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## Grand Opening at the Frozone Yogurt Cafe

Mayor Anthony Candelora recently cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Frozone Yogurt Cafe in the Northford Center Plaza. "I love Frozone Yogurt and I felt this would be an excellent business to set up for my eventual retirement" stated owner Louis DeFranco.

With a passion for building and remodeling, the design help of his fiancée and partner Susan Burns, and the inspiration of the Disney motto "It you can dream it you can do it", DeFranco set out to do it.

"With the help and suport from family, friends, contractors, the Northford Realty Group and the town building officials, this dream became a reality. Thank you to all, especially to a great friend Billy Burns."

"I wanted to create a customer friendly environment where neighbors can come and relax and enjoy a healthy dessert," said the proud owner. "We even have WIFI."

The cafe offers eight to twelve flavors at all times with a variety of thirty six toppings. The menu will change weekly, offering different items particularly seasonal specials such as pumpkin and apple flavored yogurt.

"What you see now is only preview of things to come. In the fall we will be featuring gourmet coffees, hot chocolate and desserts to enjoy sitting by our fireplace. To follow will be our drive thru service featuring our coffees and desserts as well as Italian Ice smoothies and frozen treats," beamed the proud owner.

Village Frozone is open seven days a week from noon to 10pm and they are not a seasonal business, they will be opened twelve months a year.

*Above photo left to right; Maria DeFranco (mom) Lauren Miller, Rocco Morgan, Louis DeFranco(owner), Mayor Anthony Candelora, Chris Caron (penguin), Susan Burns(owner), Jennifer Daignault(manager) and Erika D'Angelo. Below, patrons relax in the comfortable cafe.*



## Town Committees Pick Candidates for November Election

Both the Republican and Democratic Town Committees were busy this week with Caucuses to pick the slates for the November election.

There were several surprises coming from the RTC Caucus. For Town Council, present Council members, Mayor Anthony Candelora, Joanne Wentworth, Donald Fucci and Ron Sienna were picked to run again. In what can be considered a surprise, the RTC decided not to bring back present long time Council members Rose Angeloni and Michael Doody, as they opted for Vincent Caprio and Al Rose to fill the slate. Caprio has served several terms as a Democrat and recently changed parties and Rose has served two seperate times, resigning both times in the middle of his term.

For Board of Education, the RTC chose to bring back present BOE member Dave McMahon and add newcomers Theresa Frandsen, Colby O'Rourke and Philip Dahleyer to run on the ticket. Present BOE Chairperson Marcey Onofrio was left off the ticket.

On the Democrat side, the DTC chose to re-enter present Councilors Andy Esposito and Joe Faughnan and they added to the ticket, Dan Armin, Eric Hodgson, Elisabeth Caplan and Melinda Fonda. Hodgson and Armin presently serve on the Economic Development Commission and Caplan is the former Democratic Town Committee Chairperson as well as a former member of the BOE.

For the BOE, the DTC will put Deb Prunier, Mary Villano and Karen Ablondi on the November ballot.



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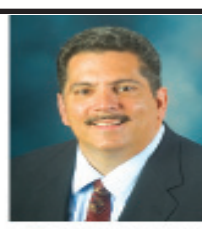

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## From the Desk of Mayor Anthony Candelora



The Town Council met to discuss the Route 80 project. We have worked with the state DOT, the Fire Chief and members of Company #1. The construction will be going by the fire house and there was concern about public safety. Together a plan has been put in

place to move the ladder truck to Co. #2 and they will work in front of the driveway in two sections. The work should be completed in approximately two weeks.

Repaving has also started on Route #80 near the East Haven line. Hopefully, this will be completed quickly.

The STW project is moving along and we are hoping to move into the building by October. The senior center and Park Rec will be under one roof.

The EDC has met and is working with Yale to present a plan for the town to best utilize the property by the old Wall Field.

We have many projects going on and it is important that your voices are heard. Soon there will be public hearings and also a Charette Study. This is a feasibility study applying the principles of smart planning involving the public. I look forward to this process and hearing the ideas and vision for the future use of all this property in the center of our town.

## Let's Be "Frank"

Hi brother, it's me again. With the baseball season over, it gives me a lot of free time on my hands. As you know when I have free time it gives me the opportunity to reflect on the things that aggravate me as well as the things that we do that don't make sense.

The other day I was home alone and I closed the bathroom door when I was taking a shower.

My wife was telling me a secret the other day and even though nobody else was in the house, she was still whispering.

