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## North Branford

### Memorial Day Parade 2016



The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Northford section of town. The Post #8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. The groups will form at St. Monica's Church on Middletown Avenue, Northford at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off down Route 17 at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

The parade line will proceed north on Route 17/Middletown Avenue to the monument at the

Northford Village Green.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox, Town Manager's office 203-484-6000 or email address: [executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com) with your information so they can be included in the parade lineup. RSVP by Friday, May 20, 2016, or earlier. We look forward to another successful year.

### Carriers Delivering More Than Mail

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Each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect from our customers non-perishable food donations. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in need, and there are many in New Haven Country and surrounding towns that need our help.

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The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans, 1 in 6 are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Children in

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### TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 10, 2016

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

"Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$50,998,927 which will require a mill rate of 31.98 mills, be adopted?"

Those desiring to vote in favor of said budget should fill in the oval next to the words "I accept the budget". Those desiring to vote against the budget should fill in the oval next to the words at **either** "I reject the budget because it is too high" **or** "I reject the budget because it is too low".

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

District 1 Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Road – Route 80

District 2 Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at twelve noon (12:00 p.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

In accordance with section C8-5 of the North Branford Charter, only registered voters are eligible to vote at the Budget Referendum.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC  
North Branford Town Clerk

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Pathway to Sustainability:

#### The Republican Long-Term Budgetary Framework



This week Republicans released a comprehensive budget plan that closes our \$900 million budget deficit and balances the budget over the next five years. Our proposal leaves town aide intact, maintains funding for our most vulnerable populations, maintains our state services and restores the funding to hospitals and

Medicaid. To address both the cause and effects of our economic situation, we proposed a mixture of budget cuts and policy changes to show how Connecticut can be put on a sustainable path where businesses will want to grow jobs and families will want to stay.

Despite our repeated calls for substantive policy changes to fix Connecticut's problems, Democrats proposed another budget that is only balanced in the first year, cuts municipal and educational aide and raises taxes. The Governor proposed a budget that decimates our most vulnerable population, but doesn't raise taxes. Neither side has taken a long hard look at how to reform government. House and Senate Republicans have, and I'm hopeful we can change the discussion in Hartford with this proposal.

We believe that our core responsibility is to our most vulnerable populations; therefore, we preserve funding for the developmentally disabled, those with mental health needs, children, elderly and those in poverty. We reduce non-service accounts by 12% for a total savings of \$157.5 million. Our budget funds the Educational Cost Sharing grants and provides a \$7.6 million increase from 2016 so that the state doesn't merely pass tax increases off onto the towns. In just four years, hospitals have been cut by over \$391 million and continue to pay the state hefty taxes that are hurting healthcare services. Our budget restores this funding. We also restore funding to radiologist services, which have been dramatically cut in the last budget causing independent centers to close.

Our budget enacts four different policies to control debt service. We institute a hard bond cap of \$1.6 billion per year, increase our debt service appropriation by \$51 million in 2017 to reflect our true obligations, and prioritize already existing bond projects to produce over \$85.5 million in savings. We delay automatic bond allocations to UCONN and Central CT State University to produce \$34.7 million in savings. All of these adjustments will not only reduce our spending, but will improve our troubled bond rating.

Since union leadership refuse to come to the table and provide concessions, our budget proposes a 5.5% reduction to personal services which saves \$281.1 million. In order to avoid layoffs, union leadership should come to the table and agree to concessions. Currently, state employees pay 5% on health care premiums, pay no deductibles for insurance, and copays ranging from \$15 to \$35. Modest changes to the state's health plan to align it with the private sector would save \$120 million annually. Given the fact that state employees earn over \$6000 on average more than private sector employees, this change should be brought to the table to avoid these layoffs.

We've proposed bringing accountability to overtime abuse, changed our arts and tourism grants into competitive ones, reduced legal counsel from agencies to the Attorney General's office, reduced office staff at the Board of Regents, shrunk the number of legislative committees, and reprioritize transportation initiatives. Our budget proposal takes multiple years of mutli-million dollar deficits and turns them into surpluses. Whether you've raised a family in this state, gone to school here, or developed you career here, Connecticut has had a lot to offer people over the years, and I believe this budget will bring us back on that path to offer these same opportunities for a generation to come.

## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been a while since we spoke. With next week being Mother's Day, I found an old column which I wrote some time ago and I felt this oldie but goody my be ok to reminisce about.

