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## COMMON GROUND

### Connecting Our Town

We are a growing group of local organizations and town residents with diverse backgrounds, stories, and perspectives, where all are welcome to participate fully.

We make it possible for the whole community to support each other, work together to identify and address our common wants and needs, and have a say in the way our town grows and develops.

We host community conversations, town-wide events, educational sessions, and other opportunities for neighbors to gather toward these goals.

## NEXT WORKSHOP

Guest Speaker: Rita Ney  
Food Pantry of North Branford  
& Community Stories of Affordability in Town

**JUNE 23, 2026**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

North Branford Police Station  
Conference Room

Refreshments will be served



## HAPPENNING TODAY

Italian Charities of America is offering a free virtual event, a presentation titled, "Forgotten Voices, Shared Stories: Italian Americans Uprooted from Coast to Coast." The virtual presentation will take place on Wednesday, June 17th from 7 PM - 8:30 PM EDT. The following is a description of the event for its website.

During World War II, more than 600,000 Italian immigrants living in the United States were labeled "enemy aliens." On both coasts, ordinary families—fishermen, shopkeepers, mothers, and children—found their loyalty questioned and their livelihoods destroyed. In this dynamic presentation, authors Lindsay Marie Morris and Maria (Mia) Millefogle weave together two rarely told stories: the forced evacuation of Italian Americans from Pittsburg, California, and the restrictions and losses endured by fishing families in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Drawing from archival photographs, oral histories, and personal storytelling, they reveal how wartime fear reshaped Italian American communities across the country, erasing cultural identities, straining family bonds, and silencing memories for generations.

Audiences will discover: The coast-to-coast impact of wartime "enemy alien" policies; The internment and surveillance of Italian Americans alongside Japanese and German neighbors; How family-run industries were devastated; How fishing licenses were revoked, vessels were requisitioned, and communities faced dangers of German U-boats in U.S. waters; Stories of resilience, adaptation, and pride that continue to shape Italian American identity today.

Together, Morris and Millefogle honor these forgotten histories and invite reflection on what it means to belong—then and now. Lindsay Marie Morris is a novelist and journalist inspired by her Sicilian-American roots, her debut novel, *The Last Letter from Sicily* (Storm Publishing, January 2025), traces a World War II-era story of love, resilience, and family secrets that spans continents and generations. Her second novel, *Beneath the Sicilian Stars* (Storm Publishing, July 2025), returns to this pivotal moment in history, following a family divided between California and Sicily whose lives are forever changed by the war, forcing them to confront questions of loyalty, belonging, and sacrifice. Maria (Mia) Millefogle is a writer and researcher whose work explores immigration, identity, and the untold histories of New England's fishing communities. Her forthcoming book, *Daughters of Stone and Tide: Loss and Resilience in a Fisherman's Family* (University of Massachusetts Press, Fall 2026), traces the emotional legacy of family, abandonment, and belonging across generations.

Take advantage of this opportunity and register for the event at this link.

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# Totoket Historical Society Quarry Tour – June 24

The Totoket Historical Society will host a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry in North Branford on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 PM. Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. This 90-minute guided tour includes the opportunity to ask questions and, weather permitting, walk the quarry floor.

Cost: \$30 per person.

Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Reservations required (confirmed upon receipt of payment)

**Mail checks (payable to Totoket Historical Society, Inc.)** to: 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471. ATTN: TILCON. Please include a phone number.

Arrival: North Branford Town Hall by 5:30 PM

**Boarding: 5:45 PM (prompt departure)**

For information and reservations: Lynn: 203-214-9172 or Jessica: 203-895-6655

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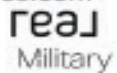


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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Be Wary About What the Governor Is Suddenly Selling



at the nightly news.

Recently, Gov. Lamont held a news conference to announce a series of proposals he said will reduce utility bills. It came roughly a week after he unleashed tough comments about utility company executives and their compensation. I have to imagine a lot of Connecticut residents frustrated by their electric bills were yelling, “Hey, Gov, where have you been?”

