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Zak Poston and Seth Poston Honored with Quilts of Valor

At the July 1 meeting of the North Branford Veterans Service Commission brothers Zak and Seth Poston were presented quilts from Quilts of Valor.

Zak served in the US Army from 2000-2006, discharged at the rank of E4. He is the current chairman of the Veterans Service Commission. His brother Seth served in the US Army from 2000-2009, discharged at the rank of E5.

Chuck Larkins, a member of the VSC, and his wife Claire, who are members of Quilts of Valor made the presentation. The mission of Quilts of Valor is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Their mother, Kathy Poston, is the town's municipal veterans representative, served in the US Army from 1976-79, and was also presented a Quilt of Valor at the Veterans Day Luncheon at STW last November.

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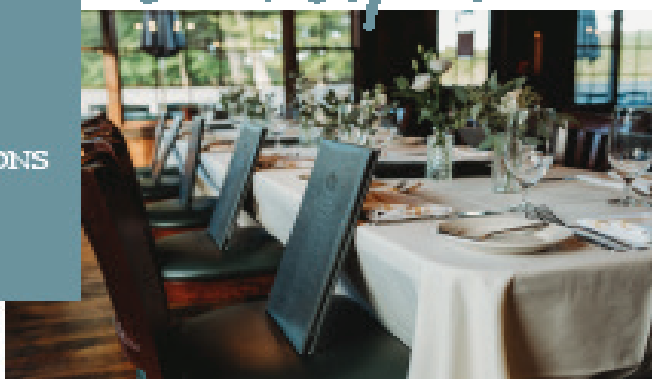
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State Representative Vincent Candelora

The Legislature Giveth... Bureaucrats Taketh Away?



You may have heard: the legislature recently passed a bipartisan bill that takes a small but meaningful step toward easing your electric bill. It's not sweeping reform—but it's a start.

Some of the key reforms address a long-standing controversy: ratepayers being forced to cover utility bills of other customers. The legislation addresses that

burden. It caps energy usage for participants in the Low-Income Discount Rate (LIDR) program and requires annual re-certification to ensure only eligible households receive the benefit. It also uses state bonding to pay down unpaid utility balances—resetting arrearages to pre-pandemic levels and easing the pressure on paying customers. Additionally, the bill shifts certain costs—like funding for electric vehicle charging stations for passenger cars—out of the “public benefits” charge on your monthly bill and into bonding.

The result? A modest savings—just a few dollars a month at most. But the noteworthy development: This was a rare bipartisan effort to shift certain costs from legislative policy decisions off your monthly bill. On a complex, often divisive issue, that's real progress.

But that progress is already under threat.

On July 9th, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)—the state body that oversees electric rates—advanced a plan directing utilities to create a program to support electric charging stations for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles like trucks and school buses. The \$8 million cost? You guessed it: ratepayers will foot the bill through the public benefits charge.

And there's more.

In Fairfield County, United Illuminating (UI) has applied to launch a \$300 million project to replace aging transmission lines currently attached to railroad infrastructure. Local officials and residents in Bridgeport and Fairfield are pushing back—objecting to the use of above-ground monopoles and suggesting the lines be buried underground instead.

Here's the problem: burying those lines would be significantly more expensive. And due to complex regional energy rules, every ratepayer in Connecticut—regardless of where you live or who your provider is—would end up paying for the extra \$500 million it's projected to cost. Once again, that cost would hit your monthly bill through the public benefits charge.

The Connecticut Siting Council, which oversees this kind of infrastructure siting, took a straw poll vote rejecting UI's current plan. If the Council formally rejects it, the project could shift to the more expensive underground option—sending electric bills even higher for all of us.

These two developments—one rooted in California-inspired green energy mandates previously supported by the Governor and legislative Democrats, the other in local opposition to infrastructure changes—undermine the bipartisan progress we just made in late spring.

We took one step forward on lowering electric bills. Now we risk taking two steps back.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader
86th District
North Branford, Durham,
East Haven, Guilford

Let's Be “Frank”

Well brother, this morning I pulled the trigger. First I studied and reviewed the household budget quite thoroughly. I then made sure I would be able to get an aisle seat for a long plane ride. I then checked to see if there was a scooter available once I reached the destination. I then convinced SueAnn there was nothing to feel guilty about. We've earned it so we should spend it. So we met with the AAA travel agent and on October 30, we leave for a cruise to Greece, Sicily and the Amalfi coast.

