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STATE CHAMPIONS



The North Branford 10U Little League All Stars won the State of Connecticut 10U All Star Championship, beating Madison in a best 2 out of 3 series in Seymour on Monday July 28, 2014. The girls dominated throughout District, Division, and Sectional Rounds to reach the Championship series. At press time, they were on their way to regional play at the East Region Invitational in Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

Pictured are (Back Row): Manager Russ Senerchia, Coach Chris Piercey, Kelly Jacobson, Gianna Depino, Lauren Ackerman, Coach Chris Hills. Front Row: Erica Piercey, Mia Deloughery, Sophia Ouellet, Hanna Senerchia, Maisa Caso, Bella Hills, and Abby Vollono. Not present: Paige Fabish

DIVISION I CHAMPIONS



The 12U Little League Girls Softball All Star team finished out their season as one of the 4 best in the State of Connecticut, winning both the District 4 and Division 1 Championships. They lost a one-game, winner move on, Sectional Championship game to Seymour, the eventual New England Regional Champion.

Pictured are (Back Row): Coach John Raccio, Katy Pedersen, Brianna Raccio, Ava Galdenzi, Kyleen Crowe, Angelina Ramada, Alexa Gallo, Coach Brent Aiken, Abby Spivey, Kaylee Velez, Samantha DeAngelo, and Manager Pete Ramada. Front Row: Rachel Vitarisi, Amy Raucci, Mairead Aiken, and Sarah Cook.

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There will be a buffet dinner offered by Chef Rick and tickets are only \$25.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Save & Discount on Rte 80 in North Branford or T & J's Laundrette in Northford. There is limited seating so get your tickets now. No tickets will be distributed without payment.

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The cows have done their duty (pun intended), and the results of the 2014 Cow Chip Raffle are in.

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From the desk of Mayor Anthony Candelora

Food Pantry - "A Marathon, Not a Sprint"



During the last few months a group from Matt's Mission came to the Town Council asking to use the vacant senior center for a food bank. The Town Council listened to a very ambitious Lynn Riordan and Frank Forgione give a presentation. Matt's Mission is donating \$10,000 to start a non-profit organization – The North Branford Food Pantry.

Questions on a lease and how to pay for the utilities and maintenance of the building were discussed. A second meeting was held and a lease is currently being written and the Town Council asked for a floor plan and a business plan, as well as a report from our Building Official, Fire Marshal, Park Rec Director, and Public Works Director. The Council supports this noble cause and wants to help and provide for our residents in need, but we need to make sure the correct process and procedures are followed because the building will still be owned by the Town.

Since that time, questions have arisen. We presently have two food banks, one on each end of town. We have the 211 Service Roof (which provides people free advice at times if they are unable to pay their mortgage). We also can provide breakfast and lunch through a state program provided through our school system should there be a need. The building will also be used by Friends of the Library to sell books to help support our libraries.

Having said all of this it came to my attention that a small group of people, through social media, have been making statements about this project that simply are not true. The facts are that over the last few years our town has been through many changes. We have closed a school, closed the old Community Center and Senior Center, and moved those programs to STW. We have not budgeted money to operate the former community and senior center buildings.

I want to emphasize there are about 16,000 residents in our town and we all want to help a neighbor or family in need which is why I and many other residents donate our time and/or money to many causes. When dealing with town buildings or a municipality, you have to follow the charter and town ordinances. I don't know too much about 501c3 other than what I have read. It doesn't matter that a 501c3 organization wants to operate on the premises, the Council still needs to follow protocol.

As an example, a new handicap ramp needs to be installed to meet all building codes, which includes being ADA compliant. Any project over \$7,500 MUST go out to bid. The Town can accept donated services but all the same protocols regarding insurance, permits, building codes, etc. have to be met.

As an example, we were approached about a town dog park. The group came forward provided their business plan and began raising money to build the park. This has gone on for three years. They still have the passion and they still want to build a park. They are going through the process step by step. I commend all these people that volunteer and want to help our town and our less fortunate.

Make no mistake, North Branford has always taken care of one another. That's what makes our town such a great place to live. A food bank is a great service to provide to our people. However, we need to make sure we are able to budget money to operate this building.