As you know, I was orphaned more than 20 years ago when mom passed away. Thirty nine years old was too soon to be left without the guidance and understanding only a mother can give. Mom a terrible person who in today's society would have been sent to jail.

When I did something wrong, she wasn't afraid to hit first and ask questions later. If for some reason it was later found out that I was innocent of the crime, her sense of fairness was to let me know that she would be more lenient on the next offense.

In our home, low grades in school were not accepted. It wasn't enough to just try. Work without results was just a waste of time. If you studied for four hours and did not get an "A", then you should have studied for six.

When I told her about the things all the other kids had that I did not, she was not sympathetic. She pointed out the things I had that others did not.

When I complained about working full time and going to high school and later college, she didn't tell me to lighten up my load, she taught me to manage my time better.

When I used foul language, she never rationalized that it was "the language of the times". She washed my mouth out with soap and that was the lesser of the penalties for bad language.

If I didn't like the food she made for supper, there were no alternative menu items. You ate what was cooked or you didn't eat at all.

She never accepted the old adage that kids would be kids. Times were only changing because the adults were letting them change.

When I misbehaved in school or disrespected my elders, she didn't tell me how stupid those people were or make a scene at the school because her "baby boy" was being abused. She told me that in life you had to figure out how to overcome hurdles and deal with all types of people especially your superiors.

We could only stay home from school when we were sick. There was no allowance made for mental health days. If you stayed home from school, you stayed home from everything. That included friends coming over after school(except to bring you your homework assignments) and even talking on the phone. If you were too sick for school, you were too sick for anything else.

When it was time for the talk on sex education there were no diagrams or books to read. She simply told me to keep my hands to myself and if she found out I was "doing something wrong", she would cut off a part of my body that I really loved..

There were no large screen TV's or gym memberships. If you wanted exercise, run around the block, take out the trash or wash the kitchen floor. Speaking about the trash, we didn't take it out when we were ready, we took it out when she was.


Yes, mom was terrible. She would never cut me slack and never let me get away with anything. She taught me to fend for myself knowing that she was always there to set me on the straight path should I stray. She taught me that good

values and morals could not be compromised. She taught me that tough love was a very difficult task (which often hurt her more than me) but in the long run the results would be better.

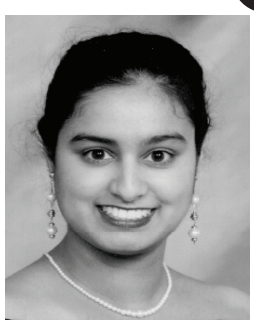
She gave me the guidance to marry the right person and raise our kids with those same values.

She was really terrible and I'm so glad she was.

Give her a kiss for me and I'll see both of you soon.



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**The Editor**  
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**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD  
BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR**

Budget Referendum Question:

"Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$50,998,927, which will require a mill rate of 31.98 mills, be adopted?"

