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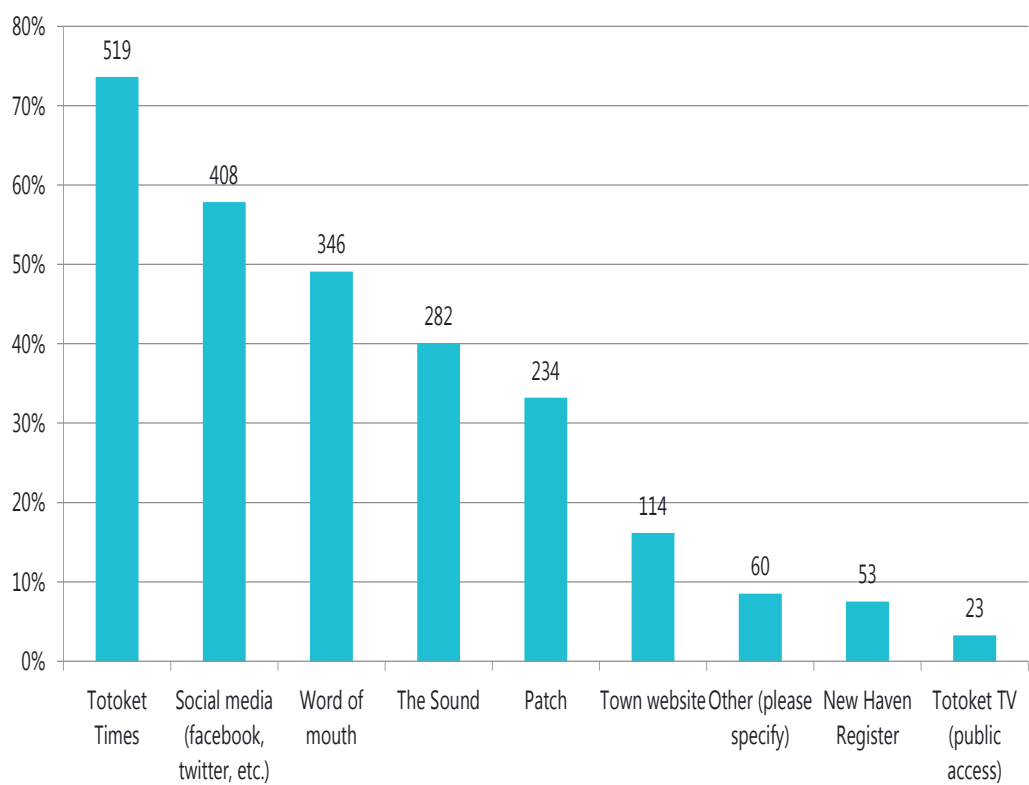
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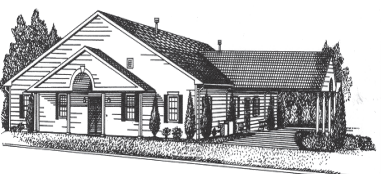
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State Representative Vincent Candelora

A tropical storm followed by a tornado.



Or what could’ve been a tornado—as I write this column, representatives from the National Weather Service are in the area to examine the damage caused by powerful winds that ripped through ours and several other towns

Whatever the weather event was, it’s the last thing any of us in this region wanted on the heels of Tropical Storm Isaias. With that said,

what transpired after the fast-moving storm reaffirmed what I love about this community.

Earlier in the week, I organized a produce giveaway here in town with help from Cecarelli’s Harrison Hill Farm. As luck would have it, the storm struck less than 24 hours before the delivery truck arrived. Many roads were impassible, and downed wires and limbs prevented people from getting out of their neighborhoods. Throughout the day, as I loaded boxes of produce into vehicles of those who found their way through the maelstrom, I heard stories about people helping people. Whether clearing limbs from a neighbor’s driveway, or pledging to check in on and bring produce to elderly neighbors, I was reminded about what a good job we do here of looking out for one another when it’s needed.

Tropical storm, tornado, macroburst or microburst—it doesn’t matter. We stick together.

Soon, I’ll be back together with my colleagues in the General Assembly. It looks like we’ll hold a special legislative session a few days after this column is published. Right now, we’re working to solidify the agenda. A bill that jumpstarts the funding process for a handful of school construction projects throughout the state is a near certainty, and in the wake of utilities’ storm response and growing dissatisfaction about electric rates, there’s been talk about tackling energy-related issues. Legislative leaders must also decide whether to renew the broad executive power provided to Gov. Lamont as the pandemic first gripped Connecticut, or to perhaps install some measure of legislative oversight that would allow state lawmakers to review the governor’s executive orders before they’re cemented.

I look forward to telling you where we land on these issues and several others the next time I write in this space.

Until then, let’s keep our fingers crossed for more stable weather.