This raises questions about using taxpayers money for a 501c3. During budget time we are told increasing the budget will only increase a household \$50.00. Well this week I have gotten many calls that "my taxes went up \$800.00. I can't afford to live here anymore"!

So again I want to reiterate: Are we helping the masses or hurting them? I have been honored to be a volunteer Mayor. The Council and I try very hard to make the right decisions for our town. Who would not want to provide food and assistance for those in need? We just have to go through each step of the process and make sure we provide a program that will help many and not add cost to an already tight town budget that has no additional money available.

For those that do need assistance we do have Social Services, 211 Roof, The Night of Caring, The Community Food Drive, Fill the Cruiser, and many others. These services and directions for those in need are on the town web site: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com.

We will keep working on the The North Branford Food Pantry. We have to remember all things need to be done properly and we need to consider the needs of all our 16,000 residents when making these decisions. This is not a sprint but a marathon. Hopefully in the end the entire town will be standing at the finish line with a formidable solution.

Our next Town Council meeting is August 12th and we should have the additional information we requested to continue this project and keep moving it forward.

Special Voter Sessions in North Branford

The Registrars of Voters for the Town of North Branford will hold the following voter sessions at the Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford for electors to register to vote in the Republican Primary to be held August 12, 2014:

Thursday, August 7, 2014: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Monday, August 11, 2014: 9:00 am – 12 noon

In order to vote in the August 12th Primary, you must be an enrolled member of the Republican Party. The deadline for transfer of party affiliation was May 12, 2014.

Mail-in applications for new voters must be postmarked and/or received by August 11, 2014. The deadline for in-person application and for unaffiliated voters to apply for enrollment in the Republican Party is 12:00 noon, August 11, 2014.

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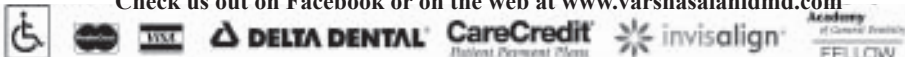
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Rep. Candelora Achieves 100% Voting Record



Legislator Maintains Perfect Roll Call Voting Record for 2014 Session

HARTFORD — State Rep. Vincent Candelora (R-86) this year continued his exemplary record of service to constituents by registering a 100 percent House roll call voting record during the 2014 legislative session.

Candelora, who represents the 86th District covering Durham, Guilford, North Branford and Wallingford, was present to cast every vote on the floor of the state’s House of Representatives.

Serving the people of the 86th District is truly an honor,” said Rep. Candelora who is the Legislature’s Deputy Republican Leader. “I take my role here in the capitol very seriously, understanding that in order to serve my constituents effectively, I have to be both present and attentive at every roll call. I will continue to advocate for what is most conducive to the people in the state of Connecticut and especially Durham, Guilford, North Branford and Wallingford.”

Candelora also serves on the legislature’s Finance; Revenue and Bonding; Legislative Management; Planning and Development and Regulations Review committees.

Perfect attendance is very difficult to achieve, only 33 percent of his legislative colleagues in the House were able to attain it this year.

Rep. Candelora has achieved a 100 percent voting record during the four terms he has served in the General Assembly’s regular legislative sessions, on behalf of the people in the 86th District.

The next regular session of the legislature will convene in January 2015.

Rep. Candelora represents the 86th District communities of Durham, Guilford, North Branford and Wallingford.

State Representative Vincent Candelora is now hosting “The State & You w/Vin Candelora. The show can be seen on the Government Channel 20 on Comcast: Sunday through Saturday at 4 & 10AM and 7:30 & 11:00PM. It will also air on AT & T U-verse.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Revocable Living Trusts serve many functions. One of the most useful functions of a revocable living trust is that if properly funded, it enables a person to avoid the probate and the time and expense that goes along with it.

At its core probate is the process of removing a decedents name from property and assets that person owned when they were alive. So, it follows that if your name is not on any property or assets when you die- there is no need for probate. Revocable Living Trusts help people to do just that.