2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 ACTUAL	2015-16 BUDGET	@ 1/31/16 ACTUAL	2015-2016 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2016-2017 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2016-2017 MANAGER PROPOSED	2016-2017 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$36,239,894	\$37,893,283	\$39,278,472	\$35,405,033	\$39,215,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$40,970,260	\$40,814,862	\$39,435,547
\$266,434	\$297,584	\$207,200	\$116,325	\$160,225	FEES	\$207,200	\$207,200	\$207,200
\$79,273	\$100,352	\$65,000	\$73,328	\$100,000	OTHER TAXES	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
\$1,624,874	\$1,526,840	\$1,108,530	\$1,062,225	\$1,107,225	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,148,534	\$1,148,534	\$1,147,215
-\$4,596	\$152,521	\$100,000	\$5,688	\$75,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
\$133,484	\$167,628	\$136,350	\$82,199	\$140,862	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$137,350	\$137,350	\$137,350
\$122,268	\$126,067	\$102,185	\$79,940	\$109,765	CURRENT SERVICES	\$105,905	\$105,905	\$105,905
\$137,767	\$146,529	\$154,131	\$142,392	\$142,392	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$145,567	\$145,567	\$145,567
\$8,394,394	\$8,550,499	\$8,415,617	\$2,067,540	\$8,337,416	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$8,349,027	\$8,349,027	\$8,349,027
\$390,359	\$361,194	\$343,316	\$301,560	\$342,862	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$748,231	\$748,231	\$748,231
\$41,829	\$48,429	\$37,300	\$4,846	\$37,500	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
\$112,747	\$154,963	\$15,830	\$21,558	\$30,000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$20,430	\$20,430	\$20,430
\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
\$0	\$89,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$241,500	\$161,827	\$150,674	\$0	\$150,674	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$143,455	\$143,455	\$143,455
<b>\$47,780,225</b>	<b>\$49,777,074</b>	<b>\$50,464,605</b>	<b>\$39,362,635</b>	<b>\$49,948,921</b>	<b>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$52,534,959</b>	<b>\$52,379,561</b>	<b>\$50,998,927</b>
0	0	0	0	0	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATIONS	0	0	0
<b>\$47,780,225</b>	<b>\$49,777,074</b>	<b>\$50,464,605</b>	<b>\$39,362,635</b>	<b>\$49,948,921</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$52,534,959</b>	<b>\$52,379,561</b>	<b>\$50,998,927</b>
\$61,525	\$57,090	\$58,869	\$53,733	\$56,776	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$59,769	\$59,769	\$59,769
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$204,332	\$210,417	\$207,601	\$117,939	\$210,049	TOWN MANAGER	\$210,106	\$210,106	\$210,106
\$347,243	\$354,950	\$367,066	\$207,936	\$367,362	FINANCE	\$385,689	\$385,689	\$385,689
\$160,817	\$171,066	\$168,154	\$106,849	\$170,374	TAX COLLECTOR	\$174,468	\$174,468	\$174,468
\$165,767	\$171,957	\$173,997	\$101,312	\$173,280	ASSESSOR	\$173,854	\$173,748	\$173,748
\$1,550	\$1,525	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$281,586	\$264,467	\$283,424	\$170,569	\$273,350	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$283,006	\$283,006	\$283,006
\$173,309	\$178,929	\$187,135	\$109,589	\$186,633	TOWN CLERK	\$193,656	\$193,656	\$193,656
\$30,626	\$37,396	\$52,599	\$25,486	\$44,592	ELECTIONS	\$45,044	\$45,044	\$45,044
\$105,380	\$105,877	\$106,700	\$76,720	\$108,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$106,700	\$106,700	\$106,700
\$1,167	\$1,217	\$1,243	\$536	\$645	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$609	\$609	\$609
\$30,019	\$28,253	\$29,286	\$26,850	\$27,900	TECHNOLOGY	\$30,263	\$30,263	\$30,263
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>\$1,563,320</b>	<b>\$1,583,145</b>	<b>\$1,637,774</b>	<b>\$997,518</b>	<b>\$1,620,662</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$1,664,864</b>	<b>\$1,664,758</b>	<b>\$1,664,758</b>
\$2,767,504	\$2,992,154	\$3,217,117	\$1,881,634	\$3,229,702	POLICE	\$3,261,669	\$3,259,149	\$3,207,077
\$574,444	\$580,178	\$671,014	\$478,556	\$653,990	FIRE	\$689,546	\$689,546	\$689,546
\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	AMBULANCE	\$200,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
\$200,950	\$208,192	\$217,769	\$217,000	\$220,930	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$228,817	\$220,000	\$220,000
\$463,750	\$511,331	\$564,861	\$299,015	\$581,146	COMMUNICATIONS	\$576,314	\$576,314	\$562,073
\$3,605	\$13,133	\$16,696	\$13,666	\$18,236	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$21,810	\$19,810	\$19,810
\$98,635	\$105,216	\$108,366	\$110,051	\$110,216	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$111,611	\$111,611	\$111,611
<b>\$4,108,889</b>	<b>\$4,410,203</b>	<b>\$4,995,823</b>	<b>\$2,999,924</b>	<b>\$4,814,220</b>	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$5,089,767</b>	<b>\$5,051,430</b>	<b>\$4,985,117</b>