Rep. Vincent Candelora  
86th District

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Let’s Be “Frank”

As you are reading this, the Mrs. and I will be celebrating , or at this point acknowledging 39 years of marriage. I don’t say this to brag or boast or shop for accolades (however I do accept monetary gifts). But anniversaries are always a time for reflection and it got me to thinking. In thirty nine years you go through a lot of things. Deaths, and births, family crisis, illness, lost jobs and financial struggles are only a few of the many. However, looking back I have to say this is the most difficult stretch we have faced.

First comes the pandemic. In a heart beat all of our life’s changed. Knowing that we are all in this together sometimes just doesn’t cut it. Watching the sufferings people are experiencing, canceling all activities and not meeting with friends can sometimes Be a bit depressing.

It’s something most of us never thought we would experience. Is some of this being blown out of proportion by the news media and political factions? It’s confusing and worrisome.

Just when we were all adjusting to our new life style we get hit with the big hurricane. It seemed like most of Connecticut was without power. People had extensive damage to their homes and although it helped us put the pandemic, elections and rioting in the streets on the back burner, it still added to an already hard to cope with pot of misery.

Speaking of the election, that too is a little scary. Both candidates seem to be depicting the end of the world if they are not elected. We have a president who takes blame for nothing and the credit for everything. We have a candidate running who promises to change every thing, even though he has held political offices for more fifty years and none of these things seemed to change. He too, takes no responsibility for any of those problems. With this troubled leadership, it seems like the criminals are going free and the rest of us are suffering.

Just when you think the pot of molten lava can take no more, our local area gets hit with a tornado. We watched it in the basement as it swirled though our yard displacing lawn furniture and ripping through trees. Once again no power, no cable, no sleep Apnea machine and my electric recliners were stuck in an uncomfortable position.

As we were exploring the damage and even taking an ill advised ride through the neighborhoods, my wife kept repeating how lucky we were. At first that was infuriating me. But then it dawned on me that she was right. It also dawned on me that it’s the reason we have been together for thirty nine years. She sees the glass as half full and most time I don’t even see the freaking glass. When I do see it, she is usually filling it.

That’s how we made it through thirty nine years. Some times it feels like forever and sometimes it feels shorter than these past five months.

Well that’s it for now my brother. Say hi to the family and I’ll see you soon.

Looking For Volunteer Help With the November Election

The town of North Branford is looking for help with the upcoming election. With the changes caused by the pandemic, additional mailings and distributions will be needed and both the Town Clerk and Voter Registrars will be needing extra hands.

The services will begin on September 18th and times will be flexible. Please call Lisa Valenti at the Town Clerk’s office at 203-484-6015 or Registrars, Marlene Esposito or Lisa Fitch at 203-484-1033.



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## *The Debate About Reopening Schools Highlights the Potential Value of School Choice.*

Dear Editor:

If you have been following any of the town social media pages over the last few weeks, you are likely aware of the debate taking place about the reopening of our schools in the fall. Parents have been weighing in on the results of each school district's reopening plan, adding their thoughts on how back-to-school should be handled in 2020. While I commend the many school districts for producing thorough plans, they were tasked with the impossible; developing a one-size-fits-all solution for every family and teacher who lives or works in the district. The difference of opinion we are seeing among parents and educators, however, highlights the value school choice could provide for Connecticut.

It is understood that certain individuals have a higher risk for serious complications from Covid-19, while others may contract the virus and be asymptomatic. Some folks have been fortunate to be able to work from home exclusively, but small business owners and those deemed essential must continue to work in-person or forfeit their jobs and income. Some students transitioned to distance learning seamlessly due to herculean efforts by their teachers and parents to ensure their success, while others, particularly our youngest and those living in urban settings, may not have gotten nearly as much out of distance learning as they would have in-person. The uniqueness of each family's situation coupled with the individuality of each student makes a one-size-fits-all educational model amidst a pandemic an impossibility to ask of both our teachers and our working parents.

How could we do better for our children, our parents, and our teachers alike? Introduce the freedom of school choice into the equation, and allow schools to determine their own path forward, and parents to choose an educational model that fits within the framework of their current reality. Parents who require in-person school or daycare due to their employment status could choose to send their child to a school which has sufficiently mitigated the risks to make that a possibility. Such options could include smaller class sizes or leasing additional space that is currently out of use to be made into classrooms, like libraries. Children themselves or those who have family members that are high-risk and teachers who are high-risk could opt to participate in a program which is fully remote. If the local elementary school doesn't meet your family's needs, the tax dollars allocated to your child's education could "follow" her to a nearby one or a qualifying online educational institution. This is often referred to as a voucher program.

