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## Honor our Military with a Flag

The Northford Women's Club along with the North Branford Women's Club are sponsoring Honor Them with a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel and veterans. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from Flag Day, June 14th to July 4th. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier or loved one. A ceremony will be held on the Town Hall lawn on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00pm. Flags are available for collection after July 4th at the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, fill out a form and mail a check made out to the Northford Women's Club for \$10 per flag to: The Northford Women's Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Order forms are available in local papers, the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Edward Smith and Atwater Libraries, the Northford and North Branford Post Offices and online at <u>www.northfordwomensclub.org</u>. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by Monday, June 13th. For more information, contact Carla Dextraze at 203-484-2766.

Please fill out the following information and make check payable to; The Northford Women's Club P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472 Deadline is June 13, 2016

Name & Rank
(as you would like it to appear on the flag)
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Dates of Service
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Address
Phone #
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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 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.

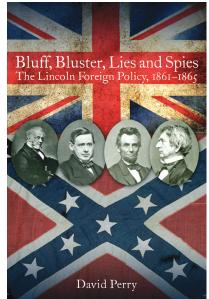
## **Former NBHS Principal** is a New Author



Retired NBHS principal, David Perry, will publish his first book on the American Civil War on May 25, 2016. Bluff, Bluster, Lies and Spies: The Lincoln Foreign Policy 1861-1865 will be published by Casemate in the US and UK. Dr. Perry lives in Florida, but continues to teach online at the University of New Haven. He also runs a graduate

education program in Paris, France during the summer. Bluff, Bluster, Lies

and Spies is a wild ride through the world of espionage and foreign diplomacy during the Civil War. In addition to fighting the Confederacy, Abraham Bluff, Bluster, Lies and Spies Lincoln was faced with the possibility of fighting a two-front war with England, France, Spain and Japan. Advance reviews of the book include one from Dr. Wayne C. Temple, author of eleven books on Lincoln and the retired Chief Deputy Director of Archives at the Illinois State Library. Dr. Temple called Dr. Perry's book "...a masterpiece." In 2009, Dr. Perry's research on Lincoln was selected by National Public Radio David Perry to represent Lincoln scholars on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Dr. Perry's recently published op-ed piece in the New Haven Register on Hillary Clinton and Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Henry Seward, will be the basis for another NPR interview in late May. Bluff, Bluster, Lies and Spies will be available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



**Town Council Office Hours** On Saturday, May 14th from 11-1pm at Atwater Library, Town Council members Dan Armin and George Miller will be in the community room to answer your questions regarding our town.

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May	27	May	20
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June	24	June	17
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### Northford Women's Club Comedy Night – A Big Success Dear Editor:

Our 3rd Annual Comedy Night for charity was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Fantasia in North Haven. Everyone had a wonderful night filled with funny comedians from the Northeast Comedy Review, delicious food and a fabulous audience. The event brings people together to raise money that supports many projects in our community.

The Northford Women's Club would like to thank all the local shop owners for their generous donations for our raffle baskets, including but not limited to; Giovanni's, Hair Dimensions, Northford Store, Creative Crust Pies, Dunkin Donuts, Jay and Lucy's Family Deli, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Rosabianca Vineyard, Tony Z's, J Cakes Bakery, Heins Sight Optical, Northford Veterinary Clinic, Lucky Chinese, La Petite Salon and Spa, LaMonaco's, Milani's Bakery, Creative Hair Studio, Arnold's Jewelers, Flower Wonderland, Amanda's Deli and Grill, Village Wine & Spirit, Bobby's Apizza, Rocco's Off Wooster, Subway, Branford Optometric Associates, Aquatic Pools, Doody's, Supreme Seafood, Nataz, Louie's Slice Pizzeria and Northford Barbershop.



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We would also like to thank all the people who purchased tickets and enjoyed the evening. Our Comedy Night would not be the success it is without the generous support of our community.

Thank you for continuing to support the Northford Women's Club.





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### **EDITORIAL**

## State Representative Vincent Candelora

#### As Session Closes, The Budget Remains In Flux



As you've likely read, the fiscal year budget that begins July 1 is out of balance by more than \$900 million. After ignoring the budget fix that my Republican colleagues and I offered, the governor and majority

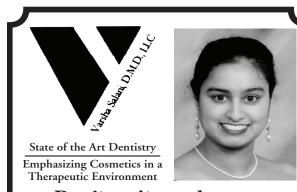
party waited until the last day of the legislative session to offer their own plan. Their budget had yet to surface by mid-afternoon, and by early evening House Speaker Brendan Sharkey announced that it was too big of a challenge to hold a vote by the midnight deadline. I believe they wanted to ram it through the process quickly because if the budget actually saw the light of day and members had an opportunity to read it, they would not have supported it.

When the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee met in the morning to adopt revenue estimates, I made a statement and left the room. I could no longer be complicit and participate in such a reckless process. During the meeting, it became clear that these revenue numbers are half-backed and based on unsound tax policy. Because it's an election year, the Democrats are avoiding raising taxes, but instead are conjuring up other revenue gimmicks to close the gap. They arbitrarily increased the cigarette tax by \$8 million, budgeted \$5 million in additional sales taxes and budgeted an additional \$40 in Attorney General settlements. Meanwhile, the budget offers nothing to curb borrowing or fund sweeps.

