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Maureen Hughes New Rotary President

Rotary Club of North Branford, recently announced Maureen Hughes as their new president. Maureen has been a member since July 2015 and is excited to be leading the club and in its new year with several great events and projects in the works.

The first projects for this year will be to send two high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference that will be held Oct.27 thru 29th at Camp Hazen YMCA in Chester. Any interested student, please contact diane.popolizio@raveis.com for details and an application, not later than Sept. 15, 2017.

Another exciting fund raiser that is planned is the annual Spooktacular event to be held on Oct. 27th at the Country House in East Haven. This is a fun filled event with costumes, music, dinner and dancing.

This fundraiser event helps the club to raise funds for "Clothes for Kids"-Warm Winter clothing for kids in town, RYLA, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, International Eradication of Polio, disaster relief programs, clean water programs and for a new town project is in the works! Keep posted for details on this and please visit www.North-BranfordRotary.org, or visit us on Facebook, for additional information and details about the club or join us Wednesday night at Natas at 6PM and be our guest.

Coffee, Donuts & Trusts

A free Estate Planning workshop Attorneys George and Marc Guertin of Guertin & Guertin, LLC invite the public to join them for the popular workshop, "Coffee, Donuts & Trusts", on Saturday, September 23rd at 10AM. Enjoy coffee & donuts while Attorneys George and Marc Guertin present an enlightening and often entertaining look at some commonly used Trusts including Revocable, Irrevocable, Asset Protection and Special Needs Trusts.

This informative session is being held at Guertin & Guertin LLC's offices at the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Advanced registration is required and seats fill up quickly. The public should call 203-234-7400 or e-mail guertinlaw.net to reserve a seat.



STAY STRONG ALAN DAVIS



Local Artist Exhibiting at Smith Library

Local artist, Patty Meglio, is exhibiting her artwork at the Edward Smith Library from now until September 30. The exhibit includes original oil paintings of North Branford icons and other scenic locations around Connecticut. Patty began taking drawing and painting lessons in the late 90s, and in 2003, she began studying with local artists, including Terry Oakes-Bourret, Hagop Keledjian, Don Demers and Stapleton Kearns. Patty's work is modern impressionist style, mostly depicting country landscapes, seascapes, and still life. Patty will also be exhibiting at the Shoreline Harvest Art Festival on September 23, from 9-3pm on the Branford green. For more information, visit her website at www.pattymegliostudio.com and her blog at www.pennpaint.blogspot.com, or call her at 203-484-0733.

Photo: Julia Labadie House, 1872, oil on panel, by Patty Meglio.



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A Legend Retires from Service

Dear Members of the Community,

After much deliberation, I have made a very difficult decision to retire from the North Branford Public Schools, effective on August 1, 2017.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to have spent my entire career of 43 years in such a caring community; with such supportive parents, highly professional educators, a dedicated administrative team and, most importantly, the thousands of wonderful students I have had the pleasure of working with during my tenure.

I cannot find suitable words to adequately express my sincere appreciation to the North Branford Community for the tremendous outpouring of support, acts of kindness and well wishes my family has received.

I will always treasure my time in North Branford; as a math teacher, administrator, and extending back to my years as a student in the NBHS Class of 1970.

Though I will greatly miss my career, I leave our school system with a lifetime of fond memories. I will be forever grateful for the many opportunities I have been given to serve the students of North Branford and work in such a phenomenal town.

With my heartfelt appreciation & gratitude
Alan Davis - NBIS Principal

Labor Day Letter

Dear Editor:

Labor Day is both a national toast to the American worker and farewell to the summer season. As Summer Fridays and weekend trips to the beach wind down, it's a great time to celebrate all the hard work we do every day.

So if you're cracking open a cold one with friends or family this Labor Day, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly and plan ahead to get home safely.

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This Labor Day, we're reminding everyone to designate a driver, get a ride, or take public transport if your celebrations involve alcohol. Whatever you do, care enough to get home safely and help keep our whole community safe.

"Give a Damn. Don't Drive Drunk. No excuses".

Tony Lota - Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
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Business Under the BigTent - A Great Success

The Second annual "Businesses under the Big Tent" was held on August 3, the night before the opening of the Potato and Corn Festival, under the large tent on the POCO fairgrounds on Route 22. All North Branford business owners or representatives were invited to participate by the North Branford Economic Development Commission with assistance from the Potato and Corn Festival Committees as well as the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

More than thirty local businesses attended and with other guests enjoyed the First Annual "Taste of North Branford." A delicious assortment of food was provided by the following restaurants: Dalton's Restaurant with outstanding stuffed mushrooms and clams casino; Milani's Italian Pastries and Bakery served a large assortment of their special baked goods; Sandy's Deli and Pizza prepared a variety of excellent pizzas and JCakes offered "cake cups" that disappeared quickly. Also available from Four Brothers Till was their Bucking Pony beer. This was made from hops grown in Northford by Alex DeFrancesco. Many thanks go to all who participated in our first "Taste of North Branford." We appreciate the donors' generosity and hope Townspeople will keep them and all North Branford restaurants in mind when you plan to eat out.