There are benefits to school choice beyond the immediate need due to the pandemic. Often, the achievement gap between our cities and towns is cited as an example of segregation existing into the modern era. The Democrat solution that was proposed recently was to regionalize our schools by force, in one iteration of this proposal mirroring our school districts to the probate courts. While I find the connection between educating our children and probate court to be a morbidly poor choice, I take greater exception to this idea because it does not address the root cause of the issue; that children are predisposed to lower educational outcomes based on the zip code they live in. Regionalizing schools will not address this issue, as it provides no freedom of choice for families to escape failing school districts. School choice provides this very opportunity, and the success of charter schools in some of the toughest neighborhoods to grow up in this country provides enough evidence to this fact.

Freedom of choice and equality of opportunity are two uniquely-American ideas, and I have no doubt that if they were applied to how we educate our children it would result in better outcomes for all. We don't know how long our current situation will last, or if we may find ourselves here once again. Fundamental changes to an inflexible system may be necessary to meet the needs of students, parents, and educators alike, and to achieve that, no options should be off the table.

Sincerely, Joe LaPorta the Republican Candidate for State Senate in the 12<sup>th</sup> District.

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## Gateway Students Receive Scholarships

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Here is a list of scholarship recipients:

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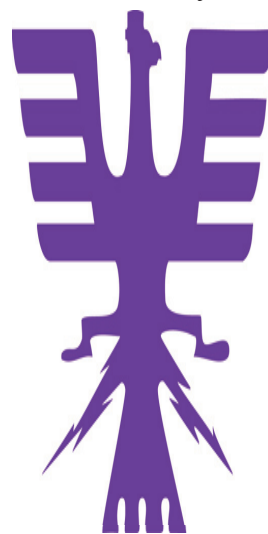
- Jill Bailey: Frederick & Elisabeth DeLuca Vocational Scholarship
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According to Ruby Melton, GCC Foundation Board member and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, the scholarships include awards that help pay for tuition, books or related academic expenses; laptops for students who lack the technology necessary to pursue their studies; Family Economic Security Program (FESP) that provides participants academic, career, financial and personal support; and workforce development initiatives. "These scholarships help level the playing field for Gateway students, the most economically challenged among Connecticut's 12 community colleges," Melton notes. These awards are especially important now, as they struggle to pursue their educations and improve their career potential in an economy rocked by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"This extraordinary achievement was made possible by generous, caring individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations throughout Greater New Haven and beyond," explains Mary Ellen Cody, Gateway's Dean of Development and Community Partnerships. Scholarships help recipients complete their degree or certificate programs, after which they can matriculate to several Connecticut four-year colleges or enter the regional workforce, Cody adds.



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**Who:** Ages 14+ **Where:** Memorial Court at NBIS  
**When:** September 8 - September 29  
**Time:** Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$75  
**Instructor:** Toby Neubig, PPR certified instructor, 2018 US Open Gold Medalist and District Ambassador for USA Pickleball

**NEW INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL**

Have you been hearing about pickleball and wondered what exactly people are talking about? Here's your chance to check out the fastest growing sport in the country! Learn the basics and get in on the fun! With elements of tennis, ping pong and badminton, this paddle and ball sport is played on a smaller sized tennis court. By the end of this series, players will be ready to join in on the fun at their local courts.

**Who:** Ages 14+ **Where:** STW Courts  
**When:** September 12- October 3  
**Time:** Saturday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$75  
**Instructor:** Toby Neubig, PPR certified instructor, 2018 US Open Gold Medalist and District Ambassador for USA Pickleball  
**Description:** Participants should be steady on their feet, cleared for exercise and able to swing a paddle without pain. Sneakers required. Paddles will be provided.

**NEW FAIRIES & POTIONS**

**Who:** Ages 3 - 4 **Where:** Virtual  
**When:** Wednesday, September 16, 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$15  
**Instructor:** Elena Bigio, Kidscapades  
**Description:** Join us for a class mesmerizing fun with engaging experiences perfect for both genders. We will make magical fairy/ wizard potions, sparkling fairy dust and a wand fit for both fairies and wizards! A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

**NEW CREATE A CALM BOX**

**Who:** Ages 5 - 8 **Where:** Virtual  
**When:** Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$15  
**Instructor:** Elena Bigio, Kidscapades  
**Description:** A hands-on approach to relieve some stress and anxiety kids are feeling these days by incorporating sensory calming activities. Sensory calming activities will also help your child when they are feeling restless, anger and frustration and may be helpful to prevent meltdowns. In this class we will create calming putty, calming bottle to keep inside the calm box for future use. A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

**KIDS YOGA**

**Who:** Ages 5 - 12  
**When:** September 26 - November 14  
**Time:** Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$75  
**Instructor:** Bhogah Yoga Staff  
**Description:** Kids are introduced to the practices of yoga through creative play, movement, games, music and postures. This fun filled class teaches children the foundation of yoga on and off the mat. This practice is structured in a way to balance their physical, mental and sensory needs.

