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May your Easter Holiday Season be filled with the rebirth of Christ!



## Knights of Columbus Celebrates St. Joseph and Family

Saint Ambrose Parish Knights of Columbus 6801 recently celebrated Saint Joseph's Day (March 19th) with a homemade lasagna &Vin Candelora's legendary zeppole supper. The annual event celebrated the Patron Saint of the Church with close to two hundred parishioners and friends.

The Knights also recognized the Wee family (pictured with Grand Knight (upper left) Wayne Humphrey as their "Family of the Month". The entire family assisted with food drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas and the youngsters were instrumental in putting food and gifts together.



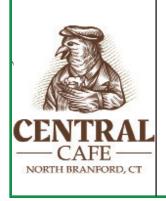
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## Let's Be "Frank"

OMG. As you read this letter I will be reaching another birthday milestone. It's not a special number or anything like that, it's just another year. On Palm Sunday, I will begin my 69th year on this planet.

I call this a milestone for several reasons. First of all, I never thought I would reach this plateau. When you left us at the young age of 63, I was 52 and I can remember thinking, "Geeze, I hope I get that far". I did.

At 59, I went through a few health issues and wound up making several visits to the hospital, it wasn't looking good. As a matter of fact my wife and kids threw me a surprise birthday party when I hit 60 (I found out about it) with 100 people. When I mentioned that 65 is usually the milestone, my son told me they didn't think I would get that far.

My son was almost a profit. When Mary was preparing to join you, I wasn't feeling well but I didn't tell anyone. There was too much to do. At 61 I was rushed in to the hospital twice and at one point I was minutes away from needing the paddles to bring me back but when I heard SueAnn crying, I rallied. I survived and received the gift of a pacemaker. Then I thought, if Mary made it to 65, please God get me there.

Well, I got there and after losing some weight and getting some of my numbers in order I (knock on wood) to the dismay of many, am still breathing. I don't know why I'm still here. The only thing I can think of is my inability to listen to instructions and follow the norm. When the old man started to age, he would always warn us with "ah



Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 6PM-10PM in the Steakhouse Forge & Patio Join us at Millpond Gatherings for a full buffet prepared by Chef Pedro Avila, 3 Padron cigars, open bar, & live entertainment

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Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Sunday, May 12th, 2024 in the Event Hall 10AM & 1PM Seatings

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kid, don't get old". You and Mary were always the obedient ones and unfortunately, you listened, I was always the defiant one and right now I'm glad I was.

I would be remiss if I didn't tell you to wish Mary a happy birthday. I sometimes wonder how you guys would look at an older age. I don't need to stretch my imagination too much as I always introduced you two as my much older siblings.

Have a happy Palm Sunday and say hi to the gang,

I'll see you soon but hopefully not too soon.

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## **SPRING**



## State Representative Vincent Candelora

Conversation about a California-inspired electric vehicle mandate has returned.



The topic has resurfaced through a late-breaking bill raised by the Transportation

Committee, which held a public hearing on H.B. 5485 on March 13. The bill would create an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council, which is charged with creating a Zero-Emission Vehicle Roadmap.

The draft of the report is due just after Election Day.

When it comes to motor vehicle emissions standards, Connecticut is tied to California through legislation passed in 2004 (passenger vehicles) and 2022 (medium/heavy-duty trucks) that committed us to follow Golden State regulations whenever officials there updated them. Republicans opposed the trucks-focused bill two years ago, and anyone who voted for the legislation 20 years ago didn't have a bill in front of them that even contemplated California would someday ban internal combustion engines.

Thankfully, the Governor, who covets a ban on sales of new gas-powered vehicles, paused his attempt in November to get the latest California standards codified here after citizen opposition grew too substantial to ignore. Yet, because we're tied to California by legislation, the mandate threat remains.

That's where the current bill comes in. Given the history of Gov. Lamont and many Democrats supporting the EV mandate, and the fact that our state is already tethered to California, it's hard to see the current bill as anything but a softer, less-conspicuous step toward their ideological goal. After all, the new council, if the bill is adopted, would be responsible for drafting a "Roadmap." What's more, the council's membership is skewed heavily toward proponents of the radical policy shift, with 27 of the 40 appointments-including many Lamont administration agency heads-supporters of the cause.

There's nothing in the bill that requires this council to tackle residents' concerns, including questions about the high cost of vehicles, the price tag of modernizing our electric grid, and the build-out of a charging. Worry about eliminating consumer choice, too.