I've never been more ready for a vacation as I am for this one. Time is passing and who knows how long we will be able to do these things. I've spoken to people who tell me Greece is beautiful. I've spoken to Italians who frequently go to Italy and they tell me that Sicily has the best food. So as the song says, “All my bags are packed I'm ready to go”.

I'm also planning on a few shorter trips to Montreal and Maine. I've never been to Montreal, and Maine is a place we visit almost every year. We might even take another trip to Florida as Frankie and Ana are in the process of purchasing a very nice home. SueAnn is also planning a day trip to Rhode Island for the Sons & daughters of Italy. I'm not bragging but it took me sixty nine years to realize what you always said. “Traveling is relaxing, educational and fun”. I also might add it is pretty expensive.

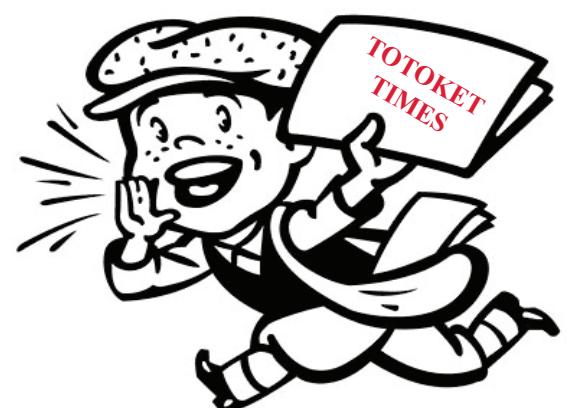
On the home front, Gina had a hip reconstruction so she will be on crutches for a month. We are taking care of her and nursing her back to health. What I mean by that is SueAnn is nursing her back to health and I am just watching the entire ordeal. I keep telling these kids that exercise is bad for you but they just won't listen to me.

I'm finally getting over my annual depression which comes when the high school baseball season is over. This year was unusually tough as I had some physical restrictions and we really thought we had a chance to win it all. We won the Shoreline for the second year in a row but we couldn't pull off the States. The kids were really disappointed but all in all it was a great year and they get over it quicker than the coaches. I will miss it when the time comes to pack it in, but to the disappointment of the kids, I don't think I'm ready to pack it in yet. I've been threatening to do it for ten years now but when push comes to shove, I just can't walk away.

Finally brother, it might never come to fruition but I am thinking of writing a book. It will be a compilation of my many stories (some true, some exaggerated and some completely false) as well as some “legendary” Let's be “frank” columns. I'm not sure if it will ever happen and if it does, I'm not sure anyone will read it. But it keeps my mind occupied and it what's more important, is it keeps me out of SueAnn's hair.

I'll be seeing your family this week as we are continuing with the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club which was always very close to your heart. Your wife and youngest son have been diligently working to keep this club going and it is actually stronger than it has ever been. although he's not on the Board, Mark does all the publicity and he has taken over the program/ad book which has given Rose a much needed break

Well, that's it for now. Say hi to everyone on your end and I'll see you soon. Hopefully not too soon.






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All Italian - All Good

Pizza Dough Saga by Mark Hehl

Connecticut has the highest per capita population of Italian Americans in the USA. Our pizza is award winning. Here is a childhood recollection of a local Italian American who grew up in an Italian enclave during the 1950's.

My mother always cooked and did it well. There was spaghetti sauce on the stove simmering on many days; yes, just like in the movies. I can still remember the wonderful smell of tomatoes and garlic. Buying the best ingredients was important to her. She would go to various stores or send me to buy specific fresh foods. Different stores for beef, pork, pizza dough and the live market for fresh chicken. Some stores were far from home. Being the oldest, I was always the one who rode my bicycle to buy these special foods. One hot summer day, I was sent to buy pizza dough. On the way back home, my friends called to me saying: "We need one more for a stickball game, come play." I resisted but they kept tempting me and even

held on to my bicycle. It worked, as I did join in hoping to just play for a short time. Losing track of time during this intense street competition, the dough, sitting in the hot sun, expanded, broke the bag, and oozed out between the rungs of the bicycle basket. I did my best to bring the mess into the house. It was falling out over my arms. To say the least, I made another trip to the store and came directly home this time. I did not want to face the consequences from my mother a second time during the same day. I do not remember the details only that my experience was not pleasant. Italian mothers tend to be intense and emotional. I grew up on the receiving end of this many times.