The budget also will translate to instant property tax increases for towns because it goes back on a promise to provide sales tax revenues in exchange for a cap on the car tax. This cut will result in a \$396,000 budget shortfall for North Branford alone. This is hardly an easy cut to absorb since our budget has already gone through the local ratification process. The General Assembly will meet in special session in the near future to tackle the budget, and between now and then I'll join my Republican colleagues in fighting for the type of structural budgetary changes and try to restore some of these cuts because without meaningful changes, our budget will be in deficit again by September.

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## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's been over a month in my 60's and I don't feel any different than I did in my 50's. I guess I felt pretty crappy in my 50's so not much different now. Fifty nine was a dreadful year and so far, 60 hasn't been too bad. Got hit with a foul ball a few weeks ago. After a week of worry I went to the doctor to get checked and it was just a bad bruise. When I told somebody that twenty years ago I would never had gone to the doctor, their very supportive answer was that twenty years ago, I would have been able to get out of the way.

That got me thinking about twenty years ago. What are the real differences from when I was forty, to the present day.

When I was forty, I would stay up all night and worry about my job. At 60, I wake up all night to pee.

When I was forty, I would never be able to sleep all night. Now that I am 60 I have a CPAP machine for sleep apnea so I sleep all night (except to pee).

When I was forty, I always worried when it came time for my annual physical. At sixty, I go to the doctor so often I never know which one is my annual physical.

When I was forty, I was tired all day during the baseball season from staying up to watch the Yankees. Now that I am sixty, I have Comcast.

At forty, I would exercise (yes there was a time I exercised) and I would run around all day for the job and other activities I was involved in and that would make me tired. At sixty, I am tired getting out of bed in the morning and could use a nap after my shower.

At forty, I would stay up and worry about the kids and couldn't wait until they were grown and my worries would lessen. Now I worry about the kids, the son-in-law, the grandchild, the grandmother and everybody else.

At forty I worried about making it to sixty years old. At sixty I worry about making it to tomorrow.

At forty, I worried about finding the time for yard work, and chores around the house. At sixty, I worry about finding the energy to perform those tasks.

At forty, I could go to a wedding and drink all night, eat everything in sight and dance the night away. At sixty I worry about limiting my water intake so I can make it home without having to make a bathroom stop.

At forty, I could remember everything I had to do for the next two weeks as well as when I had to do it and how I would get it done. Now I worry about remembering where I put the list that told me what I had to do.

At forty, an afternoon delight was coming home in the afternoon for a romp with the Mrs. Now an afternoon delight is putting mozz. on a meatball sub.

At forty, I loved to shovel the snow and drive around in a hurricane and see if I could help out anywhere. At sixty I watch Gina and SueAnn shovel the snow and my main concern during any storm is to make sure the generator works so I have electricity for my sleep apnea machine and the refrigerator to keep my insulin cold.

At forty I found out about friends and family through a phone conversation or a visit, Now we find out through facebook and text messages.

At forty I could have a long conversation about the Yankees, the family and anything else that was happening. I could also call for advice and give a little of my own. at sixty,.....

At forty, life was good but we didn't know it. At sixty, life is still good but we are well aware of everything that goes on and we have the opportunity to appreciate what we had and what we still have.

Take care my man. I miss you and I'll se you soon.

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**The Editor** P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Many of my clients have what I would call an "If I die" attitude (at least in the beginning of our relationship). They plan or don't plan based on the fact that they "might" die (that's where the "if" comes in). The conversation typically goes something like this: "Well, if I die I would like my house to go to my daughter." I chuckle a little bit and usually say something like, "If you die... Oh, you're going to die." Some folks are a bit shaken up by the fact that someone just told them, for the first time perhaps, that yes they are indeed going to take the big dirt nap.

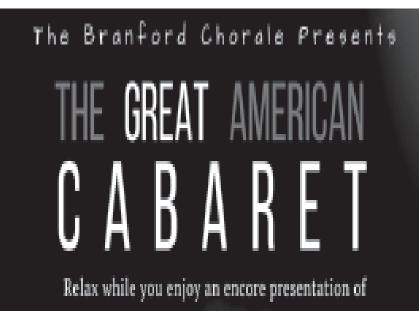
In a way we are no different than a carton of milk in that we all have an "expiration date." Ironically, many people plan more for the expiring carton of milk than for their own expiration date. I have a few clients who honestly believe they are not going to die at all. They seem to be quite rational in all other ways but on the question of death they are swimming in denial (and I'm not talking about the one in Egypt). My question to them usually is "If you are immortal, why have you chosen New Haven county to live... forever?"

Death should not be dealt with as a distant abstract possibility, a dark horse candidate or a long shot. Your estate plan should reflect what happens **when** you die, not **if** you die.

So what happens if you like swimming in denial and you don't make a plan? Fear not, the State of Connecticut has a plan for you. Because you left no direction, the State's intestacy laws will dictate where your assets go; and your assets may not go to who you think they would. Assuming that you do not want the State of Connecticut to do the planning for you, a properly drafted Last Will and Testament or a Trust will ensure that your final wishes (regarding what happens to all of your *stuff*) are honored. It is important to acknowledge that you have a finite amount of time in this world and to plan accordingly.