After all, his comments arrived wrapped in a curious start-of-summer re-election slogan for someone who has been at the helm for eight years: “We’re just getting started.”

So why is the Governor, who has been notoriously detached from the electric bill crisis throughout his tenure, suddenly interested in the topic? Simple. He’s facing an August primary challenge from Hamden State Rep. Josh Elliot, a dyed-in-the-wool progressive whose far-left positions haven’t exactly been the Governor’s cup of tea since he took office in 2019. But the Democrat party has moved firmly left, and the Governor, who is seeking a third four-year term, is suddenly catering to that crowd to avoid the embarrassment of a close result in August.

Look closely at his proposals and you’ll find the same far-left fingerprints. Take his pitch to hand subpoena power to the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC). The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and the Attorney General already have that power. Duplicating it creates more bureaucracy, guarantees more animosity between the state and utility companies, and will almost certainly trigger more legal action. Here’s the kicker: ratepayers help cover the OCC’s costs, so beefing up that office means you pay more for the privilege.

Then there’s his vow to penalize utilities that don’t deploy new technology, like smart meters, to help customers control costs. Sounds great, until you learn smart meters carry a price tag of roughly \$900 million, a cost that will ultimately land on ratepayers. That’s a reality the Governor failed to mention.

Meanwhile, just this session, Democrats passed yet another bill heaping subsidies into solar programming, a move that will once again keep your bills high. The Governor ignored calls to veto it, right before launching his new campaign messaging push.

And let’s not forget his biggest claim to fame on energy in Connecticut: promoting his former PURA chair, Marissa Gillett, who a Superior Court judge eventually found conducted business in an unsavory manner, including deleting records.

That’s the record. Voters should be wary of every Lamont campaign proposal between now and the August primary. His far-left challenger is pushing him into making promises that history shows the Governor doesn’t believe in, and energy is a prime example. He has done next to nothing on this topic since he was elected, and now we’re supposed to buy tough talk steeped in far-left ideology?

Even the Governor seems to sense the problem. He eventually acknowledged that maybe, just maybe, his “just getting started” slogan needed some work. After eight years in office, that might be the most believable thing he’ll say all summer.

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

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## Let’s Be “Frank”

Hi brother, Sorry this letter isn’t directed to you as usual. I wanted to give the readers a bit about our dad as I remember him on Father’s Day,

My dad was born in 1914. He was the son of two Italian immigrants, Costabile Mentone and Maria Gambardella Mentone. He and his twin sister were the second youngest of 12 children. When he was four, he lost his sister to the pandemic of 1918

He was born on Water Street in the Wooster Square neighborhood, something that always made him proud. His mom died when he was twenty seven years old and his dad joined her five years later, when he was thirty two. At that time, he was still living in a four-story building in the house where he was born. His sisters took over the household chores, and the single brothers all worked and brought home their income for the sisters to pay the bills and delve out whatever (they decided) the boys needed for themselves.

My dad was pulled out of school in the fourth grade. He was diagnosed as being mentally challenged. In the more educated society of today, he would’ve simply been diagnosed with dyslexia. He taught himself to read and write. He was driving a bread truck, delivering at the age of twelve and by then he had already started on a 3 to 4 pack a day smoking habit. At sixteen years of age, he also started to work at Winchester Repeating Arms in New Haven.

It was at Winchester’s when at the age of thirty, a young lady ten years his junior saw him across the room and without speaking to him went home to tell her mother that she had seen a man with sparkling hazel eyes who would be her husband. One year later, they married, moved next door to his lifelong home and started a family.

The apartment was a cold water flat. To take a bath my mother would heat a pan of water on the stove, put it in the sink, mix it with some cold water and that would be warm enough for us to wash with soap and the other side of the sink was used to rinse

My father was a very hard worker, working 10 to 12 hours in a factory. He didn’t believe that the wife should be working so my mom stayed home took care of the children, the housework and the cooking and my father worked many hours to pay the bills on very small salary.