Only once did I get lazy and purchased another item at a more local store and thought that she would not know the difference. It did not work; I got caught! After my mother finished with her verbal scolding, which lasted a long time, I never even thought about doing it again. Each time after that incident I went to the store that I was told to.

Mark Hehl is an Italian American author and public speaker. He is the author of the books An Immigrant's Dilemma and Ameri - Sicula: Sicilian Culture in America.



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THEY MAKE US PROUD

Nicholas Beecher, Samantha Franceschi, Jilian Sweeney and Cailey Waldron were named to the Dean’s List at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI

Alyssa Kendrick, Jamison O’Brien, Arian Fiondella, Jillian Garrett and Emily McCormack graduated from ECSU in Willimantic, CT

Gianni Somo has been named to the Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, CT

NorthBranford High School
Class of 1975 50th Class Reunion

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For more information and updates:
Facebook group NBHS Class of 1975
Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) NOBranfordhsclassof1975@gmail.com
Please share information with other classmates.

7th Annual Richard M DeCrosta
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The North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 is holding its annual Richard M DeCrosta Memorial Golf Tournament, benefitting their scholarship program and the Epilepsy Foundation, on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at Hunter Memorial Golf Course in Meriden.

The registration fee is \$165 per player and includes lunch, dinner and refreshments on the course. The tournament will utilize a scramble format. Registration starts at 11:30 am, followed by lunch and a 1:00 pm shotgun start, with dinner taking place at 5:30 pm.

In addition to team score prizes, there will be prizes for closest to the pin, hole in one, and men’s and women’s longest drives. In addition to players, the Lodge has a number of options available for those who wish to sponsor the event.

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Recycling News

Hazwaste Central is open for the season

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The Regional Water Authorities’ HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays until mid- October. **They are closed Labor Day weekend**

HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from **9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays only**. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

A visit to HazWaste Central is quick and easy. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. Some of the household wastes that can be dropped off include aerosol cleaners and sprays, antifreeze, oil-based paint and pool chemicals. We also list some of the accepted items on your yellow trash information card.

Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central> for a complete list of what is accepted along with the online registration form. You can also call 203-401-2712 or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com.

When having your picnics, try to have a separate bin for recyclable bottles. Now that the deposits are 10 cents, someone will want to cash them in when the picnic is over. Or there are plenty of non-profits that would love to have them.

In Connecticut, recycling is state law! This means that everyone must recycle.

That includes all residents whether living in a single or a multi-family building, every business including non-profits, and all public and private agencies and institutions, including all public and private schools and local and state government agencies. Visit RecycleCT to learn about the benefits of recycling right.

Connecticut schools must recycle right along with other municipal agencies, residents and businesses. This act has been in effect since January 1, 1991. It is important not only that schools make certain that their program

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For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford’s Recycling Committee’s website: <https://www.northbranfordct.gov/245/SolidHazardous-Waste-Recycling-Committee> or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

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St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship always follow. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! The church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. St. Andrew’s supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas gift and food basket share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church’s Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew’s priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005

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TENNIS AT NORTHFORD PARK

Join us for 8 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!

Meet our Instructor: Austin is a certified USPTA tennis teaching professional and worked at Fairfield County Tennis and Milford Indoor Tennis before landing in Guilford and North Branford. He played high school tennis at Brookfield High School and college tennis at Western Connecticut State University, where his teams made the playoffs every year. When he's not teaching tennis he can be found playing tennis, as he belongs to several USTA league teams.

INTRO TO TENNIS

Ages 11-13 • 5:00-5:45pm • July 9 - August 27
Ages 5-10 • 6:00-6:45pm • July 9 - August 27

\$120
per session

GUITAR 101

INTRO TO ACOUSTIC/FOLK

- ★ Thursdays July 31-Aug 21
- ★ STW Community Center
- ★ Senior Room
- ★ 4:30-5:15pm - Ages 8-12
- ★ \$40 res/\$45 nr

Learning the fundamentals of guitar will help you develop a greater appreciation for music - and it's a lot of FUN! Topics covered include notes, right/left hand technique, beats, chords/chord theory, and basic song structure. *Class is intended for students with little or no instrumental experience. Instructor: Carl Fazzio

Equipment: **Please bring an acoustic guitar.
*Notebook and pen to take notes.