They expect us to take their word that their "Roadmap" will provide solutions for these major roadblocks.

During that recent Transportation Committee hearing, my Democrat colleagues, in essence, said those who oppose the legislation have their heads in the sand when it comes to climate change.

I view it differently. Even casual viewers of national media coverage on this issue will see that automakers are pulling back as popularity for full-scale electrification tanks. With that in mind, I worry about our state putting all its eggs in the EV basket. Other technologies are emerging, and to venture so far down the EV road-even making businesses revamp their fleets-is imprudent.

Proponents of this legislation are emphatic that it's merely a study-not a mandate. But from my experience in Hartford, Democrats eventually use



"studies" as a public relations tool to pass what they want. It's incrementalism, rather than the brute force attempt from last fall. If this bill passes, the eventual outcome is pre-determined: A ban looms, no matter how little sense it makes. **Rep. Vincent** Candelora **House Republican** Leader **86th District** 

### **Estate Planning for Everyone: Navigating Dementia: The Importance of Estate Planning for Families By Attorney Marc Guertin**

Few challenges are as emotionally taxing and logistically demanding as the journey through dementia. Dementia, an umbrella term for a range of cognitive impairments affecting memory, thinking, and social abilities, presents profound challenges not only for individuals but also for their families. Amidst the emotional turmoil and practical considerations, one aspect often overlooked is estate planning. Yet, this planning is not just a matter of managing assets; it becomes a crucial tool for ensuring the well-being and dignity of those affected by dementia.

The progressive nature of dementia underscores the urgency of early estate planning. While cognitive faculties are intact, individuals have the agency to make decisions about their finances, healthcare preferences, and long-term care arrangements. However, as dementia advances, this capacity diminishes, rendering individuals vulnerable and underscoring the necessity of legal documents such as a power of attorney and advance directives. These instruments empower trusted individuals to make financial and medical decisions on behalf of the affected person when they're no longer able to do so themselves.

A comprehensive estate plan tailored to accommodate dementia should address not only financial matters but also healthcare directives. Advanced healthcare directives, including living wills and healthcare proxies, allow individuals to articulate their preferences regarding medical treatment, end-of-life care, and organ donation. By outlining these wishes in advance, individuals can ensure that their healthcare decisions align with their values and preferences even when dementia clouds their ability to express them.

Estate planning also offers families a roadmap for managing the complex legal and financial implications of dementia. Establishing trusts, designating beneficiaries, and drafting wills can help protect assets, minimize tax liabilities, and ensure the orderly distribution of wealth according to the individual's wishes. Moreover, proactive planning can safeguard against the risk of financial exploitation or mismanagement.

Beyond the legal and financial dimensions, estate planning provides an opportunity for families to engage in open and honest conversations about the impact of dementia on their lives. These discussions, though difficult, foster understanding, empathy, and unity among family members, enabling them to confront the challenges of dementia as a cohesive support network. By involving all stakeholders-spouses, children, siblings, and trusted advisors-in the planning process, families can develop holistic strategies that address the multifaceted needs of the individual with dementia.

Importantly, estate planning for dementia should extend beyond the affected individual to encompass the needs of caregivers and loved ones. Caring for someone with dementia can be emotionally draining, physically exhausting, and financially burdensome. Adequate planning can alleviate some of these stressors by providing caregivers with legal authority, financial resources, and support networks to fulfill their caregiving responsibilities effectively. Additionally, estate planning can facilitate continuity of care by documenting the individual's preferences for caregiving arrangements and residential care facilities.

Dementia casts a long shadow over families, challenging them to navigate a complex terrain of emotional distress, practical concerns, and existential questions. Amidst this uncertainty, estate planning emerges as a beacon of clarity and control, offering individuals and their families a framework for preserving dignity, autonomy, and financial security in the face of cognitive decline. By engaging in proactive planning, families can confront the realities of dementia with resilience, compassion, and preparedness, ensuring that their legacy endures beyond the confines of memory.



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## Town Council Awards All the Kings Horses Equine Rescue with ARPA Funding

The North Branford Town Council has awarded All the King's Horses Equine Rescue, Inc. of Northford \$5,000 from a special fund they set aside from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support nonprofit organizations that work within North Branford and have suffered impacts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council has set aside a \$50,000 pool for impacted nonprofits to apply for, with this being the first award by the Council from that fund.