I later found that we were in the poverty level and could’ve collected aid from the state and the city, My father would not hear of it. He was too proud. He never owned his own home. But he insisted that his three children went to Catholic School from first grade through high school. He wanted his kids to have the education he never had.

My dad was a very simple man. He unconditionally loved my mother and his family. He made us go see his brothers and sisters on all holidays because we needed to show them respect. Even after they had passed, he would drag us to the cemetery to pray for them. A tradition I still uphold to this day.

He was ashamed of his poor dental situation and his lack of education but some of his mala props were for the ages. He had a language of his own and as I got older, I was able to figure out what he was saying before anyone else.

He once told me his brother Hop was trying to get rid of cat tracks. When I asked him where they were, he promptly replied “In his eyes you dummy”.

When he brought my sister to get her car checked he told me she needed circumcisers. With no clue as to what he was talking about I made him explain what he meant. “When the car hits a bump, it bounces all over the place” he pointed out. I quickly realized he meant shock absorbers.

Rarely traveling outside of the New Haven area, my aunt and uncle took him and my mom to Canada. When they took his breakfast order, they asked him how he wanted his eggs and he ordered them, “well done”. Later, on that same night when he was on the porch relaxing, he called my mother over and explained to her, “look at that moon. It looks just like the one we have at home.

Finally, when my mother made one of her frequent trips to the hospital, my father was registering for her. When asked what her religion was, he proudly proclaimed, “Italian”.

When asked why she was being brought in, he gave the doctor’s diagnosis and said, “She has a cute vagina”. I wasted no time explaining that she had acute angina.

I took him home with me because he didn’t like being alone. We stopped at his place to grab some clothes, and he told me to make sure I got two pants(s). “It’s pants”, I corrected him. “No, it’s not, I want two pairs”.

My father had his own language, but when it came to being a man of character and a man who took care of his family, he was a Rhodes Scholar.

### Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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## ***Was my great-grandfather a villain or hero for leaving his children behind in the USA and returning to Italy? My quest to find the truth!***

***By Mark Hehl***

Between 1880 and 1924, over four million Italians immigrated to the United States, primarily from Southern Italy, driven by poverty, political instability, the search for economic opportunity and false promises. One estimate is that 35% did not stay in the USA and returned to Italy within a few years. One immigrant from the Sicilian town of Santa Margherita di Belice (AG) was my great-grandfather, Giuseppe Tardi, who returned to Italy out of desperation and heartbreak.

While growing up in Brooklyn, NY I often heard my mother telling me the story about my great-grandfather returning to Sicily after my great-grandmother died and leaving my grandmother in an orphanage. Subsequently, he had a second family in Sicily. She offered no further details and, regrettably, I did not ask for clarification. He was considered a villain by my family in the USA for his actions.

This story stuck with me over the years and after raising three children I began to wonder about this family story. Being a parent, I could not accept that my great-grandfather was a selfish villain for abandoning his children and just did not care about them. There had to be more to his story and motivation. I was determined to find out his true motivation. Dr. Gaetano Cipolla sums up what family means to Southern Italians in this quote from his book, *What Makes a Sicilian?* Legas, 1996:

*“The family occupies the most prominent place in the lives of Sicilians. The family is the single most important institution around which revolve the social behaviors of Sicilians. It’s a symbol of the unity of the Sicilian people as a nation, and it is a means of defense against outsiders. For Sicilians one could really say the family is all.....”*