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Revocable Living Trusts are a great method of avoiding probate and the costs, lack of privacy and time associated with probating an estate. By using a Revocable Living Trust you can put your assets into your beneficiary’s hands in days instead of months, minimize the cost of transferring the as-

Let’s Be “Frank”

Well my man, I have to ask you a question. I guess I would call this a rhetorical question. I already know the answer and unfortunately, I’m pretty confident I’m not going to get a response.

Did you ever have one of those weeks where everything bothers you? You know the one’s I’m talking about. You complain about everything that happens and you don’t agree with any of the procedures that are making them happen. Well this is that sort of week. I have nothing good to say about anything and I’m sure you remember Mom complaining about everything and ending her complaint with the statement, “I should keep my mouth shut. If you have nothing good to say you shouldn’t say anything at all.” Of course that was after she said all the things she wanted to say.

Well, I have had that kind of week and remembering Mom’s admonishments, here goes.

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Well, those are my comments for this issue. I hope our mother is watching and I hope she is proud. I had nothing good to say so I said nothing.

Hope you’re well and I’ll be seeing you soon.

sets, and do so privately.

If you would like to learn more about Trusts, including Revocable Living Trusts, Guertin and Guertin, LLC is hosting a free workshop on Trusts. Please join us on Saturday August 16th at 10am for *Coffee, Donuts and Trusts*, an overview of commonly used trusts including Revocable, Irrevocable and Supplemental Needs Trusts. The workshop will be held at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Please call 203-234-7400 to reserve your place.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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



One More Time!
*The end of another Successful
Potato & Corn Festival*

My Week Without Sarcasm

by Lindsay Lee Wallace

On November 28th, 1997, at 8:59 AM, while my dad was yelling “Push!” and my mom was replying “No!” and dad was insisting “Push!” and mom was answering, “Yeah, okay, because that’s how C-sections work!”, I was waiting less-than-patiently to make my grand entrance. Before I’d even seen the world, I was making it a more difficult place by insisting on being upside down. It was only two months later, when I’d been squeezed like a sausage into a pink onesie to be professionally photographed in all my toothless glory that I began to rethink my earlier eagerness to enter the world. I don’t know this because I remember feeling that way, but because of the photographs, which managed to capture my father as he placed a kiss on the top of my downy baby head, which I reacted to by staring away from him in exasperation. The message on my face is clear: “Oh gosh, who is this guy?” This particular photograph has since been framed, and is displayed proudly in the living room, where it stands as a testament to not only the nature of my relationship with my father, but to my relationship with the entire world.

Sarcasm has always come easily to me—too easily, some might say. Although amusing now, my photoshoot had my parents despairing at the time: my mother over her investment in a photography session that had yielded little adorable-ness, and my father with his conviction that after only eight weeks of life, I already hated him (he’d assumed we’d have at least until puberty before the disrespect set in). My exchanges are often quite sarcastic, and evidently my particular brand of conversation is not to everyone’s liking.

“Oh, no, I don’t think you can do it,” were my roommate’s words upon my informing her of my plan. My eyes had already rolled skyward as I began a standard sarcastic reply, before I realized that it was no longer allowed. It was the season of Lent, everyone around me was practicing self-deprivation, and although I was not raised with religion, I was intrigued by the idea of trying to change a behavior of my own. And so I decided to spend a week without sarcasm. Or, more accurately, I attempted to. As I soon discovered, I was so used to acting a certain way that it was difficult to change, and some derisive comments slipped out almost subconsciously. The biggest difference was that now they were immediately followed by, “I’m sorry, that was sarcastic”. There were some conversations I found myself forced to avoid altogether, such as a discussion of Jersey Shore, or anything concerning cafeteria food. I was surprised by the amount of censoring I found myself engaging in—for each sarcastic comment uttered on accident, there were ten more I had stopped in their tracks. I had never realized how much sarcasm I used every day.

As the week went by, I noticed an odd emptiness, edged with desperation. It was as though I had to hold all my discussions without using a solitary ‘E’, when every previous exchange involved the letter. However, over time, I noticed other characteristics beginning to float to the surface, compensating for what was missing. Perhaps they were picked up from observation of my less sardonic friends, and perhaps they were buried there all along, and were only presenting themselves now like the reds and golds of autumn leaves poking through in the absence of chlorophyll, but whatever the reason, without sarcasm I found myself being nice. And not just nice, but nice like a girl—giggling and looking up through my lashes like the effort of raising my head was just too much to handle. I was compensating through the automatic formation of new patterns, and that week, despite the awkward way I talked now that I was editing myself, and a complete lack of change in any other part of myself, I was called “cute” multiple times.