All the Kings Horses Equine Rescue, founded in 2010, is as an animal welfare organization for the purpose of rehabilitating, rescuing and placing equines in need. They assist horses in situations of neglect, abuse or threat of slaughter, and work to educate the public on the standards of care required to maintain an equine as a riding partner or companion animal humanely. The funds from the Town's ARPA allotment will be used to offset costs of a truck delivery of hay to feed the horses under their care.

For more information about All the King's Horse visit their website at allthekingshorsesequinerescue.com.

PHOTO: The North Branford Town Council presents All the King's Horses Equine Rescue with a check for \$5,000 from the ARPA relief fund for nonprofits. L-R: Councilor Marie Diamond, Mayor Rose Angeloni, Councilors Craig C. Miller, Ron Pelliccia, Mary Santagata of All the King's Horses, Councilors Nick Palladino, Bruce Abelson, Tom Zampano, Deputy Mayor Jeff Macmillen.

## Memorial Day Masse held at the Catholic Cemeteries Association

Join us for Mass on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day). **If you would like to honor a Veteran**, please visit our website at <u>www.ccacem.org</u> and select the **Blog & News Tab**, and click on **Events** to open the calendar. Select May 27<sup>th</sup> on the calendar and fill out the form included. All Veterans names will be honored at **all** the Masses held at our cemeteries. Below is the information on the Mass offered on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum-**North Haven** 

Time: 10:30 am



## NBHS Class of 1974 50th Reunion

**The North Branford High School graduating class of 1974** will hold their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 12noon to 4pm at Woodwinds in Branford. \$75.00 per person. For info: email <u>nbhsclass1974@gmail.com</u> or call Russ at 860-345-4040.

## PARTNER IN COMMAND SEMINAR

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club, will hold a two-hour seminar for crew members who need basic information and who may or may not have taken a boating course. It is designed to provide essential information one may require to assist a skipper in the safe operation of a recreational boat and includes actions to take in response to emergencies.

Class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Ave., Branford.

All students must sign up by April 3. The class will cost \$10 per person. Prospective students should contact Squadron Education Officer Peter De-Pascale at 203-671-2420 and leave a message or email him at <u>bathworksinc@gmail.com</u>.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: <u>www.nhsps.org</u>.

## **THEY MAKE US PROUD**

Dradon Brindisi was named to the Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University.



Office: (203) 507-9213Office Telephone: (203) 754-9105

Questions? Please call our Outreach Assistant, Barbara at (203) 780 7418. Thank you.

> Store Drop Locations North Branford Atwater Library, Patco, Town Hall, NB Post Office, NB Barbershop, Hair Designs, Central Cafe <u>Northford</u> Recreation & Senior Center, Edward Smith Library, Post Office, Oasis Check out our website at totokettimes.com

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## **Recycling News**

#### <u>Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> on</u> your normal trash day.

Scrap Metal includes: Small and large appliances, metal lawn furniture, hot water tanks, tools, metal fencing, furnaces, non-riding lawn mowers with gas removed, outdoor grills, small machines, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

#### The leaf drop off will be opening on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The location is located around the field to the left of the police station. Be aware that it is Spring and it may be muddy. The leaf drop off will also be open on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of April 29th to May 3rd

The Electronic Waste Drop-Off will be on April 13. We will be taking most electronics, mattresses and propane tanks.

Bulky Waste pick up will be the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. More information in the next Totoket Times.

#### **Regional Water Authority Rain Barrel Sale**

Reasons for having a Rain Barrel include: You will save money on your water bill. You will have some water when the power goes out. You will be self-sufficient in emergencies. You will reduce water runoff from your property. For a limited time and while supplies last, you can purchase a 50-gallon Ivy Rain Barrel at a discounted price from RWA. The price is \$75 each, discounted from \$143.99.

Rain barrels are a great way for homeowners to use water wisely and manage water costs. They also help reduce stormwater pollution by keeping water out of storm drains that can carry contaminants from the

street into water sources.



The deadline to place your order is Tuesday, April 2nd at 11pm.

https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/ products/rwater

Pickup is Saturday April 13th – 9am to 12pm at RWA, 90 Sargent Dr. New Haven

### North Branford's Plastic Bag Recycling Program

As a reminder, the town collects plastic film at the following locations: Country Paint and Hardware, T.J's Launderette, Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-

wasterecycling-committee.aspx

## **DEADLINE FOR NONPROFIT APPLICATIONS FOR ARPA FUNDS IS APRIL 1**

COMMUNITY

The deadline for nonprofits to apply to the North Branford Town Council for ARPA releif funds has been set for April 1, 2024.