**NEW AFTER SCHOOL BEGINNER TENNIS**

**Who:** Grades 6 - 8 **Where:** Memorial Park Tennis Courts  
**When:** September 22 - October 15  
**Time:** Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$90  
**Instructor:** Phillip Guliano  
**Description:** Led by a qualified instructor, this beginner course includes learning forehand, backhand, serve, volley, scoring, and playing points. Need to bring your own racquet.

**NEW INTRODUCTION TO DOG AGILITY**

**Who:** Ages 12+  
**Where:** The Fieldhouse Agility Center  
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**When:** September 11 - October 2  
**Time:** Friday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$100  
**Instructor:** Fieldhouse Staff  
**Description:** Must have willing dog, 6 months and up. Did you know that a newly built training center right in Northford is one of the top facilities for dog agility enthusiasts across the Northeast? Come see what all the fuss is about! The 3 trainers at the Fieldhouse Agility Center have each represented the USA in international competition and are eager to introduce you and your pooch to this fast, exciting, and fun activity!

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong".** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://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](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**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; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregationalchurch](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch)

**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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am 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.

**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 celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's as well as 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; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September - May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

## Rosary Walk 2020 No. Haven



All are welcome to join us every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery (rain or shine). The Rosary Walk will continue until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time change in October. Park and meet by the Crucifix in front of the main building. If inclement weather, please meet in front of the Mausoleum instead.

We are following CDC

guidelines to ensure proper distancing between all walkers. If you wish to wear a mask, please bring your own. Disposable programs are provided for your convenience.

If you have questions, please call Barbara at 203 605-9845 or visit our website for additional info. and photos at [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org).

**Send Church Information to  
[Totokettimes@comcast.net](mailto:Totokettimes@comcast.net)**

## Recycling News

**Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection in Progress**  
**Please continue supporting our town's pink bag pickup program.**

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## New Homes in Town

**Owners: you may contact John's Refuse directly at 203-484-0281 for your new trash and recycling totes**  
**Welcome and thank you for recycling responsibly!**

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## ReStores by Habitat for Humanity

**If you cannot wait for the next bulky waste pickup in November, check out ReStores!**

**ReStores is a donation based retail store open to the general public. All proceeds from the ReStore benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven.**

**Check their website for more information:**

**<http://newhavencountyrestore.org>**

**Some acceptable items for donation and purchase include: tools and gardening items, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, lighting, plumbing items, upholstered and wood furniture, flooring, hardware, lumber, home décor and more.**

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## HazWaste Central Open for the Season

- All HazWaste Central participants are required to pre-register online. Paper forms will not be available.
- Household hazardous waste items must be accessible in the trunk or truck bed of your vehicle.
- Participants are asked to wear a face mask while at the HazWaste Central facility and to stay in their vehicles.
- Containers used to transport waste items will not be returned. Please bring items in disposable containers.

For more information go to [www.rwater.com](http://www.rwater.com), call 203-401-2712 or email [ask.hazwaste@rwater.com](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com)

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## Keep Your Neighborhood Cleaner and Safer

**Please store totes away from street and sidewalks after pickup.**

## Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder

**Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material), propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside.**

**These items will not get picked up; please dispose/ recycle properly.**

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## Due to Health Crisis

### Plastic Film Drop Off Still Suspended

**Please save plastic film at home until further notice. Updates soon on program restart.**

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**NEXT BULK PICKUP IS IN NOVEMBER>**

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT BULK TRASK ON YOUR CURB UNTIL THEN**

## “BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS” Support Group Meeting

**The purpose of this group is to share our experience after suffering a blood clot, as well as information & support to each other.**

**Our next meeting will be**

**Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00PM.**

**This will be an outside meeting with maskand social distancing.**

**Please bring a chair to**

**North Farm Park, 251 North Branford Rd.**

**If it rains, we will sit under the outside pavilion.**

**For more information please contact**

**Debbie at 203-483-0646.**



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time or full time 7AM - 3PM or 5-7 hour shifts.Call Leigh at 203-815-  
8472.

Northford Coffee n Ice Cream is hiring for the 6:00 - 11:00 AM shift  
and the 4:00 - 9:30 PM shift. Call Leigh at 203-815-8472.

Part-time: 3 mornings a week: 1-3 hours, depending on day. Fill  
outside bird feeders, clean litter box, vacuum, dust, organize, run errands.  
Nonsmoker, animal enthusiast, honest, ethical, energetic, logical,  
resourceful, affable and astutely responsible.

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North Farms Park Trails, Saturday, September 12 from 9:30-11:30 am.

Cross the arched bridge, see the remnants of the dam, mill, and mill race  
while experiencing the variety of trails.

Proper social distancing procedures will be in effect.

Meet at the trail map board by 9:15am. Rain date Sunday, same time.

STAY

SAFE!