Looking for a way to get started? Guertin and Guertin, LLC will be hosting a workshop on June 4th at 10am titled Coffee, Donuts and Trusts. We will cover the finer points of coffee and donuts with an overview of many different kinds of Trusts thrown in as well. This workshop will be held at our offices at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Call my office (203) 234-7400 to reserve your spot. Seating is limited so please call ahead.

Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is co-author of <u>Planning for the Future: A Practical</u> <u>Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days</u>. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.



### Acelleron Medical Products announces grand opening of first Connecticut human milk depot for Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast

Acelleron Medical Products announces the opening of the first Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast human milk depot in Connecticut, located at Acelleron Medical Products at 2488 Boston Post Road, Suite 20A, Guilford,

A milk bank collects milk from mothers who have more milk than their babies need, then screens, pasteurizes, and tests the milk, and dispenses it primarily to premature and sick babies whose mothers do not have enough milk for them. The new milk depot, a donor milk collection site, is located at 2488 Boston Post Road, Guilford. Mothers from Connecticut will now be able to drop off their milk conveniently at the depot for shipment to the Milk Bank. "

North Branford mother Amy Farotti, the first donor at this new depot, shared her excitement about this new community resource: "As a mom of 2 kids and knowing how important breast milk is, I'm excited there is an opportunity for me to donate my breast milk in Connecticut. Donating my milk will help so many babies, especially NICU babies who need all the help they can get. Having a depot close by means it will be very convenient for me to donate and hopefully make other Connecticut moms aware of how they can also donate their breast milk to help other babies."

Milk donor screening, modeled after blood donor screening, includes health history, physician approval, and blood test. These are some of the many measures taken to assure the safety of milk for the fragile premature and sick babies served by MMBNE and the hospitals who use the milk. Milk from mothers who pass the screening is also pasteurized and tested by an independent lab to ensure safety before being dispensed to hospitals or families.

Mothers who wish to donate milk can review guidelines on the Milk Bank website, <u>www.milkbankne.org/donate</u>, then contact a Donor Intake Coordinator for screening at 617-527-6263 x3 or <u>donate@milkbankne.org</u>. Approved donors can then drop off milk at the new depot by emailing Jan at <u>jferraro@acelleron.com</u> or calling 203 804-5974 to set up a drop-off time.

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Allain, Niklas

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Constantinidi, Sydney

Cook, Sarah

Frandsen, Logan

Kilburn, Jessie

Miconi, Patrick

Montanaro, Jacob

May, Caitlin

McLay, Ian

Pavic, Ana

Penna, Gillian

Pietrogallo, Julia

Rabuffo, Michael

Raccio, Brianna

Sabetta, Rebecca

Velez, Kaylee

**12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** 

Ablondi-Olivo,

Balzano, Theresa

Berube, Jennifer

Burkle, Adam

Chamberlain,

Diaz, Christian

Dulak, Maggie

Fisher, Patrick

Golia, Lindsay

Ingarra, Jessica

LeMere, Sabrina

Madoule, Lauren

Puccino, Brianna

Romero, Frances

Sansone, Krista

Scala, Michael

Stiegler, Erin

Taft, Christina

Sobask, Catherine

Patera, Michael

Helff, Julia

Matthew

Basil, Haley

HONORS

Lauren

#### **HIGH HONORS 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Augur, Gabrielle Calamita, Sarah Chironno, Erika Cotton, Alana Cristante, Vittoria Currie Eilidh DelGaudio, Carissa DellaRocca, Chelsea Doody, Julia Dulak, Holly Faraclas, Kristen Feliz, Dayro Golia, Meghan Grandpre, Kaylea Kruser, Jillian Martone, Leah Messore, Nicole Moran, Catherine O'Neill, Taylor Pollick, Mara Razouki, Wissam Sauro, Rachel Tiani. Michaela Turner, Jessie **HIGH HONORS** 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Alaska, Jason Alexander, Shaina

Chan, Winnie Curran, Jack DeFrancesco, Tyler DeLucia, Anthony Gargano, Jazzmine Giatrelis, Nicholas Gibilisco, Austin Johnson, Meredith Joiner, Peyton Lombard, Morgan Lucibello, Alexi Mingione, Pasquale Mirabella, Felicia Muzyka, Emily Nemergut, Carolann Oliver, Kelly Pawlak, Victoria Raucci, Abigail Redente, Kaitlyn Sagnella, Cara Seymour, Stephanie Sgambato, Deanna Sudusky, Julia Tang, Jessica Young, Hali **HIGH HONORS 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** Albrecht, Rae-Chelle Ash, Nicholas Beisaw, Aaron

Cacopardo, Jarrett Calabrese, Nadia Candelora, Christopher Colavolpe, Matti Criscuolo, Sarah DePalma, Sierra Despres, Ethan Esposito, Abigail Galdenzi, Zelda Gibilaro, Cheyenne Harrison, Makayla Johansen, Alex Kennedy, Vanessa Madoule, Michael Maenza-Scarano, Kayla Mattson, Lydia Ouellet, Courtney Powers, Brooke Ramada, Danielle Vitarisi, Sarah Wilson, Madeline **HIGH HONORS** 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Anastasio, Colby Anderson, Ashley Augur, Alessandra Bailey, Morgan Callender, Christopher