On the one hand, this is offensive. Why should I be more desirable when I was repressing a part of myself? Particularly when I was then exchanging it for something so clichéd and, some might say, demeaning? On the other, although I may be a tad begrudging about it, it’s not difficult for me to see why reducing the amount of acid I spewed on a daily basis would make me a more enjoyable person to be around. I would like to believe that it was the subtraction of sarcasm, and not the addition of giggliness, that changed things. There were times, before I forced myself to become more self-aware, that I didn’t even notice I was tearing people down; there’s a thin line between mean-funny and just plain mean, and I now found myself far better suited to acknowledge and carefully navigate it.

Lindsay Lee Wallace is a local high school student whose column will reflect anecdotes and thoughts from the life of a high school student.

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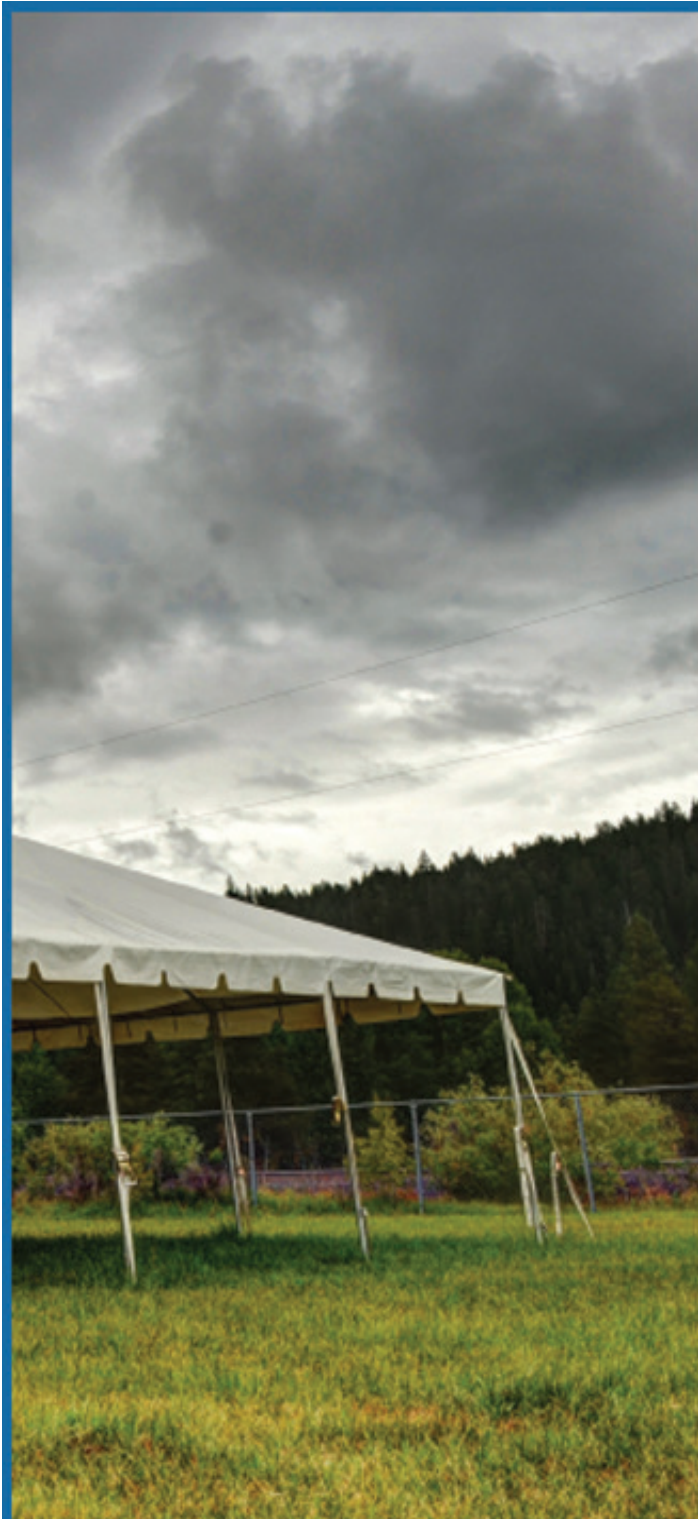
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Welcome William Joseph LaBanca