The Council set aside a \$50,000 pool from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be made available to local nonprofits adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, several nonprofit organizations have applied for and been awarded funding.

Eligible non-profits should operate within the Town of North Branford, have a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) designation, be established prior to March 1, 2020, and they should have experienced negative economic impacts due to COVID-19.

The application and additional details are avaiable on the Town website, northbranfordct.gov.

## **Notice of Presidential Preference Primaries**

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican and Democratic Parties will begin with early voting on March 26, 2024, through March 28, 2024, and March 30, 2024, with the primary being held on April 2, 2024, in each town.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category "Uncommitted") which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in the order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation "Nomination for President of the United States", together with the addresses of such candidates:

Democrats	Republicans
Name and Address:	Name and Address:
Marianne Williamson, Washington, D.C	C.Ron DeSantis, Tallahassee, FL
Dean Phillips, Excelsior, MN	Nikki Haley, Daniel Island, SC
Cenk Uygur, Los Angeles, CA	Donald J. Trump, Arlington, VA
Joe Biden, Philadelphia, PA	Ryan Binkley, McKinney, TX
Uncommitted	Uncommitted
Dean Phillips, Excelsior, MN Cenk Uygur, Los Angeles, CA Joe Biden, Philadelphia, PA	Nikki Haley, Daniel Island, SC Donald J. Trump, Arlington, VA Ryan Binkley, McKinney, TX

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 1st Day of March, 2024. Stephanie Thomas Secretary of the State

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Secs. 9-433 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will begin with early voting on March 26, 2024, through March 28, 2024, and March 30, 2024, and the primary will be held on April 2, 2024. The hours of voting during early voting and at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

#### **Hours of Voting:**

March 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 27, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 30, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Primary Day, April 2, 2024 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location of Polling Place: North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers 909 Foxon Road

**Voting District:** Early Voting

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or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

## North Haven Sons & Daughter of Italy **Announce Blood Drive**

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is proud to announce that we will be hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, April 3rd from 1:00-6:30. This Blood Drive will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven CT. Blood is urgently needed, and we hope this Blood Drive will enable many in our community to easily participate. Please register online for a time slot at www.redcrossblood.org. It is identified online as St. Frances Cabrini Church - Please help us fill the slots! For more information about the blood drive, contact Denise at 203-710-7397. Additional information about our Lodge can be found on our website, https://northhavenlodge2805.club.

Jerome Harrison Elementary School 354 Foxon Road - Route 80

Stanley T. Williams Community Center - Gymnasium 1332 Middletown Avenue - Route 17

Stanley T. Williams Community Center – Board Meeting Room 3 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut, this 1st day of March, 2024. Lisa A. Valenti, MMC North Branford Town Clerk

### Voluntary payments can be sent in at any time to: Totoket Times, PO Box 313, Northford, Ct. 06472 or

Venmo@frank-mentone-1

### **CHURCH**

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

**Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong"**. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. <u>www.hopeag.com</u> 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 Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available.To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@ sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey; you will always be welcome here.

Northford Community Church. 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 Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, 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.northfordcongregational.church

**St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish** with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

**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). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St.Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higganum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are welcome! 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, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at <u>https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.</u> **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; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

**Shoreline Community Church** located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website <u>www.sccbranford.org</u>. SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

**United Methodist Church, Branford** 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller's Castle). <u>www.umcbranford.org</u> or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. "The Church on the Rock," led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God's love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God's word, and stay connected. Please join us for worship at **St. John's Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John's Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at <u>www.saintjohnsguilford.org</u>

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. Our vicar is the



MASS HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper | March 28 7:00 PM | St. Augustine

GOOD FRIDAY The Lord's Passion | March 29 3:00 PM | St. Augustine

> HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil | March 30 8:00 PM | St. Augustine

EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of Our Lord 9:00 AM | St. Monica 11:00 AM | St. Augustine

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRI | FEB. 23 | 6:30PM | St. Monica FRI | Mar. 1, 15, 22 | 6:30PM | St. Monica FRI | Mar. 8 | 6:00PM | St. Monica GOOD FRIDAY | Noon | St. Augustine

#### ST. AMBROSE PARISH

St. Augustine Church 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford

St. Monica Church 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU RECONCILIATION Every Monday | 5-6:00 PM | St. Augustine 1/2 Hr. before all daily Masses Holy Thursday | 8:30-8:55A | St. Augustine Good Friday | 8:30-8:55A | St. Augustine Holy Saturday | 8:30-8:55A | St. Augustine

Special Penance Service on March 20 6:30p St. Augustine Church Several priests will be available to hear confessions

EVENING PRAYER March 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5:30 PM | St. Monica MORNING PRAYER March 28, 29, 30 | 9:00 AM | St. Augustine

> ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT MONDAY EVENINGS 5:00-6:00 PM | St. Augustine

### AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, announces worship services for Lent. Please join us as we begin the season of Lent. The Rev. Bryan Spinks will be offering Lent Studies following Sunday 10:00 a.m. services throughout Lent.