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Little, Grace Lovelace, John Mingione, Ryan Monge, Carly Neubig, Jacob Norton, Emilia O'Neil, Thomas Odell, Caitlin Sauro, Cole Scell, Amanda Smola, Zachary Streeto, Joselyn Sullivan, Sarah Zumbo, Paul HONORS **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** Annunziato, Brianna Arpino, Joseph Ash, Jason Augur, Hannah Buffone, Rachel Chironno, Jenna Conboy, Jeremey Cosenza, Julianna Cosgrove, Matthew Crescenti, John Cristante, Alexina DeAngelo, Samantha Diaz, Alyssa DiMartino, Bella Gallagher, Matthew Hanratty, Owen Hart, Israel Mancini, Nicholas McClure, Nina McNelis, Joseph Montefusco-Bicknell, Joshua Oliverio, Kaley Ramada, Angelina Raucci, Amelia Sellitto, Anthony Souza, Kaitlin Stone, Kai Stoup, Laynee





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### **SCHOOL**



### Young Inventor from TVES Wins Coveted Honor at the Invention Convention.

**Nicholas Koelle**, a fourth grader from Totoket Valley Elementary School, will be representing North Branford at the *National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo* (NICEE) in Washington D.C., May 19-21, 2016 at the campus of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is joining an elite delegation of inventors representing our state. Nick received this special invitation after winning three prestigious corporate sponsored awards at the Connecticut Invention Convention, held on April 30th at Gampel Pavilion at the University of Connecticut. His awards included the *Lincoln Financial Presidential Award* which recognized the best invention benefiting community and society, the *Eversource Energy Award* for best invention related to energy, and the *CT Science and Engineering Fair Award* that best demonstrates innovation and application of technology.

Nicholas invented the *Solar Activated Automatic Shades*. The purpose of his invention is "to close window shades automatically to keep interior temperature cool during summer." A solar panel activiates and powers a motor when the sun's intensity reaches a set point causing the shade to go down. Out of 10,000 Kindergarten-Grade 8 students from across the state who competed, approximately 1,000 finalists were selected for the finals in Storrs. From these finalists, only 47 inventors were selected to present their ideas at the upcoming national forum in Washington D.C..

Five other Totoket Valley students were selected as "Recognized Inventors" for their creativity and innovation at the state finals. Matthew Prato was recognized for his invention, H20 2.0, a dual-compartment water bottle. Lindsey Onofrio was selected for her No Wrap Swing Trainer which was designed to perfect a batter's swing. Frequent skiier, Brooke Karpel, developed the Hot Cell which keeps cell phones warm and functioning in extreme cold temperatures. Emma Stadolnik designed the The Dancer Dispenser to keep dancers looking their best during competitions, and Fredrick Vongher was recognized for his IOAS In, Out Air System designed for enhanced air filtration. Other esteemed finalists from TVES were Nicholas Cassella, inventor of the Tutor Mover, Keana Criscuolo, inventor of the Shot Box, Nicholas Pearson, inventor of The Easy Filler Feeder, and Connor Stoner, inventor of Magnet-OO. Recognition at the renowned Connecticut Invention Convention is the culmination of a year-long program designed to develop, encourage, and enhance students' critical thinking skills through invention. The CIC process follows all the steps involved in inventing a product and bringing it to market. The students define a solution to an everyday problem, design and build a prototype, research the market for similar products to prove originality, track their progress in written inventor's logs, and document everything in a detailed display board for viewing by judges. Totoket Valley Elementary has a long-standing history of participation in this event. Last year the school was honored as a "School of Distinction" for creating the inventors and innovators of tomorrow.

### **IPP Showcase - North Branford High School**

On Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 6-8PM in the Auditorium wings of the high school, North Branford High School freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors; who have taken part in the Independent Performance Project, will show their stuff!

These students have either completed 40 or 80 hours of an independent performance project or a community service project. The independent performance project requires students to serve as interns, conducting scientific research or engaging in creative and artistic endeavors. The community service project requires students to volunteer in an approved community organization and/or to explore possible future career paths.

All of our participants have successfully completed their endeavor and are eager to show the North Branford community what they have learned about their research and themselves.

Please join us from 6-8PM for a self-guided tour through the auditorium wings to listen to our participants dazzle you with their knowledge. *Coffee and* will be served in the main lobby of the auditorium.

We look forward to showing you what is great in North Branford!



Students from the Nursery on Notch Hill recently visited Big Y (above) and Bobby's Apizza.



**THEY MAKE US PROUD** Sarah Anastasio, Kristen Austin, Olivia Bizzario, Madison Blakeslee, Isabella Crotta, Marissa Czarnecki, Juliana



Harrison, Kayla McMillen, Molly Murphy, Alisyn Narracci, Olivia Petrogallo, Amanda Savona & Vivian Wang received high honors for period III at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.

Serafina Cordero, Megan McMillen, Nicole Montano & Celeste Rice received honors for period III at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.

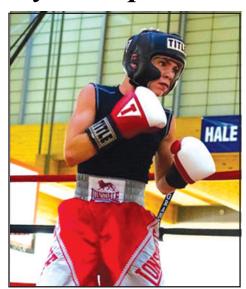
**Sarah Anastasio** received Honorable Mention in the National French Exam.