We were honored to have Lindy Lee Gold, a Senior Specialist from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development as a

speaker. Ms. Gold has helped many businesses in North Branford over the years and she shared her wealth of information with the North Branford business owners. She spoke mostly about the Small Business Express program that gives grants and loans to Connecticut businesses. The process did not seem too daunting with her excellent explanations and offer to help any interested business that meet the criteria. Mike Paulhus the Town Manager can put you in contact with her.

Thanks also go to Jen, Lauren, Patrick and Michelle from the Potato and Corn Festival Committee and Ed and Kathy from the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. Their help in organizing, setting up, and advertising the event made it a success.

The EDC will continue to provide venues for the businesses in Town to meet. Please keep an eye out for a Business Breakfast in January and Business Under the Tent next August. For more business and networking opportunities we suggest that businesses in North Branford also consider membership in the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

Remember to SHOP LOCALLY and support our very special businesses. And if you have not seen the new "Guide to Farms and Gardens in North Branford and Northford" yet, they are available in the entryway of Town Hall, the libraries, and at local farm stands. You will be amazed at what is available in North Branford!

Joan Finch - EDC



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Connecticut’s Crisis is Malloy’s Opportunity
State Representative Vincent Candelora



When Rahm Emanuel coined the phrase, “You never let a serious crisis go to waste”, he started one of the most damaging trends in government over the last decade, namely ruling by executive order despite the public will. Over 50 days have passed since the new fiscal year and Connecticut has no budget. After ignoring a handful of Republican

fully-vetted budgets, the Governor has doubled down on his philosophy and vision and is threatening to withhold millions of education funds from our towns and give it all to cities. North Branford would be cut over \$8,000,000.

While Connecticut needs a budget, the lack of one is not driving these cuts, rather it is the Governor’s personal desire to punish small towns and shift money to the cities. The only way to stop him now is through legislative action. But under one party rule, the Democrats have offered no other alternative-incredibly still having nothing updated and delineated in detail, including municipal runs, to show residents how they would choose to balance the remaining \$3.5 billion budget deficit.

Last month, when Democrats approved the SEBAC agreement for the state workers, we would have thought a budget vote was eminent. While Republicans believed that the agreement did not provide enough savings, failed to provide the long-term structural changes necessary, and should not contain a five-year no-layoff provision and a ten year contract extension, the Democrats, almost unanimously, approved it anyway. Republicans believed then and now, that this approval would lead to either tax increases or cuts to our municipalities, but it seems the Democrats wanted to move Connecticut in this direction. Despite, however, its passage, the Democrat legislature and the Governor remain at odds over a budget solution. The Governor has turned his back on any budget talks having no staff participate in any bipartisan discussion for the last month.

Recently, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate announced that their yet- to-be-revealed budget solution will have sales tax increases and some reductions to municipal aid. Meanwhile the Governor is threatening a veto, and Democrat members of both chambers are acting surprised to a tax increase, claiming to withhold their support, and demanding structural changes. With all due respect, how can these objections be taken seriously when ALL but one Democrat approved the SEBAC deal that only solved less than one third of the budget deficit and tied the state’s hands for ten more years. Now those same legislators need to work side by side, with urgency and develop a budget that prevents Governor Malloy’s devastating cuts to our schools and children. Fifty days sure seem long enough to caucus and present a plan especially when your party controls every chamber and the executive branch.

Republicans have stood ready to work with our Democrat colleagues to pass a budget.

They summarily rejected us and want the continued vision of debt and taxes for our future. Connecticut needs a change of leadership, and it can’t come soon enough.

Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, this will be the last of my “Take good care of Mary” trilogy. On June 9th after beating her second brush with death, our sister was well on her way to recovery. It was suggested that she go for a few weeks of rehab to get stronger. She really didn’t want to go but I convinced her it was the best thing. “A new beginning”, I told her. “Don’t be scared it will be the best thing for you”.

What happened at the rehab facility (I won’t name the place because I have been told this is more the rule than the exception)should never happen to anyone. I am not blaming this for her death but people in this health profession should take a good look at themselves and their job performances.

After a few days, Mary complained of not being able to bend her knee. “It isn’t the bruises from the accident” she insisted. “It’s above where the bruises are. She was ignored for more than a week and then they finally discovered that she had cellulitis.

The attendant who tried to wrap her legs, couldn’t wrap a pound of fish, forget about a perosn’s leg. The bandage wouldn’t stay on through therapy and although the therapist complained that it was hindering her therapy progress, it was never corrected.

She then complained about diarrhea and they changed her antibiotics several times but it did not improve. Finally after weeks of complaining, one of the aides determined that she was still on medication to assist bowel movements that she should have been taken off of weeks earlier.

She was also suppose to walk around the halls (with assistance) but was told they were short staffed and there was no assistance available. On that same note, she stopped moving to a recliner because the recliner was broken and they needed help to get it up and down and sometimes waiting for the help would cause her to have accidents so she stayed in bed the entire time. The lack of walking and moving may have been the cause for her pneumonia which really slowed her down.