I went to get my eyes checked the other day. Being concerned about my eyes after what you and mom went through and Mary is presently going through, I asked her how they were and if she thought I would lose vision any time soon. "You aren't going to go blind any time soon, you'll probably die first." I don't know if that was good or bad news.

On another doctor visit, the doctor told me I was a walking time bomb. I have now stopped walking.

I'm trying to be more active with the paper so I am getting involved with Facebook. The other day I got tagged and poked. I'm not sure what that means but I'm sure it doesn't mean the same thing it meant when I was young.

I went on the Town website the other day to do some research and I found that the minutes of meetings are a bit outdated. Here are the last posted minutes from different commissions: Economic Development 10-3-11, Board of Fire Commission, 12-6-12, Planning and Zoning, 3-1-12, Parks and Recreation Commission, 9-17-12, Permanent Project Building Commission, 11-13-12. Congratulations to the Board of Education as theirs was up to date.

Keeping with the town happenings, if one more town employee tells me they didn't get something done because they are too busy, I'm going to explode. If we told our customers that we didn't get something done because we were too busy we would have gotten fired. Oh that's right, we did and we did.

What do you think of this illegal immigrant stuff? Our grandparents saved up every penny they had, came over on the boat and worked their tails off to give their families a better life. It's an old story but it's a bit infuriating when the newspaper headlines are constantly telling us

about all the benefits we should give to illegals. Let's give them the same opportunities our ancestors had but nothing more.

I'm watching the Yankees while I'm writing this. I never thought I would say this but I am beginning to feel a little sympathetic for the Red Sox last year. The Yankees should check out their athletic training program. Something is wrong with all these quad strains and some of the other crazy injuries. Many of them are old but some of the injuries are happening to young guys.

Right now the Yankees are being no hit in the fourth unless you count Gardner being hit by a pitch. Lately, those are the only times the Yankees can get big hits.

Read page one and see what's going on in our local political scene. It's why I always left the politics to you. It just doesn't make sense most of the time.

My new security job is not use to the activity I am accustomed to. But then again, I can no longer handle the activity I was accustomed to. I basically spend four hours a day telling people where to go. As you know, I have been pretty much telling people where to go for a long time. But now I have to do it nicely.

In this job I have also become an expert on the weather. Everyone who comes in the door tells me if it's hot or if it's raining or if the sun is out. I then give a commentary on the forecast for the next few days. I am turning into my mother-in-law.

The baby is getting big and is already six months old. I'm going with "big poppy" (not to be confused with Big Pappi), and SueAnn is going with mima. I'm not sure where exactly "mima" came from but it works for me.

Well that's it for now. It's been the hottest July in history and you know how much I love the heat and humidity. We'll talk down the road and I'll be seeing you soon.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora  
Connecticut’s Gross Receipts Tax



As we dive into the depths of summer, the topic of rising gas prices come to the surface just in time for summer travel. Residents are starting to ask a lot of questions about the hidden state tax on gasoline that just increased on July 1st. Connecticut’s gross receipts tax is in addition to the 25 cent state and 18.4 cent federal excise taxes on

gasoline. This tax is a percentage of the wholesale price of gasoline and increased from 7% to 8.1% on July 1st (a 16% increase). In 2007, the tax increased from 6.3% to 7% on July 1, 2007. These automatic prescheduled increases can be harsh because they go into effect without any contemplation for the state of the economy or cost of gasoline at the time of the increase.

According to the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association (CEMA), the average wholesale price of gasoline in Connecticut is currently \$2.82/gallon and Connecticut state taxes on a gallon of gasoline total 45 cents. At the same time, Connecticut’s Diesel Fuel Tax, which is based on the petroleum gross receipts tax rate, is scheduled to increase by 3.5 cents per gallon, which will increase trucking and transportation costs, causing a ripple effect that will increase consumer costs on everything from groceries and clothing, to construction, as well as other goods and services. Connecticut has the highest energy cost in the country and these type of taxes only contribute to the problem. In the long run, I believe Connecticut loses more revenue from the gross receipt tax increases by stifling the economy than it earns.

Republicans offered proposals this legislative session in committee and in both the State Senate and State House of Representatives to eliminate the tax hike and they proposed several options to replace the lost revenue. Unfortunately, those proposals did not get majority support to pass. Connecticut must make the reduction of this tax a priority to help give us a better economic competitive edge with other states and provide relief to its drivers.