Holy Week services are Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10 a.m.;

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30;

Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.;

Easter Sunday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited and welcome.for further information call Nan Monde, 203-710-7005.

## Hope Christian Church

Everyone in the community is invited to attend HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH for a joy filled Easter experience.

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday,

Sunday March 24 - 10:00 am (Palm Sunday)

Friday March 29 - 7:00 pm (Good Friday – Stained Experience)

Sunday March 31 - 10:00 am (Easter (Resurrection) Sunday)

#### Stained ~ A Good Friday Experience

Come experience a Good Friday you will never forget. Stained is an evening with a mix of speaking, videos, reflection, music, activities, and visual imagery that strongly contrast the sadness, loss, and death that happened on Good Friday. It is the perfect complement for hearts and souls preparing to gather together and celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

#### **Easter Sunday**

At Hope Christian Church we see Easter Season as a unique opportunity to experience God's love in the midst of real life. Come discover the hope found in the good news that Jesus freely offers his love, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life—and it all has to do with a world-changing event that took place over 2,000 years ago. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you'll discover how those who believe are changed forever.

Our vision is the same every day of the year ... "REALPEOPLE....REAL-HOPE....REALLIFE!!!! "

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven, CT 06473 hopeag. com



Rev. Lucy LaRocca. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

### North Haven Congregational Church Holy Week

#### Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 9:30a.m. Palm Sunday.

Palms will be available and weather-permitting we will have a brief palm processional in front of the church for those who are able at the beginning of worship.

Monday through Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>, the church sanctuary will be open for a short contemplative prayer service at Noon.

#### Thursday, March 28th, Maundy Thursday,

7:00 p.m. Communion Service with Tenebrae

#### Sunday March 31st, Easter

6:00 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise service on the North Haven Green at the Gazebo

9:30 a.m. Easter service in the church sanctuary with special music.

Worship services are in-person in the church sanctuary and livestreamed through the church website: <u>www.northhavenucc.org</u>

## Northford Community Church EASTER FLOWER & BAKE SALE

#### 4 Old Post Road, Northford CT 06472

Friday March 29, 2024 10am-6pm Saturday March 30, 2024 10am-6pm Sunday March 31, 2024 9am-1pm

Sunday at 12pm we are having "The Easter Search" for all children

Beautiful Easter Flowers and Delicious Baked Goods will be available for purchase!



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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** 

Beginning Monday, June 24th, we will be offering 8 consecutive weeks of summer camp for campers entering grades 1-6. \$135res/\$155 nr per week *\*Lunch and field trips not included*.

### WE'RE HIRING FOR SUMMER CAMP STAFF!

We are seeking individuals age 16+ to join our summer camp team! Camp is scheduled to run 8 consecutive weeks from June 24-August 16, 2024. Camp counselors will have the option of a part-time or full-time schedule. This is a great opportunity to work in a fun environment Any questions please call Kerry 間線短 Haynes (203) 484-6017. Please apply by 4/29 or until positions are filled.

## TENNIS AT NORTHFORD PARK

Due to the overwhelming success of our Tennis Program last year we are excited to offer it again!

This spring there is 6-week Introduction to Tennis program at Northford Park! Lessons will be offered with Guilford Racquet Club Pros once a week for 45 minutes and included age appropriate skills and drills! Lessons include a Racquet!

### **INTRO TO TENNIS**

Ages 11-13 • 4:30-5:15pm • April 17 - May 15 Ages 5-10 • 5:30-6:15pm • April 17 - May 15



#### **STEWARDS OF THE LAND BREWERY ADULT COOKING WITH MARY'S CULINARY CLASSES!**

Join us for a fun-filled night of cooking and socializing with new and old friends! Learn how to cook delicious shrimp scampi and perfect knife skills with, Gregg Amter and teacher-certified Owner of Mary's Culinary Classes, LLC. Beverages must be purchased at the brewery. Class includes all supplies and hands-on cooking instruction.