I have spent much time working in various countries in east Asia and have experienced cultures where it is common for parents to leave their children behind and work in a foreign land so that they could provide for them better. In China, many factory workers living in Hong Kong would depart for mainland China on Monday morning and return home on the following Saturday evening, only to spend Sundays with their family. Some other Chinese relocated their families to places like Canada and only visited them two times a year. Poor Chinese factory workers leave their families in their rural villages to work in coastal factories and assembly plants, only to return during the lunar new year. Due to the economic situation in The Philippines, it is common for Filipinos to travel overseas to work, while leaving their children with relatives. This way the children would have enough to eat, decent clothes to wear and an education. They would only see their children once a year, usually Christmas time. Many Latin Americans come to the USA to work and send money home so that their children would be taken care of. If they entered the USA illegally, they would not be able to return easily or not at all. Some Cubans sent their children alone to the USA during operation Pedro (Peter) Pan (1960 -1962) after Fidel Castro took power, only to be reunited with them many years later. I believe that sacrificing for one’s children is the duty of all parents and maybe this motivated my great-grandfather, Giuseppe Tardi.

I visited my ancestral village in Sicily for the first time in 2006 and by chance, met my cousin Peppino. He is the grandson of Giuseppe Tardi, he is of my mother’s generation, but younger than me. It was then that I decided to explore this situation a bit more. My goal was to unlock the underlying motivation for Giuseppe’s actions while in America.

Upon my return home, I decided to conduct more research, document my findings, and publish it in a book which took twelve years to complete. Then the real work began, performing mostly primary and some secondary research. I searched for existing relatives that were of my mother’s generation and interviewed them, spent countless hours online searching ancestral records and made a trip to the archives in New York City and Ellis Island. To get a real understanding of the Italian immigrant experience I read every book that I could acquire on the subject. These books covered this immigrant experience from the decision to emigrate to the hard life in the new world. In 2017, I made a research trip to Sicily, with my wife, to interview Giuseppe’s descendants there and research town records.

All this was to answer the question: Was my great-grandfather, Giuseppe Tardi a villain or a hero for returning to Sicily while leaving all but one of his children behind in America. Was he thinking about himself or the better future of the children? Did he sacrifice his needs for them and future

generations, including me?

I obtained vital information from interviewing my great half-aunt (my grandmother’s half-sister) Laura Tardi in Sicily. She traced her father’s ordeal in detail to get the documentation in Italy to emigrate with his wife and six children to the USA. He even needed to bribe an official to secure the authorization. I was provided with details of the journey to the port in Naples and the horrific voyage, braving disease and death, in steerage class across the Atlantic to New York. She detailed the processing at Ellis Island. *Zia* Laura described the abuse and derogatory insults he endured at work, digging trenches for the New York City Subway system.

This interview gave me the details of my great grandmother’s death (Laura LaMarca) in Brooklyn, resulting from her ninth pregnancy and subsequent miscarriage. *Zia* Laura described her father’s desperation, despair, and depression, as he then had nine children and no one to care for them. After agony and sleepless nights, he decided to leave all his children behind, except for the youngest baby, in America and return to Sicily. He married again and needed to bury a second wife when she died in a horse cart mishap. His third marriage in Sicily yielded six more children. He sired sixteen children over a forty-year period with his last child born when he was seventy years old.

Due to this personal quest and journey, I was able to write and publish my great-grandfather’s story and my quest to uncover the truth in the book: *An Immigrant’s Dilemma*, Legas, 2019 and possibly answer the question: *was Giuseppe Tardi a villain or hero for his actions?* The book explains in detail my quest and my great grandfather’s agony with leaving Sicily, terrible life in America, losing his first wife, the decision to return home while leaving his children behind, the rejection of his children, and his final life back in Sicily.

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*He is the son of a Sicilian mother and spent his early years around his Sicilian relatives.*

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*EJ Boughton Awards*

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*North Branford High School Class of 1976  
 50th Year Reunion Information*

August 14,15,16, 2026 Events Friday August 14,2026 - Join us at Doody's from 6:00pm to closing. You can purchase your own drinks and food. Saturday August 15, 2026. We will gather together in one area at the Rosabianca Vineyard located directly across from the Millpond at 1536 Middletown Avenue at 2pm for those interested . Saturday August 15, 202. Evening reception will be held at the Millpond Gatherings. We have reserved the Forge room which has limited seating from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.Tickets for this event will be \$75.00 per person and will include a light buffet. There will be a cash bar. Payments details to follow. Tickets are limited due to the size of the hall we have. Sunday August 16, 2026.