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Contact: Susan Sternberg, [office@naturework.com](mailto:office@naturework.com)

WIT & WISDOM

The recent spell of hot, humid weather brought memories of my youth, the days before air conditioning. Whether global warming started a lot sooner or if things were just as miserable then I know what we are experiencing now is nothing new to me.

What is different is the way in which we sought relief. This brings the need to tell a little of North Haven’s history. Did you know that the brick industry started in North Haven around 1800 and was active until probably 50 years ago when the clay from which the bricks were made, that bordered the Quinnipiac River ran out? The area from which the clay was dug was called “clay pits”. As each pit was discarded it filled with fresh water providing the residents an ideal swimming and to many of us bathing facilities.

The kids, not working on the family farm spent a good part of their every day at Bare A Beach as it was called. Those of us working on the farm looked forward to 5 o’clock or so when our day’s work was done and I, in particular, since I had to wait for my brother George to come home from work so he could take me and anyone else around to the claypit on Sackett Point Road in our, old excuse for a “pickup”, where with a bar of soap in hand and a towel, presented a refreshing bath and relief from the heat.

Now these clay pits were very deep and several hundred feet wide with what could hardly be called a beach, so caution was needed that beginners were watched over by the older youth. A heavy wooden plank, firmly established, served as a diving board. Men and kids from all over, which wasn’t really that many, since the population was a mere pittance to what it is today and for those living a considerable distance transportation of some sort was needed. To those having to walk it didn’t make much sense since by the time you walked home you were all sweated up again.

Number 8 school, where I spent my first 7 grades was probably a quarter mile from the “clay pit” and we boys, no girls were allowed at Bare A Beach, couldn’t wait for the first warm day in April when with our lunch bag in hand and eating as we ran, crossed State Street, and across Tenedines Cider Mill property to the railroad tracks, down the tracks to Sackett Point Road and through the high grass that screened the pit from “passers by”. Even partially undressing as we ran so as to be the first to swim that season. Swimming is a misnomer since the ice cold water assured only a quick dip before we headed back before the hour was up.

I have to explain my just using the A in Bare A Beach. The word represented by the A was used only for an animal in our household. My parents would frown on even using the word “Damn” and that only by someone other than a family member. Even “Darn” wasn’t really accepted so I still find it difficult, despite it’s common use today to feel comfortable using it.. Our rear end was our “Behind” not our “A’.

Ole and Leana were driving home from celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when they were stopped for going too fast. The officer said, “Do you know you were going 50MPH in a 30 MPH zone? Ole said, “No, I wasn’t”. What went on was they were arguing back and forth until Leana couldn’t take it anymore and said to the officer, “Officer it’s a waste of time trying to argue with Ole when he’s been drinking”.  
**Alton Eliason**

**Vendors Wanted at Evergreen Woods**

Evergreen Woods, The Shoreline Retirement Community, will hold their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9th from 9am-2pm. This Fair is one of the most popular fairs on the shoreline, featuring works of aspiring artists and local craftsmen.

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## Conklin & Oberlin to Wed



Bryan and Deborah Bonwill Conklin, formerly of North Branford, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brittany Chantel Conklin to Timothy Martin Oberlin of Ada, Michigan.

Miss Conklin and Mr. Oberlin are both 2012 graduates of Liberty University in Lynchburg, V A.

Miss Conklin graduated cum laude with a BS degree in Biblical Studies with minors in Youth Ministry and Greek. She is a teacher's aide in the Lynchburg school system.

Mr. Oberlin received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Psychology. He is pursuing

a master's degree in Teaching Secondary Education and a Liberty University employee.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Connie and the late Michael Bonwill of North Branford as well as Lorraine and Harry Conklin, Florida residents.

The future groom is the son of Mark and Lois Oberlin and grandson of John and Helen Oberlin as well as Martin and Aline Talsma; all are Michigan residents.

An August 3, 2013 wedding is planned.



### North Branford Swears in New Police Officer

David Palumbo (left), member of the North Branford Police Commission congratulates newly sworn in North Branford Police Officer Robert Simpson.