The food was not fit for human consumption. Two choices for dinner and many times neither choice was fit for a diabetic on a low salt diet. Macaroni and cheese was a staple. One night it was offered as a main course and when she chose the other option, the macaroni and cheese was the starch for the other dish.

Sausage and pepper sub was a dinner. No vegetable excpet for the few peppers in the sub, but to go along with the sub they also had a side of starch. One evenng she ordered a grilled cheese. It was two untoasted pieces of white bread and two slices of cheese. When the aid called the kitchen she was told they did not have a grill pan. I guesss they didn’t have a toaster either

The last week, Mary could not stand up. We continued to inform the staff. They told us it was depression and all her vitals were stable. She also began slurring her words and they insisted that too was depression. They finally reluctantly agreed to an x-ray after Mary asked for a week an they scheduled blood tests but she died before they got around to it.

One day they didn’t give her insulin because they said “they ran out”. No one should ever suffer the way she did, in a facility that was suppose to help her improve. The lack of caring demonstrated by the adminsitration right down to the caretakers was unacceptable. Mary was a special soul who was kind to the worst of the worst. She didn’t deserve the neglect she experienced. I don’t know if it’s a product of Obama Care, Hillary’s Health Plan or Donald’s Indifference, but it was wrong in so many ways.

When people are sick and scared, the people who have chosen a profession to care for others have hopefully chosen that life to help people and not just to get a pay check. **The End.** Take good care of Mary and I’ll see you soon.

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Battle of the Century: Thinking vs. Theory!

The earth in which Western civilization grew was fertilized with the teachings of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. “Critical Thinking” was our way: the objective collection and analysis of information upon which to formulate a judgment. So, what effect has the information age had on the age of reason? Lately we seem to go off half-cocked, forming opinions and conclusions before assembling any facts at all. Our president, for instance, opined about Trayvon Martin, the Henry Gates arrest and the Ferguson shooting before any facts were available. I propose that the reason for this lies in the ultimate enemy of Critical Thinking – “Critical Theory.”

Critical Theory originated in 1930s Germany as the extreme left wing of social thought that became “Cultural Marxism.” These Communists moved to the US at the dawn of World War II, whereupon they began to make their pitch to America and Americans as professors in various universities. “Just give me the schools,” said Lenin. Their express plan: to create a “tyranny of minorities” to ignite social revolution through a “Long March” into our schools, arts, cinema, media and politics. They wrote freely of their plan to degrade, fragment, factionalize and destroy our culture. Critical Theory fomented the counterculture of the 60s, inspired teenagers to “turn on and tune out,” disown the family unit, attack their government and riot in the streets over the political flavor of the day. Critical Theory is now openly embraced in teachings of progressivism: social justice, moral relativism, liberation theology and critical race theory are all regurgitations of Critical Theory, now embedded in our universities and even in our high schools, all now seemingly accepted principal, process and reason. Critical Theory pits social subsets against one another and demonizes classes with “collective guilt” and accusations of ill-gotten gain. Marxist marching orders now issue to “community organizers” with mantras that amplify social discord. Saul Alinski was part of this movement, a mouthpiece of Critical Theory whom Hillary Clinton openly praised in her college thesis as a viable social solution. Occupy Wall Street, ANTIFA, Black Lives Matter, “the Russians are coming!” – all outgrowths of Critical Theory that seek to factionalize and destroy. “Critical Race Theory” now foments hatred between all gradations of skin color toward revolution, anarchy and the global reset for which the Marxist pines. Ever toward this divisiveness, the media ignites the passions of the masses and divides us by religion, sexual identity, race, culture and political party.

But Critical Theory’s eighty-year-old blue print for our destruction must prey on human frailties: emotion, the need to imitate and the comfort in moving with the herd. Thus, the ground in which the roots of Western culture might once again thrive is Critical Thinking - the objective analysis and evaluation of an issue before forming our judgment.

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Attorney Westfall settled in North Branford in 1994, has run his law practice from here since 2010 and appreciates the small town oasis that is North Branford. He offers his thoughts and insights into our contemporary social issues in the hope that all will join in the critical thinking needed to protect our prosperous society.

WIT & WISDOM

Finishing my advice as to how to grow beautiful fruit, insect free without resorting to all the chemicals hereto resorted to, since time immemorial . Fruit has been the most difficult of all food to raise organically or insect and blemish free. . First, I mentioned the importance of spreading or spraying (spreading most preferable) since it is easier and the rain washes it down to the roots requiring spreading once every three to four years sufficient. Now securing Sea 90 may prove a problem but is easily available on the internet. If having a problem call me at 203-484-0277 and I will solve your problem.

The knowledge of using bags proved most difficult in getting it made known since the chemical people and the merchants selling and the publishers advertising them weren’t in any hurry to getting this knowledge known for obvious reasons. All types of reasons for not bagging was made forefront and foremost such as the difficulty of applying them, but with the Japanese making bags easily and quickly applicable and refusing to buy unbagged apples from our hugh fruit growers in Washington since bagged fruit was so far superior in every respect. From being more perfect in appearance to free from chemical saturation broke these barriers, which proved a quick turn from all the chemical providers themselves although still pushing their wares on the less knowledgeable..