Saying good byes! Meet up at the Northford Park at 1829 Middletown Avenue 10am-1pm. We have reserved the Pavilion, so it's rain or shine. Please checkout our Facebook page-<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ranford.H.S.ClassOf76> or email: [bobswick@snet.net](mailto:bobswick@snet.net) for further information



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**THEY MAKE US PROUD**

**Robert Mullins** was named to the Dean's List at Assumption University in Worcester, MA  
**Makenna Stone, & Peyton Moriarty**, completed their Capstone research at Worcester Polytech Institutw in MA  
**Faith Sanborn** was named to the Dean's List at the University of Brdgeport  
**Katelyn Bailey** was named to the Dean's List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA  
**Maxwell Siegman** was named to the Dean's List at Champlain College in Burlington, VT  
**Benjamin Stegina** was named to the Dean's List at Springfield College in Springfield, MA  
**Te'a Nicole Ferrucci & Carolyn Heffernan** were named to the President's List at the Universitr of Rhode Island.  
**Lauren Ackerman, Alec Johnson, Ezra Nierenberg and Dhruvi Patel** were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

**NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Confidential records of former students who received Special Education services from North Branford Public Schools, who have a birth date between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1998 will , have their confidential records destroyed on August 15th, 2026.**

**Former students who wish to pick up these records may contact the Special Services Office at 203-484-1230, to make arrangements, before August 1st, 2026. Destruciton of these records is permitted in acordance with Section 7-109, of the Connecticut General Statutes**



## Team Purple wins Park Rec U-9 Flag Football

Coached by the North Branford Little League and North Branford Youth Basketball presidents, these young men recently won the U-9 Flag Football championship.

Submitted by Mike DeMatteo,

Member of the Parks & Recreation Committee

## Local Eagle Scout Project Seeks Community Support

Guilford native Austin LaFata is working toward earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout this summer by leading a community improvement project at the North Guilford Firehouse. His vision is to create a welcoming picnic area overlooking the lake, providing a safe and inviting outdoor gathering space for local families and organizations. The completed project will directly benefit Austin's Scout Troop, other local Scout packs, and Guilford's LEGO League by giving children and community groups a dedicated place to meet, gather, and participate in activities. To help make the project a reality, Austin is currently seeking volunteers and donations to offset the cost of picnic tables, construction materials, and other project expenses. Community members can support the effort by volunteering at upcoming fundraising events or by participating in the construction day itself. A successful car wash fundraiser was recently held at Palumbo's on June 14, and another is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., again at Palumbo's. The Eagle Scout project build day is planned for Saturday, August 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As part of its ongoing Community Outreach Initiative, A&D Equipment, Guilford's woman owned small business specializing in excavator attachments, is proud to support Austin's project. Members of the A&D Equipment team will volunteer their time and talents during the construction phase, reinforcing the company's commitment to investing in local youth and strengthening the community. Any funds remaining after the completion of the project will be donated to support future Troop 472 Eagle Scout projects, helping other Scouts achieve their goals and continue serving the community. Community support is essential to the success of this project, and volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. Those interested in helping with the upcoming car wash fundraiser or the Eagle Scout build day can sign up here: Austin's Eagle Scout Project: <https://bit.ly/3OYY8dt> Every donation, volunteer hour, and act of support will help create a lasting community space that will be enjoyed for years to come.

**A sponsorship provides:**

- ★ Visibility to more than 25,000 festival attendees
- ★ Advertising reaching more than 45,000+
- ★ Digital Promotion in local publications

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## Recycling News

### The Next Electronics Drop Off will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. We will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers. Our trash hauler will not take that TV you have on your lawn near the trash cans.

We will also be taking **mattresses** (clean and dry), **batteries**, **propane tanks** in reusable condition and **used oil** for FREE.