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Grades 3-5

My First Lemonade Stand Summer Camp

at North Branford Parks & Recreation



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- 📅 Mon, 8/18 - Fri, 8/22
- 🕒 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 📍 North Branford Recreation Center
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT 06472
- 💰 \$350 for full-day camp



BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY!



— SENIOR CENTER —

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays July 22 — Sept 9
10:30—11:30am \$45 res / \$50 nr

Instructor: Sharon Bailey

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is done while sitting and using a chair for support. Chair yoga helps build strength, improve coordination, and promotes relaxation, reduces stress.

MOVE TO MUSIC

Friday July 18 - \$5res/\$6nr
10:00—11:00am STW Gym/Cafe

Instructor: Adrienne Patrella

"Move to Music" is a low impact, fun, fitness class which can be done either seated or standing. This easy-to-follow program combines gentle movements with upbeat music to help you improve strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance—all while enjoying the rhythm and having fun.

HOT OFF THE GRILL DOUBLE BINGO

Thursday July 24 - \$5
10:00—2:00pm - STW Pavilion

JOIN US FOR ALL DAY DOUBLE BINGO WITH A GRILLED HOT DOG PICNIC LUNCH IN BETWEEN THE 2 SESSIONS!

We will play and eat under our new pavilion. First session is 10am to 11:30am, lunch, then our second session of bingo will start at 12:30! A Lunch of hot dogs, chips, watermelon, macaroni salad and lemonade is included in this event.

IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

MY FAIR LADY

At Ivoryton Playhouse

August 13, 2025- \$58res/\$63nr

Lunch (on your own) at Lenny & Joe's then we're off to the theater to enjoy a production of My Fair Lady!

Departs 10:30 am Returns: appx. 5:00 pm

Payment is due at time of registration



GOODSPEED MUSICALS

A CHORUS LINE



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At the Goodspeed Opera House
September 10, 2025

\$120res/\$130nr

Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show!

Departs 11:00 am Returns: appx. 5:00 pm

Payment is due at time of registration

Please register by July 21st to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show!

The trip leaves from the Senior Center. If you need transportation to the Center, kindly let us know when you register.

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Sons & Daughters of Italy - Christmas in July

The Community Outreach Committee of the North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy is currently holding their annual “Christmas in July” toy drive for the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet Program. Please help us provide toys, so the Program can distribute a toy to every child that is discharged from the hospital. Donations can be made at the following North Haven locations by July 23rd:

- Arnold’s Jewelers, 117 Washington Avenue
- Nick’s CharPit/Papas Scoop, 22 Middletown Avenue
- Terrace of Beauty, 380 Washington Avenue

Additionally, the committee will be collecting on the North Haven Green on Saturday, July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come visit us and bring a donation - we would love to meet you!

For more information about Lodge 2805, please visit our website at www.northhavenlodge2805.club.

Photo - 2024 toy drive, committee members (L-R) Donna Casciello, Ralph Casciello, Charlene Logan, Georgianna Hull and Lucille DeGregorio.

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- Gallery Gift Shop

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The East Rock Cafe expands to North Branford!

Poppy's Coffee & Kitchen Originally opened in the summer of 2022 and quickly became a town staple in New Haven, now opening a brand new location in North Branford!

Extending their popular menu options from New Haven to a new town! From Avocado toast to Poppy's breakfast (Their take on a classic American style breakfast) there's something for everyone. But the menu doesn't stop at breakfast, you can also dine in for a wide variety of lunch options! Offering sandwiches, salads, wraps & soups, you'll be sure to find some new favorites.

Not stopping there, they're also bringing over their wide variety of specialty coffee, roasted freshly every week by a local roaster and used to make a perfect cup for you! From lattes to cappuccinos to Vietnamese iced coffee. Using their "Gold" espresso roast, and for those looking for a more simple classic American coffee, not to worry they offer freshly roasted and brewed light and dark roast coffee all day!

Come by and show some love to a new small business in town.