William Joseph LaBanca was born on June 14, 2014, weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces and measuring 20.75 inches. He is the son of Gregory LaBanca (NBHS class of 2001) and Katharine Traester LaBanca, formerly of Cheshire. His paternal grandparents are Donald & Karen LaBanca of North Branford. His maternal grandparents are Joseph & Elizabeth Traester, formally of Cheshire who now reside in Inverness, Florida. William's parents now live in Clarksburg, MD.

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North Branford Survivor Camp Bids Adieu to Michael Angeloni!

On July 24th the North Branford Public Schools Summer Program said goodbye to one of its long-time counselors, Michael Angeloni. Michael has enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed his last day as counselor among campers and staff. Michael has been employed as a counselor since 2007 and was a former camper himself! We wish Michael best of luck in his future endeavors!

One of the nicest components of the North Branford Public Schools Summer Camp is that many staff members are former campers or have been employed by the camp for many years. We are very fortunate to have so many returning staff member and campers every year - this is one of the reasons the program so special to those who work and attend our summer camp program.

There are just a couple of weeks left of camp. It has been a very successful summer with high enrollment and lots of new and exciting camps and activities! The North Branford Survivor Summer Camp 2014 runs until August 22nd with open enrollment via the North Branford Public Schools website www.northbranfordschools.org through the Summer Camp tab.

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Marissa Lirette recieved honors at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford.

Michael Lirette received honors at Vinal Tech High School.

Enkela Cereni, Brittany Giugno, Franvis Corniello, David Pascoe and Tyler Rose graduated from the University of New Haven.



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Freshman Orientation Program to be held at North Branford High School

A two-day program of freshman orientation will be held on Friday, August 15th (8:45-Noon) and on Monday, August 18th (8:15-1:30) at North Branford High School. The program includes a field trip to Deer Lake, in Killingworth, for a series of activities promoting leadership, cooperation, teamwork, and trust. For those students participating, we plan to distribute schedules. The agenda is as follows:

Friday, August 15th

AUDITORIUM LOBBY AREA

8:45 a.m. Registration in the lobby of auditorium. Students should be dropped off at the main entrance with permission slips for the 18th

AUDITORIUM

9:00-10:30 a.m. Welcome/Motivational Speaker
10:30-Noon Meet with student mentors, distribution of schedules with room numbers/teachers, tour school & assistance with high school layout
Noon Pick-up at the Auditorium entrance

Monday, August 18th

NBHS MAIN ENTRANCE AREA

8:15 Check-in/registration at the entrance area of the

AUDITORIUM

8:30 SHARP Busses depart for Deer Lake
9:00-12:30 Activities
12:30-1:00 Lunch provided (no cost to students)
1:00-1:30 Transport back to NBHS
1:30 Pick up at **AUDITORIUM** main entrance area

All parents/guardians of incoming freshman students will be mailed additional information.



Kidz Kamp get a Special Visit

North Branford Recreation Department Kidz Kamp recently received a visit from Ted Kennedy Jr., pictured above with the children,.

New Book Club Forming for Tweens and Teens

Are you going into fifth grade or higher? Do you love reading and talking about what you just read? If so, come to the Edward Smith Library on Monday, August 25th. NBIS student, Becky Sabetta, is organizing a book club for kids in 5th grade or older. The meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first book that will be discussed is The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart. If you don't own it, go to the library and check out a copy. The library has ordered extra copies, so tell your friends and family all about it! The book club will meet once a month and will decide on a new book at each meeting.

NBHS Reunion Class of 1989

The class of 1989 is looking for classmated for their upcoming reunion in November. If you would like to join the big 25th Reunion contact Debbie at 203-738-8244 or Ylliereibbed@yshoo.com or Bonnie at 203-230-9066 or abyoun@comcast.net. Leave a message with your full name, address and preferred method of contact.