**Jacob Sidle** was named to the Fall Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University.

**Chris DePino** received high honors for the first three quarters at Vinal Tech High School.

**Ronald Kaiser** received the Barry & Ella May Wulff prize for excellence in Biology at Eastern Connecticut State University. **Melissa Hayes** was inducted into the National Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State University.

## Tyler Capasso Wants the Olympics



Tyler Capasso is fourteen and has been boxing since he was eight years old. He recently competed in the Junior Olympic tournament in Utica and Lake Placid New York where he won the North East Regionals in the 15/16 year old 119lb division, advancing him to the Nationals which will be in Dallas, Texas 6/26-7/2.

This is his second year making it to the National tournaments. His training consists of traveling to gyms throughout New England for a variety of different

sparring, strength training and conditioning.

Even with the tough training schedule he has received High Honors every marking period throughout his middle school years where he attends the North Branford Intermediate School.

Tyler's aspiration is to qualify for the United States Olympic Team in the future.

### Juliana Harrison Competes in Penn Relays



Sacred Heart Academy ran at the 122nd Penn Relay, April 27th. The Penn Relays' is known as the largest amateur track meet in the world, drawing crowds of up to 100,000 to the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field. This is Sacred Heart Academy's first time running at the relays. They competed in the 4x100 and the 4x400.

Juliana Harrison of Northford (2nd

from the left) ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 with (L to R) Jenna Jackson, Harrison, Sarah Jacobson, Kaleigh Putnam.

# **Good riddance to Old Man Winter**

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## North Branford Boys Track & Field

**SPORTS** 

The North Branford High School Boys Track & Field Team traveled to Deep River for a Tri Meet with Shoreline Conference Schools Valley Regional High School and Westbrook High School. There were numerous events the T-Birds excelled in even though the T-Birds lost to both teams: Valley Regional 97 – North Branford 53 and Westbrook 83 – North Branford 56. First place was taken as well as qualifying for states were Jacob Marshall in the 200 Meters at 24.1, Frank Laudano in the Pole Vault at 11ft and Jason Alaska in the 100 Meter Dash at 11.6.

Both the 4x800 Relay Team (Richard Hernandez, Austin Gibilisco, Michael Madoule, Jared Jamieson – 9:30.5) and the 4x400 Relay Team (Michael Madoule, Austin Gibilisco, Michael Odell, Michael Rabuffo – 3:54.4) placed 1<sup>st</sup> against both schools. Also taking 1<sup>st</sup> place against both schools was Austin Gibilisco in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:18.7. Richard Hernandez placed 2<sup>nd</sup> against both schools in the 1600 Meter Run at 5:17.8 and the 3200 Meter Run at 11:36.4. Jacob Marshall placed 2<sup>nd</sup> against both schools in the Pole Vault at 8'6".

Placing in the 400 Meter Run were Michael Madoule with at time of 54.7 (1<sup>st</sup> vs. Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. Westbrook) and Michael Rabuffo at 56.0 (2<sup>nd</sup> vs. Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. Westbrook). Sydney Franklin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> against both schools in the High Jump at 5'2", placed 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. both schools in the Triple Jump at 32'8.5" and 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. Valley and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. Westbrook in the Long Jump at 15'9.75"

**On May 7th, North Branford High School Boys Track and Field Team** traveled to Durham to compete at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marty Roberts Track and Field Invitational Meet held at Coginchaug High School. The 4x400 Relay Team of Michael Madoule, Michael Rabuffo, Jason Alaska and Austin Gibilisco place 4<sup>th</sup> with a time of 3:45.78. Individual top finishers for the T-Birds were: Michael Madoule in the 400 Meter Run placing 6<sup>th</sup> at 54.78, Richard Hernandez in the 3200 Meter came in 5<sup>th</sup> place at 11:01.84 and Jason Alaska in the 100m Dash placed 7<sup>th</sup> at 12.19. The 4x800 Relay Team of Jared Jamieson, Zach Jamieson, Parker Nadeau and Richard Hernandez placed 7<sup>th</sup> with a time of 9:36.92.

Other top finishers for the team were: Jacob Marshall placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Meters at 24.63, Michael Rabuffo in the 400 Meter placing 8<sup>th</sup> at 55.69, Sydney Franklin in the Triple Jump placed 9<sup>th</sup> with a PR jump of 35'10", Frank Laudano placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Pole Vault at 9'6" and Austin Gibilisco in the 800m Run finished 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:14.96. In the 3200 Meter run both athletes finished with PRs: Parker Nadeau placed 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:24.24 and Jared Jamieson placed 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:29.02.



### First Annual Golf Tournament

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.

We invite all that are interested to call 203-239-2999 for additional information.

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### RECREATION

## **North Branford**

**Parks & Recreation and Senior Center** 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford - 203-484-6017

2016 Pizza Wars! And the winner is:

Tony Z's --1<sup>st</sup> place for the best cheese pizza.