\$884,850	\$889,844	\$891,089	\$816,161	\$891,089	REFUSE REMOVAL	\$905,830	\$905,830	\$905,830
\$1,964,575	\$2,084,590	\$1,916,814	\$1,146,654	\$1,868,983	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,110,907	\$2,023,202	\$2,043,985
\$133,744	\$136,922	\$147,480	\$62,918	\$139,500	STREET LIGHTING	\$146,605	\$146,605	\$146,605
<b>\$2,983,169</b>	<b>\$3,111,356</b>	<b>\$2,955,383</b>	<b>\$2,025,732</b>	<b>\$2,899,572</b>	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$3,163,342</b>	<b>\$3,075,637</b>	<b>\$3,096,420</b>
\$467,574	\$491,339	\$560,878	\$285,388	\$539,085	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$590,389	\$590,389	\$590,389
\$7,123	\$8,830	\$9,650	\$1,200	\$9,150	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,650	\$9,650	\$9,650
\$22,500	\$22,500	\$23,100	\$23,100	\$24,000	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500
\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$621,663	\$638,416	\$671,516	\$359,270	\$669,777	LIBRARY	\$690,616	\$688,616	\$688,616
<b>\$1,118,861</b>	<b>\$1,161,085</b>	<b>\$1,266,144</b>	<b>\$668,958</b>	<b>\$1,242,012</b>	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$1,317,155</b>	<b>\$1,315,155</b>	<b>\$1,315,155</b>
\$104,772	\$108,545	\$112,915	\$112,915	\$112,915	HEALTH	\$117,980	\$115,980	\$115,980
(\$14)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$63,461	\$64,712	\$68,037	\$37,550	\$67,575	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$70,390	\$70,390	\$70,390
\$4,140	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	PROBATE COURT	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600
\$12,343	\$13,969	\$19,385	\$17,776	\$18,823	HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$18,780	\$18,780	\$18,780
<b>\$184,702</b>	<b>\$187,226</b>	<b>\$206,337</b>	<b>\$168,241</b>	<b>\$205,313</b>	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>\$211,750</b>	<b>\$209,750</b>	<b>\$209,750</b>
\$100,194	\$88,700	\$99,536	\$54,170	\$99,336	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$102,592	\$102,592	\$102,592
\$16,116	\$3,867	\$39,477	\$10,069	\$33,714	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$40,687	\$40,687	\$40,687
\$1,247	\$2,100	\$2,217	\$2,319	\$3,045	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,763	\$2,763	\$2,763
\$2,281	\$1,311	\$12,382	\$406	\$5,290	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$11,290	\$11,290	\$11,290
\$103,469	\$105,748	\$115,042	\$63,898	\$114,854	ENGINEERING	\$124,780	\$124,780	\$124,780
\$2,716	\$3,316	\$4,057	\$8,754	\$9,497	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,307	\$4,057	\$4,057
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$304	\$0	\$2,339	\$0	\$76	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$117,512	\$116,028	\$128,668	\$74,967	\$128,668	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$133,534	\$133,534	\$133,534
<b>\$343,839</b>	<b>\$321,070</b>	<b>\$403,818</b>	<b>\$214,582</b>	<b>\$394,579</b>	<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION</b>	<b>\$421,580</b>	<b>\$421,330</b>	<b>\$421,330</b>
\$9,600	\$1,500	\$75,000	\$0	\$50,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$150,000	\$125,000	\$100,000
\$234,014	\$262,035	\$328,014	\$285,187	\$327,749	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$351,031	\$351,031	\$351,031
\$1,825,555	\$1,991,756	\$2,093,534	\$1,329,597	\$1,943,100	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,095,670	\$2,095,670	\$2,069,635
<b>\$2,069,169</b>	<b>\$2,255,291</b>	<b>\$2,496,548</b>	<b>\$1,614,784</b>	<b>\$2,320,849</b>	<b>TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>\$2,596,701</b>	<b>\$2,571,701</b>	<b>\$2,520,666</b>
<b>\$807,000</b>	<b>\$661,507</b>	<b>\$244,000</b>	<b>\$669,099</b>	<b>\$745,615</b>	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>\$464,240</b>	<b>\$464,240</b>	<b>\$334,319</b>
\$13,178,950	\$13,690,883	\$14,205,827	\$9,358,837	\$14,242,822	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$14,929,399	\$14,774,001	\$14,547,515
\$29,400,735	\$30,071,636	\$30,387,737	\$16,604,460	\$30,387,737	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$31,841,885	\$31,841,885	\$30,687,737
\$27,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>\$5,571,146</b>	<b>\$5,557,684</b>	<b>\$5,515,041</b>	<b>\$4,991,773</b>	<b>\$5,515,041</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$5,763,675</b>	<b>\$5,763,675</b>	<b>\$5,763,675</b>
<b>\$48,178,499</b>	<b>\$49,320,202</b>	<b>\$50,108,605</b>	<b>\$30,955,069</b>	<b>\$50,145,600</b>	<b>SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$52,534,959</b>	<b>\$52,379,561</b>	<b>\$50,998,927</b>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$356,000	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>\$48,178,499</b>	<b>\$49,320,202</b>	<b>\$50,464,605</b>	<b>\$30,955,069</b>	<b>\$50,145,600</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$52,534,959</b>	<b>\$52,379,561</b>	<b>\$50,998,927</b>