After experimenting with different bags we found using doggie bags,, the doggy bag you carry out the rest of the food left from your meal and not the bag used to dispose of the waste from the dogs . We found the inner lining, usually preventing any liquid leaking is a perfect seal and protection from heavy rain, hail or brusing. We discovered the bag made by the Wilson Paper Co. and sold by Restaurant Depot in Orange. Since Rest. Depot is a provider to commercial business only you will have to ask a friendly eatery to get them for you, but if only a few is needed I may be able to accomidate

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

For most of us, except for a disability or disease, once our children reach a certain age or maturity level they can go off on their own and function pretty much without our help. This is not true of our furry friends who will need our help for the rest of their lives. What if the rest of their lives is longer than the rest of our lives? Who will take care of them? Who will know all of the medical history, or allergies, or likes and dislikes of Spot, or Rover?

For many of our clients this is a big issue. As we get older and the kids move away, pets can be a friend, companion, and the only other living creature in our homes. While some people have made provisions for their pets when they pass, many have not. If you have a pet you should think about this and make arrangements now for the probability that your pets could outlive you.

What we recommend for our clients in this situation is for them to designate, in their estate planning documents (Will or Trust), one person and a back-up individual who they (the client) would trust to take care of their animals should they die before the pets do. Before you do this you should have a conversation with that individual to make sure that they are willing to help you with this request. People who do not currently have pets may have no idea what is involved with taking care of your pet like you do. You should also designate a sum of money, or a particular account, that the individual could use to pay for food, medicine, Vet bills, etc. Another consideration is what is the helper to do if this sum of money is exhausted before the pet passes or what to do with any remaining funds if the Spot dies shortly after the “owner” (which often happens) and there are remaining funds in the account.

Another important piece of this puzzle would also be to write down all of the information this “helper” would need to accomplish the goal of caring for an animal that they don’t know as well as you. This writing should consist of the habits of your pet(s), medical history, allergies, medicines and doses currently being administered to the animal, and how often, name and telephone number for the Vet, hospital you prefer, favorite toys, any fears that they may have i.e. lightning, favorite foods and snacks, and anything else you believe is important.

Once you have finished this task we are sure that you will sleep better knowing that your loving pet will be cared for almost as well as you would do it yourself.

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you. These bags are usually too long and will prove perfect when cut off at 9 inches. A simple task with a sissor or on a paper cutting board .Be sure to make a slit in the bottom to allow any condensation or rainwater to drane out. Now, simply draw the bag over the apple or whatever you are protecting when it is ½ to 1 inch in size.and over the suspending attachment stapling it once on each size.

And what we found to be an extra plus, Deer want no part of them and our entire garden has been Deer free with no need of fencing or other deterrent. Your job is done. No spraying every week or every few days if it has rained. Since apples get their color from the sun removing the bags a week or so before picking will see what appears usually a dull green or yellow in a day or two transform itself into all the colors it promises in those pictures you envied, but couldn’t achieve before.

Let me just relate briefly what this has meant to orchardists. Mr, Young who had a large orchard on Whirlwind Hill, the end of west Pistapaug road, now long gone. told me many years ago he had \$60,000 invested in spray before he picked an apple. One year he lost an entire crop to hail that would have been saved if his crop was bagged.

Let me tell of my own homestead where we had an orchard we depended on the sale of the apples for a living. I remember the first sprays, recommend by the authorities was “Arsenic and Lead”two deadly poisons.that probably still contaminate the soil since both are long lasting. These were quickly eliminated, probably after some died from failing to wear a mask. but were replaced by lesser, but still potent poisons.

The excuse of the added cost of applying bags by these hugh orchards is dismissed by the fact these orchardists have, since time inmemorial hired hundred of foreigners to thin the crop, removing all buds too small to grow to saleable size. Usually leaving the buds 6 inches apart. Once practiced for a very short time with the new Japanese bags one is able to do both operations with amazing dexterity. Remember these workers are now sent home with no need for there presence spraying evey week. A trememdous saving .

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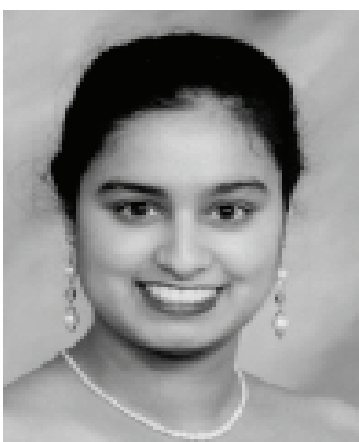

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Lake Gaillard Walk Returns!

The North Branford Women’s Club, in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 18th Annual Walk at Lake Gaillard in North Branford on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

This is a once-a-year opportunity to enjoy a walk around this beautiful lake. The Lake Gaillard property is not open to the public and is not included in the Regional Water Authority properties accessible with their annual pass. This annual event is the only time the public is allowed onto the property to walk, at their own pace, all the way around the lake.