Pacileo's - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Louie's Slice - 3rd We want to thank all the restaurants who participated in this epic showdown:

#1-LaMonaco's Pizza & Pasta #4-Anthony John's Pizzeria #2-Giovanni's Pizzeria & Ristorante #5-Louie's Slice #3-Pacileo's Apizza & Pasta #6-The Fire Pizza Company #7-Tony Z's Apizza

Also, thanks to Pastry Fusions for providing dessert and to JCakes, The Northford Ice Pavilion, The Northford Barber Shop, Amanda's Deli & Grill, Townline Wine & Spirits, Agway & McDonald's for their contributions to the raffle. Beverages for the evening were sponsored by Foxon Park and Rite Aid of Northford. The photo booth by James Harriott of Neckbones Photography was a terrific addition. We must also thank the many volunteers and the generous donation of space from Mike Augur, Food Service Manager for North Branford Public Schools. Without all of you, we couldn't hold this awesome event!

Most important, we want to thank the more than 200 people who came and ate pizza! Be sure to stop by the STW Community Center to see the 'Golden Pizza Cutter' plaque with all the past and current winners.



#### **Kidz Kamp**

One-week sessions, Monday - Friday, June 20- August 19th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For rising 1st-6th Graders, Kids Kamp is a traditional camp program with fun, excitement, activities, field trips and best friends all with an awesome staff and in a safe environment. Field trips additional fee, lunch available. Weekly Session \$95

Before-care: 7:30-9:00a.m. \$15, After-care: 4:00-6:00 p.m. \$20

#### **Teen Adventures**

For kids entering grades 7-9. **\$90/week** 

Week 1 July 5: Brownstone Park July 7: Rocky Neck Beach July 12: Boston-Quincy Market July 14: Sky Zone & Week 2 Kiwi Spoon Week 3 July 19: Farmington River Tubing July 21: Ocean Beach

July 26: Roger Williams Zoo July 28: Sonny's Place Week 4 August 2: It at Jordan's Furniture Week 5 August 4: Times Square - New York

Week 6 August 9: Jump and Climb Zone August 11: Six Flags British Soccer Camp June 27-July 1

Learn UK Football from the source! British soccer coaches here in North Branford to teach fundamentals and advanced foot work and other skills.



#### Bronx Zoo - Saturday, May 21

Cost: \$70 resident / \$75 non-resident

Lions, tigers and bears. Oh my! And apes and monkeys, bison, snakes, giraffes! Most everything under the sun from antelopes to zebras. The Bronx Zoo is world famous for bringing generations of families face to face with animals from around the world. This trip brings you the Total Experience: unlimited access to the entire park including the 4-D Theater, Bug Carousel, Butterfly Garden, Children's Zoo, Congo Gorilla Forest, Jungleworld, Wild Asia Monorail and Zoo Shuttle. Get ready to GO WILD!

#### New York Botanical Garden - Saturday, May 21

Cost: \$65 resident / \$70 non-resident

Visit the spectacular spring display in one of the world's premier botanical gardens. Celebrating its 125th year, the gardens offer acres of flora from across the globe and in your own backyard. Also marvel at the exhibit Impressionism: American Gardens on Canvas. Explore the inspiration behind American Impressionism in a display of painting and sculpture by iconic artists such as Frederick Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent, and stroll through beautiful evocations of the gardens depicted in their quintessential landscapes at the turn of the 20th century.

## Eat the Big Apple - Saturday, June 11, 2016

Cost: \$55 resident/\$60 non-resident

It's time to MANGIA MANGIA! in the world's greatest city. Start your day with a visit to a rooftop working farm in the heart of Queens. With a guided tour, learn the ins and outs of this amazing feat: growing food in the most unlikely of places. Then it's off to Smorgusburg, a moveable feast set up at the East River Park in trendy Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Fill all your international, grass-fed, locally grown, free range, micro-batch appetites with stunning views of the Manhattan skyline. From there we go to the "real" Little Italy of New York. Arthur Ave. is all you want your little Italy to be and more. With stops at the farm stand, vendors, shops and bakeries, be prepared to bring home treats!

#### Also coming up...

Yankees v. Giants \$130/\$135, July 23 Saratoga Raceway \$80/\$85, August 18 Evening Thimble Island Cruise and Lobster Bake \$65/\$70, August 26 Red Sox v. The Kansas City Royals \$121/\$126, August 28

## **North Branford Senior Center**

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Activities throughout the week days

Hot Lunch available Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

Senior Appreciation Luncheon – Friday, May 20th. Come enjoy a nice meal prepared by our new cook, Toni. At noon, she will be serving stuffed shells, salad, chicken florentine and wild rice and a delicious dessert. The meal will be followed by an exciting BINGO game, with a surprise caller.

Healthy Aging Event – Woodwinds - Come hear speakers, enjoy good food and entertainment. Visit the "wellness area" where you'll find vendors sharing important information. Some examples of vendors are Assisted Living, Physical Fitness, Audiology, VNA, and many more. There will be presentations of equipment for hearing impaired, diabetics and much more. Wednesday, May 25, 11:00am-1:00pm. This event is free, vans leave the Community Center at 10:30, preregistration required,

First Kickers Camp (3-4yrs) 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$96 resident/\$101 nr Mini-Soccer Camp (5-6 yrs) 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$110 resident/\$115 nr Half-Day Camp (7-14 yrs) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$148 resident/\$153 nr Full Day Camp (7-14yrs) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$204 resident/\$209 nr

### Slamma Jamma Basketball

June 27- July 1

The Slamma-Jamma staff shows campers how to develop basketball fundamentals and a winning attitude. With 34 years of experience, the knowledgeable and skilled camp directors and clinicians hold each camper's best interests as their priority as they work on skills to help create great players and great kids on and off the courts.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$125 res/\$130 nr Ages 6-8Ages 9 - 14 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$165 res/\$170 nr call the center to sign up.