### Hazwaste Central is open

#### Safe & Free Disposal of Residential Household Hazardous Waste They take household batteries.

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 30<sup>th</sup> through mid-October. They are closed on the weekends of July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day.

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 blue trash information card.

Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/about-us/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](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com).

### **In Connecticut, recycling is state law!**

This means that everyone must recycle.

That includes residents whether living in a single or 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. It's the Law! Visit RecycleCT to learn about the benefits of recycling right.

Multi-Family and Condominium complexes are required to recover recyclables. You, your landlord, or your condo management company/association must separate recyclables from other solid waste and provide for recycling.

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 meets the requirements of the law, but that they do not send young people mixed messages by having them recycle one thing at home but not at school.

#### What must be recycled?

- Glass and Metal Food and Beverage Containers
- Plastic Containers\* - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7
  - \*No black plastic, nothing smaller than 2"
- Waste Oil (crankcase oil from internal combustion engines)
- Storage Batteries (from motor vehicles)
- Scrap metal
- Corrugated cardboard, boxboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper
- Leaves (must be composted)
- Grass Clippings (banned from disposal - should be left on the lawn or, if necessary, composted)
- Ni-Cd Rechargeable Batteries (from consumer products)

The law requires your hauler to provide a warning notice to customers suspected of violating separation requirements and to not knowingly mix designated recyclables with trash.

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/reduce-reuse-recycle/reducereuserecycle-main-page>

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](http://townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx) or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

## 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](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

The newly formed **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish** officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community. Rooted in the spirit and example of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, the parish begins this new chapter of faith, service and community. Parish leaders say the merger is an opportunity to strengthen ministries, foster deeper connections among parishioners and continue the mission of the Church with renewed energy and hope. The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Ave. North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

**MASS TIMES, SATURDAY VIGIL MASS** 4 PM St. Barnabas, 4:30 PM St. Augustine

**SUNDAY MASS**, 8 AM St. Barnabas | 9 AM St. Monica, 10 AM St. Therese | 11 AM St. Augustine. **DAILY MASS** Monday-Thursday 8 AM St. Barnabas

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 AM St. Augustine

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Sat. Vigil, during Monday & Wednesday Adoration 5-6 PM Mon. St. Augustine | 5-6 PM Wed. St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions 203-484-0403 or 203-239-5378

**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

**The North Branford Congregational Church**, NACCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford CT. Join us for meaningful worship and Bible based teaching every Sunday at 10 am. Sunday School for children during service. Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We offer Bible study, choir, lunch bunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday brunch, charity work, book club, praise team, men's fellowship and more. 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](mailto:nobdcong@sbcglobal.net), website: [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org) Come grow in faith with us!

**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](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-1pm; Other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. 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.northfordcommunity.church](http://www.northfordcommunity.church).

**Zion Episcopal Church**, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. While we are in transition, we continue to hold services of Morning Prayer following Rite 2 in the Book of Common Prayer, and do have services of Holy Eucharist when we are fortunate to get a supply priest. 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](http://zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

## DEATH NOTICE



**Joseph Edward Dodson**, born May 24, 1986, at Yale New Haven Hospital, passed away after a sudden illness at his home in the Czech Republic just shy of his 40th birthday. An avid reader with a curiosity about the world, Joe will be remembered for his quiet intellect, service to others, and devotion to a small circle of family and friends.

Joe grew up in Northford and graduated from North Branford High School in 2004. He later attended the University of New Haven, where he helped co-found a biking club while earning

his Bachelor of Science degree in national security studies. He would eventually go on to pursue a Master's degree in geopolitics from Charles University.

Sergeant Dodson proudly served six years in the United States Army 1st Infantry Division as an intelligence analyst, including wartime deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq, where he became a team leader and earned the Army Good Conduct Medal. This led him to a career in artificial intelligence analysis for tech startups. Building off his childhood passion for LEGO blocks and model rockets, his work focused on data modeling using earth observation imagery. He spent the final years of his life in Prague, a city he first visited during his military service and quickly grew to love.