The distance around the lake is approximately 7 miles, but participants may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted along the trail. Water and comfort facilities will be available. All walkers must be on the trail by 11:00 A.M. as no one will be allowed to start their walk after that time.

On the day of the walk, a shuttle will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 am. The walk begins at the Beech Street entrance and access there will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Poms Lane where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome, but no bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail. Registration fee is \$10.00 for anyone over the age of 6. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, and other charitable club projects.

For additional information call Eileen at 203-481-3553.

LAKE GAILLARD WALK REGISTRATION

Simply complete the following pre-registration form and mail it with your registration fee by September 24, 2017 to:

Lake Gaillard Walk Make Checks Payable to:
P.O. Box 932 North Branford Women’s Club
North Branford, CT 06471

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Individual Registration Fee \$10.00

| Participant Names & Phone Numbers | |
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Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under age 6 are free.

Owl Prowl at Big Gulph



The public is invited to an Owl Prowl at Big Gulph on Saturday, September 9, at 7:30 pm. John Triana, Real Estate Manager of the Regional Water Authority (RWA), will lead a family friendly

hike through protected RWA property in search of native species of owls, including the Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, and Barred Owl.

Normally, to hike Big Gulph, you must have an RWA permit. Yearly permits are relatively inexpensive (~\$25) and include maps and descriptions of all trails, parking passes and codes, and a quarterly newsletter. The Big Gulph recreation area is a great place to explore some of the best of North Branford’s woodland forests and waterways. Featuring more than six miles of trails ranging from flat to very steep, the terrain includes with a variety of wildlife habitats including streams, meadows and forests., Since the Owl Prowl is a special event, it will not be necessary to have a permit.

The hike will begin at Northford Park and will continue down a wooded road on RWA property. The road surface can be uneven and it will be dark, so wear hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring bug spray, a strong flashlight and binoculars, if you have some. Park and meet at the Northford Playground parking lot on Middletown Avenue (Rte. 17). The hour-long hike will begin and end at the Northford Park parking area.

For more information on this hike, contact John Triana: 203-401-2749. Pictured: The Great Horned Owl in flight.



Northford Women’s Club Presents Scholarship

The Northford Women’s Club, GFWC presented its club scholarship to Shaina Alexander, daughter of club member Andrea Alexander and her husband Vic Alexander. Shaina will be attending Middlesex College in the fall. The Northford Women’s Club will resume its meetings in September. For more information on membership, contact Michele Nilson at 203-717-2203 or michelehanah00@gmail.com. You can also visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

(Pictured from left to right: Vic Alexander, Shaina Alexander, Kathy Delfino and Andrea Alexander)

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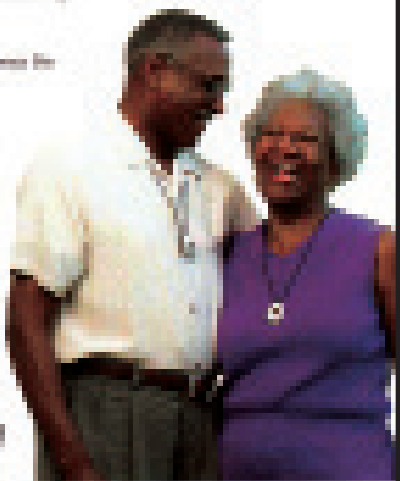
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Public Schools Establishing a Positive School Climate

North Branford Public School District is looking forward as classrooms and buildings are prepared for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. With a goal of ensuring that every student and staff member has the opportunity to reach their full potential, Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker understands that continuous improvement and excellence in education require the development and implementation of a long term plan that shapes district and school improvement. The district's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan provides a detailed road map towards success. The recently updated plan continues to focus on academic excellence, maintaining a positive safe school climate and updating facilities to support 21st Century learning. The district's goals, as outlined in the *2016-2021 North Branford Public Schools' Strategic Plan*, are: "To ensure student achievement occurs at high levels in order to meet or exceed grade level expectations and prepare students to achieve 21st Century Skills"; "To establish a district culture where positive school climate is characterized by community collaboration, school connectedness, safety, relationship building, and engaging social-emotional, civic, and academic learning"; and "To improve school facilities to support academic achievement in a safe learning environment."

North Branford Public Schools are continually enhancing academic programs and resources to increase academic rigor with a focus on ultimately preparing students for college and career while educating and supporting the whole student. NBPS align and manage resources and programs based on research, analysis of data, factors that affect education, and community needs. Initiatives are focused on current trends, best practice and evidence-based strategies and support an accountability system that ensures student achievement.

As students and staff embark on the 2017-2108 school year, there are several exciting initiatives on the horizon. North Branford Public Schools is proud to enhance their early childhood learning program with the addition of a grant-funded Prekindergarten classroom at Jerome Harrison Elementary School. This addition of services, combined with the district's successful full-day kindergarten and transitional first grade classroom, will undoubtedly provide students with a solid foundation for success. The

district is also creating *MakerSpaces*, spaces where students can gather to create, invent, and learn, to support a technology-rich culture throughout the district. At North Branford Intermediate School adjustments to Academic Support Time offerings are being made to ensure all students' needs are being addressed with appropriate support and challenge. North Branford High School staff participated in several summer professional development sessions to expand and support our expansive course offerings at the school including the *College Board Advanced Placement Physics Course* and *Project Lead the Way's Civil Engineering and Architecture*. Additionally, administration has begun the process of implementing the sharing of NBIS and NBHS resources in an effort to increase academic rigor, continuity and consistency at the secondary level. This will also allow the district to capitalize on available resources and district expertise.