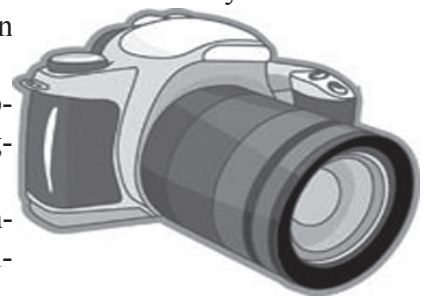
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Marcarelli, Sydney  
Muzyka, Emily Ruth  
Narracci, Alisyn  
Nuterangelo, Alexa  
Oliver, Kelly  
Palmieri, Elisa Rose  
Pawlak, Victoria  
Querfeld, Robert  
Randolph, Emma  
Raucci, Abigail  
Redente, Kaitlyn  
Seymour, Stephanie  
Sgambato, Deanna  
Sherban, Rory John  
Simons, Nicholas  
Sudusky, Julia Elaine  
Tang, Jessica  
Theilgard, Michelle  
Tirollo, Giovanni  
Wilson, Patience  
Young, Hali Brooke  
Zargo, Kari Nicole

## Grade 7 High Honors

Anastasio, Sarah  
Calabrese, Nadia  
Candelora, Christopher  
Colavolpe, Matti Rose  
Cordero, Serafina  
Covel, Ian Alexander  
Criscuolo, Sarah  
DePalma, Sierra Lynn  
Despres, Ethan Jamie  
DiNapoli, Julia Kate  
Esposito, Abigail Grace  
Fair, Bayley Murray  
Fine, Emily Judith  
Galdenzi, Zeldia Isabel  
Ghobrial, Benjamin  
Harrison, Makayla  
Hassen, Benjamin  
Jablonski, Jeffrey Scott  
Johansen, Alex

Kendrick, Andrew  
Kostoss, Jesse Wu  
Leko, Mia Maria  
Lovelace, John Dylan  
Maenza-Scarano, Kayla  
Elizabeth  
Mattson, Lydia Dana  
Melillo, Kayleigh Ann  
Moeller, David  
Murphy, Molly  
Norton, Emilia  
Pietrogallo, Olivia  
Powers, Brooke  
Sauro, Cole Daniel  
Sherban, Gavin Walter  
Sherban, Rita Marie  
Stanio, Stephen John  
Stankiewicz, Hunter  
Vitarisi, Sarah Rose  
Wilson, Madeline

## Grade 6 High Honors

Anastasio, Colby Libro  
Ash, Jason Richard  
Astrom, Arianna  
Augur, Alessandra  
Brannin, Eve Grace  
Callender, Christopher  
Chan, Alvin  
Chironno, Jenna Marie  
Conboy, Jeremy  
Cook, Sarah  
Cristante, Alexina  
Crotta, Isabella Rose  
DeAngelo, Samantha  
Diaz, Alyssa Leana  
DiMartino, Bella  
Frandsen, Logan  
Gaudio, Nicholas  
Gonsalves, Brianna  
Gyaltsen, Jigme  
Helwig, Rachel Lynn  
Kilburn, Jessie Lynn  
Mahon, Stephanie  
McClure, Nina Lauren  
McKee, Sean Kyle  
McLay, Ian Paul  
McNelis, Joseph  
Neubig, Grace Patricia  
Pavic, Ana Maria  
Phabmixay, Joanna  
Pietrogallo, Julia Rose  
Prete, Justin  
Raccio, Brianna Nicolle  
Raucci, Amelia Ann  
Sabetta, Rebecca Lynn

Sellitto, Anthony  
Slubowski, Ashley  
Sorrentino, Franco  
Taylor, Noah William  
Torgerson, Mary-Kate  
Velez, Kaylee Victoria  
Wang, Vivian  
**Grade 8 Honors**  
Allain, Niklas Karl  
Cappello, Nicole  
D'Agostino, Ava Julia  
DelCervo, Emmaly  
DeLucia, Anthony  
Fairheart, Nicholas  
Fiondella, Angelo  
Franco, Jordyn Marie  
Giatrelis, Nicholas  
Henry-Price, Machaela  
Hogan, Sydney  
Hoyt, Michael  
Hughart, Amanda  
Kusmit, Shaun  
Lirette, Michael John  
Lombard, Morgan  
Lucibello, Alexi Noelle  
McGovern, Jordan  
McKee, Brian  
Nann, Louisa Mary  
Nemergut, Carolann  
Regan, Keane John  
Rezendes, Cullen  
Sagnella, Cara  
Scell, Zachary Andrew  
Slubowski, Jamie  
Stelmaszczyk, Rachael  
Testa, Stephanie  
Vecchio, Tyler  
Wilkins, Tyler Joshua