'Uncle Joe' is survived by his nephews Thomas and Christopher Dodson, his brother Michael Dodson, and sister-in-law Phanavan, all of Plainville; his loving parents, Paul and Karen Dodson of Conway, South Carolina; his brother, Patrick Dodson of Albany, New York; and his uncle, Phillip Dodson of Cos Cob. In lieu of sending flowers, his family requests that you phone a loved one.



## Saint Anthony Church Still Growing

After more than 120 years, Saint Anthony's Church in New Haven continues to grow. The Church, part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish recently hosted a seven day celebration of their patron Saint Anthony.

The week started with a manicotti dinner with close to 200 people. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there was a Triduum of Prayer with the service being performed by Father Joseph O'Neill.

On Friday, June 12 Saint Anthony's hosted an indoor festival with music food and of course they're famous fried dough pizza and peaches and wine. There was an added treat as one of the young parishioners got together with his grand mother and made a big pot of doughballs.

The week came to an end on Sunday, June 14 with a Mass celebrated by Father Vin Curan with a procession around the Church property with the statue of Saint Anthony.

One of the parishioners proudly stated "It was a beautiful week that reminded us of the old days at Saint Anthony's Church and I am so happy that we continue to grow and we look to the future."

Saint Anthony's now has a 8 o'clock Sunday Mass (followed by coffee and) in English, and a 1:00 Mass in Spanish.

## SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA



Saint Anthony of Padua was born on August 15, 1195 on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption. His father Martin De Boullion was the governor of Lisbon Portugal. His mother Theresa, was descended from the Kings of Austria.

Anthony was not afraid of temptation and it was said that he made the sign of the cross to overcome the devil.

Anthony became a Franciscan in order to preach to the Muslims. Anthony was called "The Miracle Worker". It was sad that he healed a severed limb and even brought a child back to life.

On June 13, 1235. he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua. Anthony died on the way and it is buried in the Cathedral of Padua.

Saint Anthony of Padua is cal Italian Charities of America is offering a free virtual event, a presentation titled, "Forgotten Voices, Shared Stories: Italian Americans

# NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS

## Edward Smith Library Closed Temporarily

NORTHFORD: The Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, remains closed so a new HVAC system can be installed. We hope to reopen in August. Please return any books to Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford, or any Connecticut library. All programs are being held at Atwater. Please visit [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020 for registration or more information.

## Quilters Club

NORTH BRANFORD: Those who enjoy quilting are invited to meet at Atwater Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 19 and 26 (and every Friday). Newcomers welcome; bring your own materials. To register, go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Pop-In Storytime with Teachers

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, June 19, at Atwater for an all-ages storytime with a surprise guest teacher from Jerome Harrison School or Totoket Valley Elementary School. No registration required.

## “American Heroines” with Patty Carver

NORTH BRANFORD: This one-woman musical brings to life four important women of American history. Patty Carver, Playwright in Residence for Connecticut Children’s Theatre, will perform from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at Atwater. Carver’s musical presents the lives of Catherine Coffin; Mother Jones; Molly Pitcher; and Prudence Crandall. To register, go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Pop-In Storytime with Teachers

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us from 4 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22, at Atwater for an all-ages storytime with a surprise guest teacher from Jerome Harrison School or Totoket Valley Elementary School. No registration required.