While North Branford Public Schools recognizes the responsibility to educate students and families in traditional academic content areas and in 21st century skills, the district also realizes it has an equal responsibility to educate students about social issues and the pursuit of healthy productive lives. As such, NBPS will continue to build awareness and education in grades PK-12 with students, parents, families and the community through the district's wellness council. During the past few years, this group has focused on nutrition, physical activity, bullying and substance abuse prevention. As a result of the efforts of this wellness council, the district has received state grant funding to create a North Branford Local Prevention Council. The new group will be working to plan a variety of presentations during the 17-18 school year including age-appropriate healthy decision making, school-based peer support groups, responsible use of social media, and continued awareness, discussion, and education regarding drug and opiate abuse prevention. These efforts will keep the North Branford community in the forefront on these issues to educate, empower, and sustain safe, healthy and productive lives for our students and families.

Finally, North Branford Public Schools are working to effectively and efficiently align and manage facilities, resources and programs to ensure student achievement occurs at high levels in a safe, positive learning environment. As such numerous projects have been completed this summer in preparation for the 2017-2018 school year such as preliminary work for science hood renovation at North Branford High School, installation of sound suppression in band room and replacement of flooring in the band and choral music rooms at North Branford Intermediate School, replacement of fluorescent lights with new LED light pads at Totoket Valley Elementary School, and tile replacement, new bathroom partitions, and a proposal to design a canopy between the JH annex and the main building at Jerome Harrison Elementary School.

The administration is appreciative of faculty and staff members for their assistance in collaborating, initiating programs and completing building improvements in an effort to start the school year off in the right direction for success. The district would also like to thank the Board of Education, parents and the entire community for their role in providing the support necessary to provide Excellence in Education to all North Branford students!

Information supplied by Tracy Wootton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction - North Branford Public Schools.

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Football Team Collecting Items

The North Branford High School Football Team is collecting clothes and household items to support the Touch Down Club. The collection will take place on September 2, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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ACTIVITIES

Pre-School Karate

Who: Ages 3-5

Session: August 31 – September 21

Time: Thursdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Where: Tom Smith’s Chinese Kempo Academy

Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Description: an exciting way to introduce children to take direction from a teacher or coach while learning the skills of martial arts. Such skills include the physical aspects of martial arts: discipline, focus, self-confidence, bully-busting, stranger-danger, and respect. Children who begin martial arts training at an early age tend to do better and are more focused in school, at home, and in other sports.

Ballet n’ Rhythm

Who: Ages 2-4

Session: March 8 –April 26

Location: STW Community Center

Time: Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Description: Introduce your toddler to the basics of dance through pre-ballet, rhythm exercises, and creative movement. This class will incorporate music, movement, imagery, and props to develop motor skills and imagination. Dance clothing and ballet shoes are required.

BUS TRIP

One World-New York City

Friday, September 15. Cost: \$131resident / \$136 non-resident

The National 9/11 Memorial Museum serves as the country’s principal institution concerned with exploring the events of 9/11. The Museum displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Spend some time at Chelsea Market, home of many restaurants and food stores. Ascend to the top of the World Trade Center to the One World Observatory, then look toward the horizon and feel the city’s invincible spirit. With a 360 degree view, take in the panoramic sights of New York City and beyond!

Scenic Vermont

Tuesday, October 3. Cost: \$120 resident / \$125 non-resident

Today’s journey goes back to yesteryear as we board the antique Green Mountain Flyer for a narrated roundtrip ride through scenic Vermont. View fall foliage like you have never done before. Lunch will be at the beautiful Castle Hill Resort and Spa.

New England Patriots @ New York Jets

Thursday, October 15. Cost: \$115resident / \$120 non-resident

Join us as we travel to Metlife Stadium to watch the Jets host the Patriots at 1:00. Seats are in the corner of the endzone, section 320. Price includes transportation and the bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the commuter lot in Guilford across from the Land Rover dealership.

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*As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip at 12:30. Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!

Odyssey: A Greek Festival - Friday, September 1, 11:30, \$2

We will travel to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange to enjoy a feast of Greek cuisine and culture.

Aqua Turf – Welcome to Motown – Tuesday, September 12, 11:00, \$45 res/\$50 nr

Featuring Marva Scott as Diana Ross & Tina Turner and CP Lacey as Stevie Wonder & James Brown! The day includes coffee & donuts, door prizes, complimentary glass of beer or wine and a family style meal of: Salad/ Pasta/ Chicken Marsala/ Baked Meatloaf/ Potatoes/ Vegetables/ Dessert.