## Grade 7 Honors

Blakeslee, Madison  
Bookman, Sydnie  
Bryden, Jenna  
Cacopardo, Jarrett  
Cirivello, Jessica Marie  
D'Amico, Marisa  
Dewitt, Julia Ruth  
DiEdwards, Hanah  
Dupuis, Brendan Eli  
Erne, Emily Anna  
Fillion, Katelyn  
Gall, Matthew Steven  
Gallo, Samantha  
Haeckel, Jake Edward  
Ingarra, Adriana  
MacGowan, Mackenzie

Madoule, Michael  
Molnar, Nicolette  
Monge, Carly Marie  
Odell, Caitlin Ann  
Ouellet, Courtney  
Palma, Francesca  
Ramada, Danielle Ann  
Roof, Evan Thomas  
Sullivan, Madison  
Sullivan, Sarah  
Zumbo, Paul

## Grade 6 Honors

Ackerman, Noah  
Anderson, Ashley  
Annunziato, Brianna  
Bailey, Morgan Lan  
Bernabucci, Maria  
Bokhari, Sulemaan  
Buffone, Rachel Rose  
Cadwell, Ryan Patrick  
Campagna, Lea  
Carson, Katelyn Blake  
Constantinidi, Sydney  
Crowe, Kyleen  
D'Agostino, Mark  
DeNegre, Nicholas  
Dupuis, Shannon  
Flanagan, John Henry  
Gianniotis, Dimitra  
Hinckley, William  
Jacobson, Carl  
Joiner, Jadyn Carney  
Martinik, Dylan Paul  
McCormack, Daniel  
McMillen, Megan  
Miconi, Patrick Joseph  
Montanaro, Jacob  
Oliverio, Kaley Lyn  
Palma, Isabella  
Perez, Adrianna Maria  
Pienkosz, Natalia  
Raffone, Louis John  
Reed, Makayla Merica  
Regan, Jordan Susan  
Rodriguez, Olivia  
Scaniffe, Dylan  
Stoner, Brendan  
Treichel, Julia



## Kalea's Got Talent

Kalea Grandpre (14 years old) is a Freshman at North Branford High School, who loves to participate in theatre, guitar, helping hands, and select chorus.

She was recently named the Winner of 2013 Branford's Got Talent, with a tie breaking vote. She performed Hey Jude and White Horse.

## They Make Us Proud

**Michelle DelRocco** was named to the Dean's List at SCSU.

**Kristina Otfinoski** was named to the Dean's List at Western Connecticut State University. **Rachel Monge** was named to the Dean's List at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

**Kylie O'Connor** graduated Cum Laude with a BSN in Nursing, at SCSU.

**Katelyn Pantera and Kristi Wharton** were named to the Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford.

**Laura Bernstein** was named to the Dean's List at Salve Regina University in, Newport, RI.

Jenna Dean graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul MN, with a BS in Biokinetics.

**Sarah Bevins, Melissa Funaro and Stephanie Pantera** were named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in MA.

**Cassandra Laudano, Mark Farat and-Saverio Varca** were named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

**Shelby McElrath** graduated from Ithaca College Roy H. Park School of Communications with a degree in Cinema and Photography.

**Antoinette Martone** was named to the Dean's List at Goodwin College in E. Hartford.

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### P & M Fine Foods Wins Championship

P&M Fine Foods won the North Branford Little League Minor League Championship with a 15-1 record. Pictured above are; Maverick Melchiorre, Aiden Cole, Mason Melchiorre, Michael Astorino, Justin Lucibello, Tommy Candelora, Nick Scarano, Evan Milo, Aiden Stankiewicz, Aiden Ferucci and Alex Ciccone. Back row are coaches Dave Lucibello, Lucien Ferucci, Vincent Candelora and Chris Candelora.



### All Stars Go Undefeated in Tournament

North Branford Little League Coach Pitched All Stars went 7-0 in the District IV Seabreeze Tournament.

Pictured front row left to right; John Onofrio, Drew Girardi, Nico Disisto and Dylan Kennedy-Fujah. Middle row; Jack Meehan, Nick Robinson, Josh Chittenden, Alex Astorino, Patrick Cucchiarelli, Ben Stegina and Zach Chittenden, Back



**Twin Lake Children's Center**  
is proud to announce the opening of their  
second center in Northford.

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### Opening in August 2013

We are an early learning center that provides care and education for children from infancy through the preschool years.

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Whether you need full time care or just want your child to attend a quality **preschool program**, Twin Lake Children's Center can help.