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hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5 million seniors over the age 60 must deal with hunger as well, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

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**HazWaste Central opens on May 14<sup>th</sup>**

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From left to right; Rose Giardina-Williams, - Fundrasing Coordinator NB Project Graduation 2016, Lynn Riordan - Matt's Mission, Lynn Sauro-Vinal - Treasurer NB Project Graduation 2016, Lori DellaRocca - Chairperson NB Project Graduation 2016. Photo courtesy of Lynn Sauro-Vinal

## Matt's Mission Donates to Project Graduation 2016

The North Branford Project Graduation committee is hard at work preparing for this year's High School graduation. Many local businesses donate to this annual project to give the seniors a memorable and safe graduation night. We thank you all. Matt's Mission, who has traditionally been our largest contributor, made its last annual donation to project graduation this year. This well known and respected nonprofit is retiring. If you are interested in making a donation to: North Branford Project Graduation 2016, please mail it to 49 Caputo Road, North Branford, CT 06471.

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## T-Birds Softball Ranked 9th in the State Senerchia Pitches No-Hitter with 15 K's

The NBHS Softball team has been on a roll. They have started the season 9-0 and have already qualified for the Shoreline and State Tournament. Led by hitters Sabrina Lemere (.536, 15 hits, 3 doubles, HR, 12 runs, 10 RBI), Olivia Hemstock (.519, 14 hits, 2B, 3B, HR, 10 runs, 7 RBI), Meghan Golia (.391, 9 hits, 3B, 9 runs, 5 RBI), and Danielle Ramada (.364, 8 hits, 2 triples, 10 runs, 7 RBI). The team has been averaging 10 runs a game.

On the hill, Lindsay Golia is 7-0, with a 2.07 ERA and 71 strike outs. Julia Haeckel (1-0, 2.00 ERA, 7K's) and Sydney Senerchia who pitched a no hitter and struck out 15 against Portland.

The girls have had some big wins this year including a 5-4 win in extra innings versus #2 ranked East Haven. The Thunderbirds have cracked the state's top 10 ranking (#9) as well.

Schedules can be found at <http://nbhs.northbranfordschools.org/Content/Athletics.asp>

## Baseball Team Falters After Quick Start

After coming out of the gate at 3-1, the NBHS baseball team lost three of their next four games to have a 4-4 mark at press time.

Opening up against Hyde/Hillhouse, the T-Birds defeated Hyde 11-1. They followed that with a win over Westbrook but took a 3 - 1 loss to Old Lyme taking them into extra innings before losing on a walk off home run.

The Birds got back in the win column by beating Coughinchaug 10 -3 but then took an 11-4 loss off a tough Morgan team. The bats remained silent as Cromwell came to town and took a 2-0 victory on two suicide squeeze plays with the story being North Branford only manufacturing 3 hits.

North Branford got back into the win column with a 10-9 victory over Class L North Haven High School. The T-Birds using several underclassmen on the mound were able to find the bats for one game as Matt Chamberlain led the attack with five hits capped by a walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh. Chris Rayner added three hits with two doubles.

The bats went back to sleep as NB was only able to muster up a Rainor single and two singles by sophomore Jeff Jablonski as they fell 1 - 0 against Portland.

The pitching has been good as senior Chad Deming has thrown fifteen inning with a 1.6 ERA and has a 0-2 record to show for it. Mike Hoyt is 3-1 with his only loss being 1-0 to Portland. Chamberlain and Rayner have carried the offense batting .530 and .460 respectively.

"We'll be all right once the bats come around," stated an optimistic coach Billy Mitchell"



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### Boys Lacrosse off to a Good Start

Six games into the season and the T-Birds have already matched last season's win total of 5 with 6-1 record. "We hope to build on the success we have had early in the season and continue to get stronger as we head into the playoffs," stated coach ?????? "All the kids understand the expectations and hold everyone accountable to step up and do their part to help our team get better" he added.

The season with a 20-4 win at Old Saybrook. They continued the winning ways and are now 3-1 in the conference with the lone loss coming against Valley Regional. Our other conference wins came against Haddam-Killingworth, and Morgan who played in the conference finals last season.