The Big E – Wednesday, September 20, \$22.00 includes van transportation & admission. Enjoy a day at the fair! Explore the New England State buildings, shop the vendors, experience the agricultural events, enjoy the entertainment and dine on some fun fair food! Please sign up to ensure your spot for a day of fun.

Sittercise/Tai Chi

Join Margaret from [VNA Community Healthcare](http://VNACommunityHealthcare.com) for:

Senior Sittercise/Tai Chi Combo Class on Mondays, Sept. 11 - Dec. 11, 12:45 - 1:45p.m. This class helps to increase muscle strength and improve flexibility, gait and balance to prevent falls and can be done standing or in a chair.

And for Senior Tai Chi Class on Mondays, Sept. 11 - Dec. 11, 2:00 - 3:00p.m. This class is designed to increase balance and stability. Helps you stay on your feet and manage your arthritis. Both of these programs are specially designed for those 50 and older and cost only \$17 per session! Reserve your spot!

Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup*

Effective July 1, 2017 bulky waste pickup is now monthly (instead of weekly).

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2nd full week of each month:

Sept. 11th - Oct. 9th - Nov. 13th - Dec. 11th

*No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules

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Note: Center is closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

TRY OUTS

The North Branford Solid / Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee is actively looking for unique individuals to help make a difference in our community. Dedicated, creative and environmentally friendly volunteers are needed. It’s your chance to make a BIG difference with just a little of your time.

Come and “try out” a meeting with us on a second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Email us for a guest reservation at an upcoming meeting: recycle@townofnorthbranfordct.com or call 203-484-6005.

Recycling Reminders

Please remember to recycle: Metal cans (rinsed food and empty aerosol cans), Foil wrap and trays,Household metal (wire hangers, metal pots and pans, cutlery and utensils, small metal appliances – toasters, irons)

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

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

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service and9:30am. 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 www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill, in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We will again be transitioning to SUMMER HOURS beginning June 4th - celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Chruch trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
Have you been Baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist and would like to do so?
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Classes begin on Thursday, September 14th from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Augustine Church
in the Parish Center at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford.
Call the parish office at 203-484-0403 to register or for additional information.

Craft & Tag Sale at St. Andrew’s

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Ave. in Northford, will be holding a “Craft & Tag Sale” on Saturday Sept. 16th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rentals are \$20 each. Bring your crafts, clean out your attics, cupboards and closets! To reserve a table or for more information please contact Nan Monde 203-710-7005.

Movie Night Under the Stars

Please join us on the lawn of the
North Branford Congregational Church,

1680 Foxon Road, North Branford for
Evan Almighty

Saturday, September 9, starting at 7:45 PM

Bring a lawn chair or blanket so you can sit back and enjoy the movie
If it rains the movie will be shown in Fellowship Hall of the church
Any questions please call 203.488.8456.

Free Certification Course in
Youth Mental Health First Aid

If you are concerned about rising suicide rates, the opioid epidemic, accidental overdose deaths, and increasing rates of anxiety and other mental health issues among our youth, Northford Congregational Church is sponsoring a free eight-hour course in two days.

Earn a certification in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Interactive course recommended for high school juniors and older, and anyone who interacts with youth. Developed by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration), a federal agency. Delivered by certified trainers. **Limited to 25 participants.** At least ten participants needed to run course. Light refreshments provided.

Fri., Sept. 29 – 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 30 – 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Northford Congregational Church; 4 Old Post Road; in the Northford section of North Branford, CT
RSVP by e-mail to: nancy.tipping@gmail.com to reserve a spot in this interactive course. Registration deadline of Mon., Sept. 18.

Tag Sale Fundraiser at NCC

Northford Congregational Church will be holding a tag sale to benefit the church on Sat., Sept. 9., in the parish house, 16 Old Post Rd., Northford. Doors open at 9. Items for sale will include furniture, children’s chairs, books., etc. The parish house is located on the hill on the opposite side of the parking lot.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

DEATH NOTICE

Shirley Harrison Batty, 93, of Northford, beloved wife of the late Joseph Batty, passed away on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at home with her family by her side. Shirley was born at home in North Branford on December 26, 1923 to the late Nathan and Bessie (Lewis) Harrison. She was a longtime resident of Northford where she made her home and raised her family with her husband Joseph. Shirley served our country in the Women’s Army Corp during WWII and was honorably discharged as a United States veteran. After being married in 1948 she was a fulltime homemaker but always made time for outside community work and volunteering. Shirley was a part time teacher at a local nursery school for many years and she served as the district leader for the 1970 United States Census. In her later years, Shirley was a volunteer for her local hospice facility and was recognized for giving over 500 hours to assist in the care of those under hospice care as well as their families. She was a member of the North Branford Senior Center and will be missed by her many friends for her keen ability at playing pinochle. Shirley is survived by her four children; daughter Joan Rice, daughter Carol Cove and her husband James, daughter Cindy Prodoti, and her son David Batty Sr. and his wife Marta. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren whom affectionately called her “Gigi”. Shirley was predeceased by her brother Albert Harrison and her grandson David Batty Jr. At Shirley’s request services will be private and at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Donations in Shirley’s memory may be made to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT 06405. To leave an online condolence or tribute for the family please visit, www.KeenanFuneralHome.com

Hike with the NBLCT

Please join the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. for a hike on the trails behind the STW Community Center and Totoket Valley Elementary School on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. (rain date is Sunday, September 10 same time).