Please pass this information on to everyone you know so this can be an event to remember.





NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014

A dinner was recently held to induct 8 members into the class of 2014 North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame. More than 200 people enjoyed a night of reuniting with old friends as well as honoring those who have contributed to North Branford High School Athletics.

Pictured front row left to right; Jimmy Wilborn, Karen Vissichio, Wendy Elles, Ellenmary Martin & Jim Moran. Back row; Coach Rick Geremia, Dan Petrowski and Mike Gargiulo.

(Photo by Richard Castiglione)

Patrick James Takes the Championship

Patrick James Romanella (PJ) recently won his first Connecticut Sub-Junior Singles tournament, at the CT. State Trap Shooting Championship, held at the Hartford CT Gun Club.

The fifteen year old honor student at North Branford High School began competing, after learning the sport of supervised shooting with his father in late 2012 at the Branford Gun Club. Using a Browning Model BT-99, PJ won this impressive title by hitting 193 out of 200.



NBHS Basketball Team Fundraiser At Giovanni's Pizza Tuesday, August 12th 4-10PM

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Week 8	August 11-15
Week 9	August 18-22

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Junior Tennis

Ages 7 - 13
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd

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Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 9AM. 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

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NCC Vacation Bible Camp Weekend

The Northford Congregational Church held Vacation Bible Camp Weekend on July 12th and 13th. All activities were held outdoors and the children had a wonderful time. The theme "I can do all things through Christ..." emphasized love, trust and reaching out to others. The "Can-Do" campers also raised money for the Bell Tower Fund, collected blankets and clothing for the homeless, and donated an abundance of food for the food bank.

The church has a new website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Please take some time to check out the various pages and listen to the music. Like Us on Facebook.

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Peach & Chowder Festival

The Church of Christ Congregational, in Stony Creek, will be holding their Annual Peach and Chowder Festival on Saturday, August 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us on the front lawn of the church for fresh homemade peach shortcake topped with freshly-whipped cream, clam or corn chowder, plus hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages. In addition there will be a Silent Auction and an eclectic selection of gift baskets. Admission is free. The Church of Christ Congregational is located directly across from the beach in Stony Creek (Branford) at 192 Thimble Islands Road. In case of rain, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall directly behind the church. All proceeds will benefit the Church of Christ. For more information call 488-7827, or visit stonycreekchurchct.org

The Dudley Farm Museum at the Congregational Church Fair

Join us in celebrating our local heritage at the North Guilford Congregational Church old-fashioned Fair on historic Meeting House Hill in North Guilford, 10:00-4:00 Saturday, August 16th.

The Dudley Farm Museum is a big part of the North Guilford community and joins the Churches in North Guilford this year with "Treasures from the Dudley Farm Attic". There will be items for sale dating from the late 1800's up to approximately 1960, including early canning jars, crockery, vintage suitcases, postcards, newspapers about the '38 Hurricane, early military items, china - - and much more. Proceeds will go to support the "Big Barn Project". Take a look - and you just might find that vintage item you've been looking for. Additionally, selected quilts from the Dudley Farm collection will be included in the Church's annual quilt exhibit held in the Sanctuary.

We are proud of our North Guilford roots, and each year the Fair features exhibits reflecting our heritage. So come stroll through the quilt exhibit, see a wool spinning demonstration, or tour the Church and Old North Cemetery grounds.

Chicken Barbecue at NBCC

North Branford Congregational Church will have its annual Chicken Bar B Q dinner on Saturday, August 23 starting at 5:00 pm with continuous seating until 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and children under 10 are free. So to reserve your tickets for a dinner of: BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, dessert, and a beverage please call - Debbie Kelly @ 203.488.1832, Jane Auclair @ 203.488.7919 or Gerry Borgerson @ 203.483.1116.

NCC Summer Services & Fall Fundraiser

During the month of August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday 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.

The church will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the church. Items for sale will include articles of clothing, household items, books, children's toys, knick knacks, and kitchen items. "Save the Bell Tower" T-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase. Anyone who has gently-used items to donate can call Aloha at 203-484-0794 to make arrangements to drop them off. No large items or furniture please.

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