**Walking** - Remember where your walking shoes/sneakers are? Well, dig them out and get ready for walking! Van leaves the STW Community Center at 10:30 each Wednesday for area parks, town greens, etc. You must sign up each week at the senior center as van seating is limited to 16 participants.

*For further descriptions and information on any of* our programs or activities, call 203-484-6017

## Now accepting applications:

## **Part-time Van Drivers**

For senior center transportation and other programs. CDL with "F" & "P" endorsements required.

### THIS & THAT

## **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

**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 wecome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook.Our website is <u>www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com</u>

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or http://standrewsnorthford.orgWe 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 on Sunday at 9am 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.

## The First Fruit of Spring: Rhubarb

St. Andrew's Church in Northford would like to invite you to our Annual Rhubarb Fest. We will be celebrating spring with rhubarb pies, cheesecakes, muffins, sauces and more. Join us for a slice or take a treat home with you. Mark your calendar: Saturday, May 21 from 2 to 4.

St. Andrew's is the white church at the jtc. of rtes. 22 and 17 in the Center of Northford.

## K of C Looking for Vendors



The Knights Of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801 Is Looking For Vendors To Fill 86 Spaces 15'W X 28'D At Their Annual Spring Giant 80,000 Sq. Ft. Tag Sale - Flea Market On June 4Th. (Rain Dates June 11Th, 18Th & 25Th.) At Doody's Field 465 Foxon Road, North Branford. It Will Run From 8:00 A.m. To 3:00 P.m. Free Admission And Off Road Parking. To Reserve A Space, Call 203 484-9737. The Cost Is \$29 Per Space Paid Before 5/30,

After This Date +\$5 Late Fee. Vendors Must Provide Their Own Tables.

**Atwater Memorial Library to Host Author** On Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. author Paula Sievers will speak about her new book Broken: One's Battle with Sanity. The book is the story of Clara's battle to overcome the obstacle of bipolar schizoid-affective disorder. This story is a true look into Clara's life as she grapples with the illness that plagues millions today. Paula Sievers is a writer and speaks for The National Alliance of Mental Illness to educate the public in an attempt to decrease the stigma attached to this disease. For further information, please contact the Atwater Library at 203 315-6020. The Library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford.

## **TILCON QUARRY TOUR** *by the Totoket Historical Society*

The **Totoket Historical Society** is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry at the corner of Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 22 - 6:30 p.m. Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. Don't miss this opportunity to visit North Branford's "hidden quarry treasure." The 90-minute tour will give you a chance to ask questions of the Tilcon guides and walk around the quarry floor, weather permitting. It is an amazing operation that you can only imagine when passing by on Route 80.

The cost of the tour is \$20. Checks made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. should be mailed to Box 491, Northford, CT 06472. **Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment.** For information and reservations, call Florence at 203-484-5072 after 6 pm; or Cappy at 203-484-2133 during the day.

Tour participants should arrive at the North Branford Town Hall (909 Foxon Rd.) by 6:15 p.m. to check in. The buses will board promptly at 6:30 and leave immediately. This is an experience that is interesting for both adults and children, so don't miss out! Seats are limited and sell out early.

Proceeds from the tour will go toward the upkeep of those historic buildings under the care of the Totoket Historical Society, Inc in North Branford/ Northford. The 1786 Reynolds-Beers House is open for visiting and free tours on Tuesdays (2 to 4 p.m.) Visit our website at <u>www.totokethistoricalsociety.org</u>

## **NARFE June Meeting** The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 257 monthly meeting will be held Monday, June 6, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. A luncheon is planned; a \$6 per person charge will be collected at the door. Members planning to attend are asked to contact Judy at 203/239-9234 or Joan at 203/934-0002 by May 31. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org

## Workshops at Natureworks in Northford Saturday, May 21st

9:30-10:30 am - Organic Vegetable Gardening...from the ground up!

Please join Sue Lavallee from Coast of Maine Organic Products for this informational seminar. Do you want to have a successful organic vegetable garden? Learn how to grow vegetables that have exceptional flavor and the added bonus of a higher nutritional value! Whether you are a beginning gardener, a more experienced gardener or are just interested in learning more about soil and bed preparation, please join us.

## 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!

## **MS Support Group**

There will be a meeting of the Branford MS Support Group, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. It will take place at the James Blackstone Library, 758 Main Street in Branford. For more information call Cheryl at 203-535-3053.

#### 11:30 am-12:30 pm. A Bakers Dozen of Herbs

Join Sandy Merrill of Hart Seed Co. as she teaches us about herbs for cooking. Sandy is a passionate herb gardener and will share her knowledge of growing and cooking with herbs. Recipes will be shared and we will serve delicious refreshments made with herbs from Sandy's organic garden.

## Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### 11:00 am-12 noon - All About Bees & Butterflies

Diane St. John will teach you how to roll out the welcome mat and attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. A backyard habitat is the perfect place to start helping the local pollinators. Learn how to design and plant a beautiful garden for you and the pollinators.