We are located where the old Kid's Connection used to be. Our facility is newly renovated. It has been designed to give your child a comfortable cozy environment. Our educational program is designed to help your child learn new concepts and be fully prepared when she/he is ready to enter Kindergarten.

Come visit us! Talk to our North Branford parents. References are available.

Visit our website at [www.twinlakechildrenscenter.com](http://www.twinlakechildrenscenter.com)



We have provided high quality care and education at our North Branford facility for the past 18 years. We look forward to doing the same for the children and families in Northford and its surrounding towns.

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## CAMPS & CLINICS

### LITTLE FOLKS CAMP - 3 - 5 years old (must be potty trained)

\$85 July 29 - August 16 M, W & F, 9:00a -12:00p

Class size limited to 20 at the North Branford Community Center

### COMPETE WITH YOUR FEET SOCCER AGES 6 – 14

July 29 – Aug 2, 5 – 8p at the Community Center \$115

### FIRST KICKS MINI SOCCER

Ages 3 – 4 Aug 5 – 9, M – F, 5:20 – 6:30p \$70\*

Ages 5 – 6 Aug 5 – 9, M – F, 5 – 6:30p \$80\*

\*FEE INCLUDES SHIRT at the Community Center

### T-BIRD SOCCER CAMP

Ages 5 – 9 Aug 12 – 16, M – F, 8:30 – 10a 50

Ages 10 – 14 Aug 12 – 16, M – F, 8:30 – 11:30a \$90

At North Farms Park with Cliff Yerkes & Rick Geremia

### SOCCER TOTS

Ages 3 – 4 July 29 – Aug 2 M – F, 5 – 6p \$65

Ages 5 – 6 July 29 – Aug 2 M – F, 6 – 7:30p \$80

At North Farms Park

### MUNCHKIN TENNIS Ages 5 – 7 \$85

Session III: Aug 5 – 9 M – F, 8:30 – 9:15a

At Memorial Tennis Courts

### JUNIOR TENNIS Ages 7 – 13 \$130

Session V: Aug 5 – 9 M – F, 9:30 – 11a Memorial Tennis Courts

### PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM Ages 6 – 12

\$205. July 29 – Aug 2 M – F, 9a – 2:30p

At the Community Center

## BUS TRIPS

### NY Yankees vs Boston Red Sox \$130 Sat. Sept. 7

1:05pm game. Section 202 at Yankee Stadium

## Potato & Corn Festival

[www.nbpotatofest.com](http://www.nbpotatofest.com)

August 1-4

### FESTIVAL HOURS OF OPERATION

\*\$20 ride wristband available Thursday & Sunday

\*\$25 ride wristbands available Friday & Saturday

**Thursday**— August 1 4p-11p

Check out new BMX bike stunt show, hula hoop show & fire breathing act. Live entertainment, Free organized contests, \$20 all you can ride wrist bands

**Friday** - August 2 4p – 11p

Car Show, Crafts, Live entertainment, Fantastic Food, Free organized contests, \$25 all you can ride wrist bands

**Saturday**— August 3 9a -10p

Tractor Pull, Hayrides, Crafts, Business Expo, Live entertainment, Fantastic Food, Free organized contests, \$25 all you can ride wrist bands and Fireworks!

**Sunday** - August 4 9a- 6p

5K Xcountry race, Breakfast, Hayrides, New Motorcycle Show, Cow Chip Raffle, Crafts, Live entertainment, Fantastic Food, Free organized contests, \$20 all you can ride wrist bands, All Summer Long Beach Boys Tribute Band!

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### **A Special Thanks To Our Die Hard Festival Committee!**

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### **A Special Shout Out To Our Supportive Park & Recreation Commission!**

Brian Lynch, Victor Palma, Karen Ablondi & Bruce Wentworth

## NORTH BRANFORD ROTARY

### **TO SELL 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS AT POTATO FESTIVAL**

While visiting this year's North Branford Potato Festival make sure and stop by the Rotary Club table. ***You might just win a load of cash!*** This year the Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets to raise money for their many projects. You simply purchase a raffle ticket and you will support the North Branford Clothes for Kids project, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Tree Lighting, Senior Picnic, NBHS scholarships and many other town wide events. In addition you support Rotary International's pledge to end Polio. The Rotary club members would love to tell you more about their club projects and give you a chance to win a few dollars for yourself in the drawing. On Friday August 2, 2013 and Saturday August 3, 2013 they will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets starting at 5 pm. They will hold drawings at 6 pm, 7pm, and 8pm. Ticket prices are: 1 ticket - \$1.00, 6 tickets - \$5.00, 13 tickets \$10.00, and 25 tickets for \$20.00. ***So stop by and support your local North Branford Rotary Club.***

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BY PURCHASING A TICKET!**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Branford Hill Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Breaking of Bread, 9:15am. Sunday, Ministry and Sunday School, 11:00am. Nursery for infants and toddlers at both meetings. Mid-week Bible studies. For spiritual help, call 203-239-9845.

