203-484-0469

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