NBLCT members will lead a leisurely family friendly and educational 1.5-mile walk on a hidden gem of trails built in the 1970s. See stonewalls, a brook, an old trough, a cistern, and various types of trees and plants. Meet at the playscape at TVES at 9:15.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook.

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

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Custodian – Town of North Branford is accepting apps. PT custodian \$13.50/hr. Performs cleaning and maintenance tasks for town buildings. Req. HS Diploma or GED equiv. 2 yrs. exp in custodial/maint pref. Applications and job descriptions are available at: Town Mgr. 909 Foxon Rd North Branford, CT 06471. Deadline will be **Friday, September 8, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.** EEO/AA. No emails or faxes are acceptable.

Library Director – North Branford Public Library, North Branford, CT. The Town of North Branford needs a creative, public service oriented professional to direct library operations in a vibrant Connecticut community of 14,407, with two community centered Libraries: Atwater Memorial Library in North Branford and Edward Smith Library in Northford. The Director must work closely with staff, Library Board, Town Manager, and other town departments. Strong communication, personnel management, and fiscal management skills are required. The Director promotes outreach, public relations, and fundraising; leads and develops a strong and committed staff; and cultivates a strong grasp of modern library trends and the technologies that support them. The library has a staff of 6 full time and 10 part time employees, an annual budget of \$688,000, circulation of 95,000 and a collection of 78,000 items. There are around 500 programs annually for adults and children, with total attendance circa 10,000. The library has just initiated Maker Spaces for adults and children, and these are ripe for growth and improvement. The Library Director works under the administrative direction of the Town Manager, with policy guidance from a 5-member Library Board. Minimum Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS with five years of progressively responsible public library experience, including a minimum of two years in a supervisory capacity. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications, with an attractive benefits package. Salary range \$68-72K. Job description and application available on the Town’s website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com and at the Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Please submit application and other materials in person or by mail (no faxes). Deadline will be **Friday, September 8, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.** EEO/AA

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers and retirees are invited to attend.
The guest speaker will be Monica James-Brantley, YNHH Geriatric Services & Outreach, Lifeline Program Coordinator.

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Camera Club Presents “Whimsy & Wonder”

North Haven Camera Club member, Irene Liebler, along with Dru Nadler from Cheshire, present “Whimsy & Wonder” a public photography exhibit at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library – Keyes Gallery in Stony Creek, from September 3rd until September 26th. An artists’ reception for this exhibit will ...

To see their work online, please visit their websites: [Irene Liebler Photography](#); [Dru Nadler Photography](#).
North Haven Camera Club offers instructions and photo shoot events for photographers at all skill levels, with camera ownership ranging from cellphones to advanced dSLRs. For membership and other information, visit NorthHavenCameraClub.com.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE
2017-2018 HEATING SEASON

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE
1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT 06472

The Energy Assistance Program will once again be offered to the residents of Northford and North Branford. This Office of Social Service will begin taking applications **by appointment only** beginning Monday, September 13, 2017.

Appointments will be given to those that heat with a deliverable fuel and propane at this time. Those that heat with a utility, such as electric or natural gas, will be seen after January 1, 2018.

The Energy Assistance Program is designed to offset the cost of heating fuel during the winter months. This is not an entitlement program, nor will it cover your entire heating bill for the winter season. The program is based on income and asset limits. Those limits are established by the program.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance please contact Luisa Breen, Social Services at 203.484.6006 or Community Renewal Team at 860.347.4465. You have the option to apply at either site.

You must pick up an informational packet which details all the documents you need to provide at the time of your application. You **must make your own copies** of the required documentation. The informational packets are available in each public library, the STW Community Center, and side lobby of Town Hall. The information is also available by visiting the town’s website at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, and visiting the Office of Social Service link.

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Board of Assessment Appeals Hearings

Per Connecticut General Statute §12-110, The Board of Assessment Appeals will convene to deliberate Motor Vehicle appeals for the 2016 Grand List. The hearings will be on a first come first serve basis. The time and place of the hearing is as follows:

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Assessor’s Office, town of North Branford
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1. Teams must pre-register by Oct. 2.
2. Sign up individually or as a team. Teams may consist of up to 9 people. Adults, children and families are welcome! Be creative. Wear a team hat, ribbon or select a theme for your team. Team names welcomed.
3. Competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mandatory break of an hour for lunch (11 - 12) and end promptly at 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the "Friends of the North Branford Libraries".
4. All teams will put together the same 1,000 piece puzzle.
5. The team that connects the most continuous puzzle pieces (not unconnected clusters) in the allotted time will be declared the winner. This will be determined by counting the number of pieces **left unconnected**. Each team will count their own pieces. In case of a close finish, a judge will recount.
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