"One aspect of our team that makes us special is we're tough to defend. We have 6-7 guys that can light up the goal on any given night. Most teams have 2-3 of those guys. You can't stop them all, and when one has an off day the others step up to the challenge." Conor Odell has yet to play a game but he will be a froce to be reckoned with once he is back in the mix.

The attack is a very balanced group with the great vision of Adam Burkle and the finishing skills of Brian McKee and Jack Myers are leading the team with 20 goals a each. The midfield is led by Nico Sommo at the faceoff, who is winning 60%. Part of that success comes from the wing play of Tanner Opie who has scooped up 40 ground balls this season. Filling out the rest of the first midfield line is Nik Allain, our leading scorer through the midfield with 13 goals and 2 assists, and Mike Pantera who had the game winning goal against Morgan with 22 seconds left on the clock.

The defense is anchored by Derek Grzebisz who is often tasked with guarding the opponents top threat, along with Mike Kehlenbach and Dillon Blake who bring their physical play and intensity to every game. These three protect the crease that is filled by Freshman Noah Taylor in goal who has a 50% save percentage so far this year.



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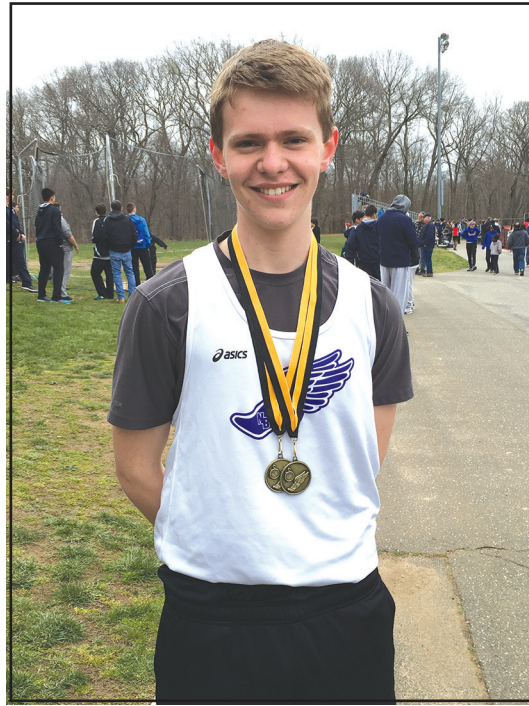


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### NBHS Track & Field



Freshmen athletes from the North Branford High School Boys Track & Field Team traveled to Hand High School in Madison to compete at the Hammonasset Freshman Invitational Meet.

Michael Rabuffo received medals in two events. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400 Meters at 58.71 and third in the High Jump at 5'2". He placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the 800 Meters at 2:39.25.

Also competing were Jason Ash in the 800 Meters at 2:44.14 and in the 1600 meters at 6:07.34. Alvin Chan participated in the 400 Meters at 1:05.94, 800 meters at 2:44.44 and in the Javelin throw at 58'08". Ben Acker competed in

all throwing events: Shot - 20'8", Discus - 54'05" and Javelin 63'03".

Photo; Michael Rabuffo

The North Branford High School Boys Track & Field Team hosted it's lone home meet on April 13 against Shoreline Conference Teams from Portland, Valley and Hale Ray. Seniors were honored prior to the meet due to this being their last home meet as seniors. Honored were Pat Fisher and Captains Richard Hernandez and Frank Laudano. Despite being a small team, the T-Birds came away beating two out of the three teams: Valley 82 -North Branford 61, North Branford 98 - Portland 43, and North Branford 92 - Hale Ray 31.

The 4x800 Relay Team (Richard Hernandez, Austin Gibilisco, Michael Madoule, Parker Nadeau - 9:54), 4x100 Relay Team (Frank Laudano, Jacob Marshall, Jason Alaska, Michael Odell - 44.8) and the 4x400 Relay Team (Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Michael Odell, Michael Rabuffo - 4:00) placed 1<sup>st</sup> against all three schools. Also taking 1<sup>st</sup> place against all three opponents were; Jason Alaska - 100 Meter Dash - 11.19, Michael Madoule - 400 Meter Run - .56, Austin Gibilisco - 800 Meter Run - 2:16.4, Jacob Marshall - 200 Meter Dash - 24.8 and Michael Rabuffo - High Jump - 5'2".

Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. two of the teams and 1<sup>st</sup> against the other team were: Richard Hernandez - 3200 Meter Run - 11:18 and Syd Franklin - Triple Jump - 29'2.5". Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place against all three teams was Michael Rabuffo in the 400 Meter Run - .56.5. Also scoring points in the meet at the following events were: High Jump - Syd Franklin - 5' and Pat Fisher 4'10", 100 Meter Sprint - Jacob Marshall - 12.3, 1600 Meter Run - Richard Hernandez - 5:14.9, 400 Meter Run and 800 Meter run - Zach Jamieson - 61.6 and 2:35.9, 200 Meter Dash - Frank Laudano - 25.5, 3200 Meter Run - Jared Jamieson - 11:31 and Parker Nadeau - 11.57, Javelin - Jason Alaska - 91'3", Long Jump - Syd Franklin - 17'6" and Pole Vault - Frank Laudano - 10' and Jacob Marshall - 8'6".

### First Annual Golf Tournamnet

North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, July 18, 2016 at Traditions Golf Club, Wallingford CT. This tournament is open to members and non-members; pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$115.00 per golfer, and will include range balls, greens fees and cart for 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes. Tee Sponsorships are available for \$50.00.

This tournament will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation as well as Lodge 2805 and its Scholarship Program. The Lodge has a long history of giving many scholarships to deserving graduates to support their post high school education. Epilepsy is as common as breast cancer and claims more lives each year, leaving many children with severe cognitive deficits and brain damage.

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Ages 9 - 14 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$165 res/\$170 nr

### Youth Activities

#### Intro to Drums

Who: Ages 6 - 14  
 Session: May 5 - June 9 (6wks)  
 Time: Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.  
 Where: STW Community Center  
 Fee: \$35 res /\$40 nr

#### Learn to Sing

Who: Ages 6 - 14  
 Session: May 5 - June 9 (6wks)  
 Time: Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
 Where: STW Community Center  
 Fee: \$35 res / \$40 nr

#### Ballet & Tap

Who: Ages 3 - 6  
 Session: May 7 - June 11 (5wk) \$25res/\$40nr  
 Time: Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
 Where: STW Community Center

#### Pre-School Karate

Who: Ages 3 - 5  
 Session: June 11 - July 9  
 Time: Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
 Where: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy  
 Fee: \$45 res/ \$50 nr

#### Children's Karate

Who: Ages 6 - 9  
 Session: June 11 - July 9  
 Time: Saturdays, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
 Where: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy  
 Fee: \$45 resident / \$50 non-resident

#### Youth Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Who: Ages 10 - 15  
 Session: June 11 - July 9  
 Time: Saturday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.  
 Where: Tom Smith's Chinese Kempo Academy  
 Fee: \$45 res /\$50 nr

### Family Activities

#### Learn to Ice Skate

Who: Ages 3 - Adult  
 Session I: Mon., May 9 - July 11 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Session II: Fri., May 6 - June 24 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Session III: Sat., April 30 - June 18 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
 Where: Northford Ice Pavilion  
 Fee: \$150 res / \$155nr

#### Learn to Play Guitar

Who: Ages 7- Adult  
 Session: May 5 - June 9  
 Time: Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Where: STW Community Center  
 Fee: \$35 res/\$40 nr

#### T'ai Chi Ch'uan ~ Chi Gung

Who: Adults  
 Session I: May 10 - June 28  
 Session II: July 12 - August 30  
 Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Where: STW Community Center  
 Fee: \$70 res/ \$75 nr

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

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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

**St. 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 and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am 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.

**Zion Episcopal Church.** 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email: [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org)

## Welcome Cora James Lovelace



Cora James Lovelace was born on January 31, 2016, weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches. She is the daughter of Justine McCarroll Lovelace and James Lovelace of North Branford. Cora is the granddaughter of James and Mary Lovelace of North Branford and John and Cynthia McCarroll of Northford.

She was welcomed by her big sister Eden Rae Lovelace.

## Message From the Other Side To Benefit Animal Haven

"Messages From The Other Side" with Psychic Spirit Medium Lisa Lanno will take place on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm at the Corinthian Masonic Lodge, 30 Church St, North Haven, CT.

Enjoy 2 hours of Spirit Connections along with an "Ask a Psychic Question" segment. Tickets are \$30 (advance sales recommended due to space limitations). All proceeds benefit The Animal Haven.

This event includes raffles, featuring a Full Tarot Reading (from Lisa), and light refreshments to purchase tickets, Contact Wendy at [events@theanimalhaven.com](mailto:events@theanimalhaven.com) or 203-249-7355

## SPRING IS HERE.....BE SAFE

### Safety Tips for Outdoor Grilling:

- **Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it can not be ignited by a hot grill.

### Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- **Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited,** and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

### Gas Grills

- **Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks** before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame:
  - Turn off the gas tank and grill.
  - If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak does not stop, **call the fire department.**
  - If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
  - Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
  - **Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

**Reminder: Burning permits are required for brush, contact the Fire Marshal's office. 203-484-6016 or email [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)**



## Mother's Day Flower & Bake Sale

Church members Robert Bigler, Peter Jenkin, and John Lenox of Northford Congregational Church will be selling flowers during the Mother's Day weekend flower and bake sale to benefit the church. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Church Belles will be selling baked goods including a cookie walk at their bake sale on Sat., May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the flowers will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

All are welcome to attend Sunday worship on Mother's Day and every Sunday at 10 a.m.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Email: [nchurch@snet.net](mailto:nchurch@snet.net). Website: [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com). Like us on Facebook.

## Military Whist Card Party

A Military Whist Card Party sponsored by the St. Ambrose Ladies Guild will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 in the church hall at St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The doors open at 6:30 for coffee and desserts and the card game will begin by 7:15. The price is \$8.00 per person. For tickets, call the parish office at 203-484-0403 or Linda at 203-484-7900. Join us for a game that's easy to learn and fun to play!

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The Tag Sale will be held on Saturday May 21 2016 (rain date May 22) from 8:30 AM until 1 PM on the North Haven Town Green. To reserve your space get an application on the website <http://www.theanimalhaven.com/events/> or email [chriskat32@aol.com](mailto:chriskat32@aol.com) Donated items will be accepted on the day of the sale by 8 AM. Larger items such as furniture must be picked up if they do not sell. Volunteers are needed for clean-up at 1 PM. All proceeds benefit the Animal Haven. The Animal Haven is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes. The Animal Haven is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving the greater New Haven area since 1948.

**Public Stargazing at Young's Pond Park in Branford**

See Jupiter's moons through a telescope! Come look through our telescopes on Saturday May 7th starting at 8pm at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. The Astronomical Society of New Haven invites all members of the family to a public stargazing session to have a closer look at the night sky. We will show you how to tell the difference between a planet and a bright star. We will also find some beautiful star clusters. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, [www.asnh.org](http://www.asnh.org) or call 866-808-ASNH.

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crafts, honey and maple syrup, jams and jellies, naturally-raised meats, pickles and more.

The Summer Farmers' Market begins on Saturday, June 4 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM and runs through October.

The Dudley Farm is located at 2351 Durham Rd. in North Guilford. Contact 860-349-3917 or visit [www.dudleyfarm.com](http://www.dudleyfarm.com) for more information. Check out the Dudley Farm Museum on Facebook for Market updates and special events at the Farm.

***DeFrancesco's Garnish Agriculture Award.***

State Representative Vincent Candelora recently honored Joe & Ida DeFrancesco (not pictured above), of Joe's gardens in Wallingford, for being chosen as the 2016 national Outstanding Young Farmers. Joe and Ida were one out of four national award winners. The group is designed to facilitate an exchange of ideas and friendship that encourages excellence and involvement in agriculture.



Pictured left to right: Rep. Candelora, Joe DeFrancesco, Darren DeFrancesco, Linda & Joe DeFrancesco, Alex DeFrancesco and CT Department of Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky.

***NARFE Monthly Meeting***

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 1:00 PM, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debra Danker, R.N., from the Seniors Helping Seniors Agency. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

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the generosity of family, friends and the community. To pre-register for the walk and join "Catherine's Crew" or to make a secure online donation please visit <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/catherinescrew>

Registration begins at 9am on May 15th and the walk will begin at 10am

## Pet Shield Veterinary Hospital Welcomes New Veterinarian, Susan Hall, Dvm

Dr. Susan Hall is very excited to join the Pet Shield team! She brings with her over 20 years of experience in small animal medicine and surgery. Most importantly, Dr. Hall practices thorough and compassionate veterinary care tailored for every pet and client, making her a perfect fit for our practice.

Dr. Hall studied animal science at the University of Connecticut and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1989. She became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1993, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Hall's special interests include small animal internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, dermatology, dentistry, critical care, and pain management. She is also an active member at St. George Church and the Christ Church in Guilford, CT, is very involved in local schools, and helps care for the cats of the Branford Compassion Club.

We are thrilled to have Dr. Hall on our staff, and are confident our clients and their pets are going to be thrilled as well. Please join us in welcoming her!

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