Natureworks is a garden and landscape design center located at 518 Forest Road in Northford. For additional information go to the Natureworks website at <u>naturework.com</u> or call 203-484-2748.

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### **TAG SALE**

**30 Chidsey Drive, North Branford, CT 06471**. May 13-15, 9am to 3pm. Friday to Sunday. Estate clean out. Various items including but not limited to: collectibles, furniture, household items, appliances, theater sound systems, and a lot more.

## The Dudley Foundation Awarded Grant to Develop Strategic Plan

A \$1500 grant to the Dudley Farm Museum/Dudley Foundation awarded by Connecticut Humanities will enable the Foundation's Board to develop and implement the Foundation's first strategic plan. Once completed with the guidance of Donna Baron, Museum Consultant, this plan will provide direction to the organization in fulfilling its mission "To preserve, restore, and operate the farm as a historical, educational, and recreational resource to serve the general public."

As stated in the grant application with concurrence by Foundation President Oliver Scranton, "The Board recognizes that this is not something that can be done by the Board or (Museum) Director in partnership with each other or alone, but that a formalized approach is needed to achieve success. A strategic plan will help guide the Foundation for the next 3-5 years as it remains the only farm museum in southern Connecticut, and works toward its vision to 'provide leadership to the greater community in the promotion of historic awareness and interpretation of the history of the North Guilford community.' The utilization of a consultant will result in the creation of a realistic strategy that matches current and anticipated resources, helping to ensure that Board and staff embrace the plan and agree on the articulated goals."

Connecticut Humanities, a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports cultural and historic organizations that tell the state's stories, build community and enrich lives.

For further information about Foundation activities please visit <u>www.dudleyfarm.</u> <u>com</u> or call 203-457-0770.

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#### **OPEN WAITLIST**

The Branford Housing Authority hereby announces that the Elderly/ Disabled Complex Parkside Village 1 & 2 will be accepting preapplications for EFFICIENCY UNITS ONLY May 9, 2016 through June 30, 2016. To qualify you must be 62 years old or disabled. Income limits as published by HUD cannot exceed \$46,100 (one person) and \$52,650 (two people). Interested parties may pick up a pre-application at Parkside Village, 115 South Montowese Street, Branford, CT 06405 or you may have one mailed by calling (203) 481-5632. Completed pre-applications must be returned or postmarked no later than June 30, 2016.

## North Branford 38 Montgmery Drive Montgomery Village 55+



# **May Cookbook Meeting**

## **To Explore Southern Cooking**

At the April meeting of the North Branford Cookbook Club the focus was on Betty Crocker's International Cookbook. And international it was with as diverse a menu selection as we have ever presented.

A delicate French Cream of Lettuce soup, garnished with fresh mint, led off.Toad-in-the-Hole, an English sausage casserole, a Canadian Pork Pie and Lemon Chicken Hunan Style were joined by an Italian cheese and rice casserole (a great brunch idea), and Spanokopita, a Greek spinach and cheese pie using filo dough. Desserts included an English Strawberry Trifle, a Mexican Bread Pudding, fragrant with cinnamon and orange and sweet with raisins and Apple, and a Hungarian Dobos Torte with chocolate and caramel glaze.

The conversation included discussion on how some preparation problems were handed and how some ingredients were chosen, when that was appropriate.

Southern cooking will be the selection for the May meeting. The North Branford Cookbook Club meets at the Atwater Library on route 80 and would welcome new members. The male and female members have eclectic interests and that always creates an interesting menu selection. Come to the Atwater Library to find out more.

This free standing condo is nestled within the beautifully landscaped Montgomery Village, 55+. Condo features an open floor plan in the kitchen with sliding doors out to a deck. Living room with marble fireplace, crown molding throughout the downstairs, den, master bedroom suite, half bath and laundry room all on the first floor. Master bedroom contains two walk-in closets and bathroom with walk-in showers and whirlpool bath. Open staircase leads to a large sitting area with full bath and bedroom with walk-in closet. Hardwood floors throughout the first floor and carpet upstairs. Full basement with two windows and French doors leading outside. Two car garage. **Offered at \$399,000. Dir:** Route 22 (Clintonville Rd.) coming from North Haven. Take a right on Montgomery Drive and right onto Whiting Ct. **Call Patty Vellecca for an appointment.** 

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## **Carriers Delivering More Than Mail**

Saturday, May 14th, marks the 24<sup>ib</sup> anniversary of one of America's great days of giving-the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

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.

Last year, over 71 million pounds of food was collected, feeding an estimated 30 million people. Over the course of its 23 year history, the drive has collected more than a billion pounds of food, thanks to our universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

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 these households feel 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.

Our food drive's timing is pivotal as well. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs' are not available.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier National Food Drive is simple, Just leavea non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 14th andyour letter carrier will pick it up.

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## North Branford Republican Party

To: Enrolled Members of the Republican Party, Town of North Branford.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Caucus of the enrolled members of the Republican Party on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 7:00 PM at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT for the following purposes:

- 1. Endorsement for Registrar of Voters;
- 2. Endorsement of Justices of the Peace;
- 3. To conduct such other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Gregg M. Hannan, Chairman North Branford Republican Town Committee



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