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Sunday April 28, 2024 - 3:00pm - 6:00pm - \$70 Stewards of the Land - 418 Forest Rd, Northford Ages 21+ Please register by 4/24

# **SAFE BOATING** Personal Watercraft Class

April 30th & May 9th A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in 2 classes 9:00am=1:00pm = STWGym/Cafe \$20res/25non-res

Those who successfully complete this course will receive a diploma which can be submitted to CT DEEP, along with the license fee (\$50), to obtain their CT license. This class can be taken by anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Must attend both classes)

All students must bring their Conservation Identification number to the class. Student who have a fishing or hunting license will find the Conservation ID number on their license. Students who do not have a fishing or hunting license can create a free Conservation ID number at ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales

## **2 NIGHTS IN ATLANTIC CITY!** JULY 14-16, 2024 \$450

\*Per Person, double occupancy

### **Price includes:**

Motorcoach transportation

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- 3 meals: 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner

- A Casino Bonus

Spectacular gaming and sight-seeing in Atlantic City

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\$75 due at registration; final payment due: 5/7/2024



10:00am - 2:30pm Driver Safety Program \$20 member / \$25 non-member

Donna from the AARP Driver Safety Program will be presenting the Driver Improvement Course from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the Senior room, with a break at 12:00 pm for lunch.

Registrants can bring their own lunch or buy lunch at the North Branford Senior Center for \$4. Please register for lunch when you register for this program.

Anyone who takes the Driver Improvement course will receive a certificate from AARP to submit to their insurance company.

## SENIOR DINER DASH

Vernon Diner and The Shops at Evergreen Walk Wednesday April 10, 2024

Lunch costs on own Departs STW at 10:30am Returns 2:00pm Register by April 3rd

## **OLDE MISTICK VILLAGE!**

### **Shopping and lunch at Olde Mistick Village** Monday April 15, 2024

Take a ride on the Senior Center bus to enjoy shopping and get some lunch on your own at the Old Mistick Village. Trip cost \$5 & Lunch costs on your own

## ADULT CO-ED S FTBA

North Branford Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be offering a Summer Adult Co-ed Softball League. Join us at Totoket Valley Park beginning June 11 for a fun, recreational league!

Two games will be played each Tuesday evening, one at 6:15 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. Potentially Thursday night games will be added depending on registrations.

Team Captains must register your team (minimum 8 players) at nbrecreation.com, submit a roster to the Assistant Director, Kerry Haynes at khaynes@northbranfordct.gov

#### Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 4:30pm Register by April 10th

## WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Eating Healthy in the Winter March 26, 2024 STW Senior Room 1:00-2:00pm Register by 3/22

Ask A Nurse April 18, 2024 STW Senior Room 1:00-2:00pm Register by 4/15 All about Diabetes April 30, 2024 STW Senior Room 1:00-2:00pm Register by 4/26



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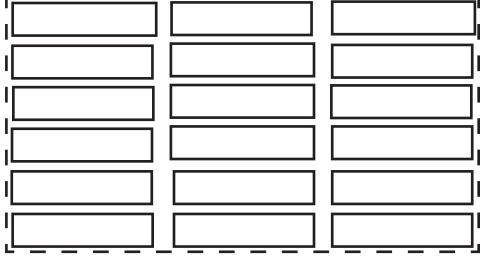
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### Marisa McCoy to Speak at National Acitve & Retired Federal Employyees Association Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2024, 1:00 PM, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Marisa McCoy, ShopRite Registered Dietitian, who will present The Mediterranean Diet for Heart Health.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: http://www.narfe.org



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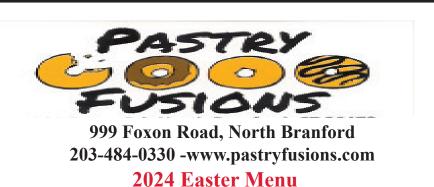
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Ham Pie - Made with imported ham, prosciutto, provolone, hard salami, and basket cheese. 8" \$50.00 10" \$70.00.

Chocolate Lemon Pie - \$17.00 **Assorted Italian Pastry Cookie Trays** 



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Antipasta	\$16.00	Pepperoni & Cheese	\$15.00
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The Veggie	\$15.00	Kielbasa & Sauerkraut	\$17.00

Full Stuffed Bread Menu is also available to order.

#### To ensure availability, please place holiday orders by Wednesday, March 27.

**Holiday Store Hours** 

Friday, March 29th - 7:30 - 3:30 Saturday, March 30th 8:00 - 3:00 Closed Sunday March 31st through wednesday, April 3rd.