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price Van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:30 - 1:30pm. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am with nursery care available. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8, meets during worship. All are welcome. No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Summer Worship 9am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 9am - 1pm.

**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.

**St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church.** The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Rousseau and Deacons John Hart & William Lovelace. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated weekdays at 9am with the exception of Thursdays. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm in Winter and 5pm in Summer months and 9 & 11am on Sunday mornings. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month immediately following the 11am Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon in the Father Reilly Chapel, one hour prior to Mass time. In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or email us at StAugustineNoBfdCT@sbcglobal.net.

**St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church.** Middletown Ave. Northford, CT. Rectory 203-484-9226. Education Center—203-484-2434. Reverend Joseph Parel, Pastor; Deacons William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenna. Weekend Masses; Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday—9 & 11am. Weekday Masses—9am except Thursday. Celebration of Penance—Saturday—4-4:30pm.

**Zion Episcopal Church.** 326 Notch Hill rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org.



*Left to right; Church member Peter Jenkin, Republican Town Committee Chairman, John Landolfi, Reverend Kathryn King, Democratic Town Committee Chairman, Dave Palumbo, Mayor Anthony Candelora, Committee Member Elizabeth Sienna and Town Council Member Ron Sienna.*

## Saving the Bell Tower

A unique alliance has formed to help the Northford Congregational Church, UCC, restore their bell tower. Republicans and Democrats working together have started a bi-partisan group committee to help the struggling congregation of the Northford Congregational Church help raise money to restore their historic bell tower, which is home to a thriving and healthy **Big Brown Bat** colony. Other community group members, such as the Totoket Historical Society, are joining the cause.

The kick off for the beginning of this endeavor was Saturday, July 13, at the church. Local and state dignitaries were on hand to support this Connecticut Yankee effort. The church needs to raise one hundred thousand dollars.

Volunteers will be selling "Save the Bell Tower" T-shirts at the upcoming Potato and Corn Festival taking place at the Augur Farm, 298 Forest Rd. (Rt. 22) North Branford from August 1-4. A "Raisin' Bell" Charity Ride motorcycle run on Sept. 14 from Northford Center to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream in Salem, Connecticut, will also help raise funds. A number of fundraising events are being planned for the fall and winter.

The Northford Congregational Church was built in 1846, with a stone structure designed by the renowned New Haven architect **Henry Austin**. After a Christmas 1906 fire, it was rebuilt two years later.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly to the church by sending checks payable to Northford Congregational Church and noting that they are for the Bell Tower Fund. Checks should be sent to the Northford Congregational Church, P. O. Box 191, Northford CT 06472.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford.

## Adult Day Center Support Group Meeting

The monthly caregiver support group meeting sponsored by Clelian Adult Day Center and Atria Larson Place will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 7-8:30pm at the Clelian Center (261 Benham Street, Hamden). Make some time for yourself, share your stories or sit and listen to what others have to share. It may help. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend! Call Sr. Cecelia at 203-288-4151.

## Summer Schedule at Zion Episcopal Church

In an effort to reduce the discomfort of the summer heat, Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford announces new summer hours now through Labor Day. Services during the summer will be at 8:00 and 9:30AM. Readings and music have been shortened and in extreme heat the services will be downstairs where an air conditioner has been installed.

## Bereavement Group at Faith United Methodist Church

**Bereavement Support Group** - Working through grief and loss can be a difficult task alone. But sharing with others who know exactly how you feel makes the journey easier. A bereavement support group is for anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one. We will be holding a one night gathering on Monday July 29th at Faith UMC from (6-7:30pm). There is no need to have attended a previous group and we would especially welcome guests and those who are considering joining an upcoming group - regardless of religious affiliation. There is no commitment required - just an evening of gathering and talking about where we are in our grief recovery process. The group will meet at Faith United Methodist Church 81 Clintonville Rd. North Haven CT. Please e-mail or call the church office to register or for more information. (E-mail: [faithgrief@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithgrief@sbcglobal.net) – phone (203) 239-2469.)

## Summer Worship Services at Northford Congregational Church

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday family worship services at 9 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month.

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## Knights of Columbus # 2459 Sponsors Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus, Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly #2459 will be sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit "The Homefront for Homeless Veterans" and other Patriotic causes, on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Country Club of Woodbridge. Golfers, sponsors and contributors are needed.

Please contact Ric Raffone at [rraffone@hartynet.com](mailto:rraffone@hartynet.com) or 203-640-6482 to get involved in this worthy cause.

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## North Branford Police Department Blue Report For July 2013

*From The Desk Of Police Chief  
Matthew Canelli*



The North Branford Police Department was on the job keeping our community safe during the past month.

Here are some of the challenges we faced:

- **754** Calls for service
- **20** Criminal arrests
- **49** Traffic accidents
- **43** Motor vehicle citations issued
- **29** Written warnings issued
- **6** Arrests for driving while intoxicated
- **2** Burglary
- **78** Activated burglar alarms

### Child Safety Seat Tips

Remember the days when transporting our children in the family car was a chance for them to sit on our lap to see what the world was like from the front seat? Who can forget piling as many kids into the back of a station wagon as you can going to the cub scout meeting. While we can vividly recall these instances as "what all kids did" because heck, we did it when we were kids, little did we realize how dangerous these acts were. The leading cause of death in children under 16 years old is of injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents. The government, state and federal, has recognized this and an implemented standard for vehicle manufactures and law makers as well to ensure that our children are safe when traveling the nation's roads.

Education and technology have come a long way. Better vehicle designs and passive safety devices (airbags) have helped immensely; however, the burden is still on the parent or care giver.

Walk into any Toy R Us and you will find a variety of child safety seat choices ranging in price from about \$16.00 to well over \$250.00. The "BEST" child safety seat you can buy is the seat that best fits your child and your specific vehicle. Listed below are some guidelines in regard to CSS and the motor vehicle laws that govern them.

#### Connecticut Motor Vehicle Laws

14-100a(c1)\* Failure to secure/cause to be secured in a seatbelt any passenger 7 years of age or older and under 16 years of age.

14-100a(d) Transporting a child under 6 years of age OR weighing less than 60lbs without a CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM.

14-100a(d)(2) Failure to require a child 1 year and weighing less than 20lbs to ride in a CRS that is rear facing.

14-100a(d)(4) Securing a child in a booster seat without a safety belt that includes a shoulder belt.

#### Basic Child Safety Seat Guidelines

- 1) Newborn to 20lbs AND 1 year of age = Rear facing CRS
- 2) 20lbs to 40lbs = Forward facing CRS
- 3) 40lbs to 60lbs = Booster seat

If you have any questions concerning Child Restraint Systems or would like your child's safety seat inspected for installation errors or misuses, you can contact the Departments certified CSS technician, Officer Papolizio at (203) 484-2703 and set up an appointment for inspection here at the North Branford Police Department.

## Summer Reading for Adults

The North Branford Public Libraries invite all adults to join our summer reading club for adults – Groundbreaking Reads! Read or listen to books, then enter to win a gift basket at the Atwater Memorial Library, and enjoy our programs!

Beat the heat and come to an afternoon matinee on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 1:00 p.m. for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and then join us on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1:00p.m. as we present the 2012 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Film, Separation.

### Meeting for the North Branford Art Society

The North Branford Art Society will meet on Thursday, August 8, at 7:00 PM in the community room of the Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT. If you are a visual artist and would like to network with other like artists and promote art in your community, consider joining the newly formed North Branford Art Society. Members will meet, talk about art and the business of selling art, hold educational seminars and demonstrations, and display artwork in a group setting. For more information, contact Patty Meglio: [pmser51@hotmail.com](mailto:pmser51@hotmail.com), or call 203-484-0733.

## North Branford Recycling Center Monthly Recycling

First Saturday of each month (Except Aug – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) at Public Works area, Rte 22 Forest Road

Next date: August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to Noon

Residents may drop off: paper, paperboard, cardboard, cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks\* and rechargeable batteries.

\*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

**Please note: The monthly recycling services at the North Branford Recycling Center will be discontinued after the September 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Recycling event.**

**Cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks and rechargeable batteries will be collected at our quarterly e-waste events at the same location. As a reminder, shredded paper can be put at the curb in the recycling tote.**

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August 24<sup>th</sup> and October 12th

**Note: Center is closed for the holiday weekend of Labor Day, August 31.**

## Want to volunteer?

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