## Tots and Tunes

NORTH BRANFORD: Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement at Atwater from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 23 and 30. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

## Colonial Escape Room

NORTH BRANFORD: Oh no! You’ve accidentally traveled back in time to colonial America. The only way to return to the present is to solve a series of puzzles about the 13 colonies. On Tuesday, June 23, at Atwater, we’ll have 5 sessions of 45 minutes, each for 5 participants: Session 1, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.; Session 2, 2:30 to 3:15; Session 3, 3:30 to 4:15; Session 4, 4:30 to 5:15; and Session 5, 5:30 to 6:15. Groups will learn about the economic, political, and religious motivations for settlement as well as the regional differences among the colonies. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Participants need to be able to read and write. Registration required; go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Unearth a Story

NORTH BRANFORD: What if you found a fossil on a hike? What if it came to life? Write your own story as we examine a variety of real fossils and learn about Connecticut’s state fossil and dinosaur on Wednesday, June 24, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Atwater. Make a Dinosaur Track Book to take with you and inspire some adventures of your own. Recommended for grades PreK-5. Presented by CT DEEP and Dinosaur State Park. Registration required; go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Needle Arts

NORTH BRANFORD: Those who like to knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, etc. are invited to Atwater, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24 and July 1 (and every Wednesday). For more information, go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Monday Night Mah-Jongg

NORTH BRANFORD: Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are

invited to Atwater from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, June 29. Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets. To register, go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Wildlife Conservation in America with Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo

NORTH BRANFORD: Learn how human activity has affected the lives of many animal species native to America. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, at Atwater, we’ll meet some animals that have come back from the brink of extinction. For kids entering 1st-6th grade. Registration required; go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Colonial Kids

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us from 4 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, at Atwater to explore the daily life of children in colonial Connecticut through reproduction objects and hands-on activities. Compare present-day lives to those of colonial children while learning about work and play. Make a “hornbook,” examine clothing, try out daily chores, and play with reproduction colonial-era toys. Recommended ages 5 and up. Registration required; go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Black History in Connecticut

NORTH BRANFORD: From 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, at Atwater, the Connecticut Museum of Culture & History will show items representing the Black experience in Connecticut. Among others, learn about Harlem Renaissance writer Ann Petry, who preserved artifacts from the black community of Saybrook; and examine daguerreotypes by Augustus Washington, who abandoned a successful Hartford photography business to build a new nation in Africa. Registration required; go to [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Tie Dye

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 29, on the lawn at Atwater to make some tie dye. Bring some white clothing from home and see what you can create. Registration required; visit [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020. NOTE: In the event of rain, this program will be canceled.

## Benjamin Franklin’s Charged Up STEM Birthday Bash

NORTH BRANFORD: Celebrate America’s 250th birthday with a STEM lab visit to the world of Benjamin Franklin, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, at Atwater. We’ll explore his musical invention, the glass armonica, and his experiments with electricity. Make your own kite inspired by Franklin’s famous design. Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration required; visit [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020. Presented by Cool-ology.

## Independence Day Stories and Craft

NORTH BRANFORD: Celebrate America’s 250th birthday with a special storytime and craft from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, at Atwater. We will read two stories and then create our own fireworks paintings. We’ll be painting - please dress appropriately. Recommended for ages 2-8. Registration required; visit [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com) or call 203-315-6020.

## Bowties And Books

NORTH BRANFORD: Put on your most elegant bowties and fanciest tutus (or whatever you find comfortable), and join us on Thursday, July 2, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., for songs, stories, and silliness at Atwater. Recommended for ages 6 months to 4 years with a parent or caregiver. Registration not required.

## All-American Dessert Tween Cooking Class

NORTH BRANFORD: Come make an all-American dessert from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, at Atwater Library. We’ll be making apple crumbles with homemade whipped cream, with a sweet cooked apple filling and made-from-scratch crumble topping. For ages 10-14. Recipe is nut free but may contain dairy and gluten. Registration required. Presented by Food Explorers (<https://food-explorers.com/>).

## Holiday Closing

NORTH BRANFORD: Atwater Library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 10 a.m., Monday, July 6.



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**BREAKFAST AT STW**

**\$3** Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Please pre-register for meals at least one day prior, by 9am

**BAKED CREAM CHEESE FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE**

**JUNE 24**  
8:30AM - 10:00AM

## — SENIOR CENTER —

**Walking for Wellness!**  
**COGINCHAUG**  
**June 23, 2026**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**

*Walk this way to better health! Join us for a nice walk or sit under the pavilion and play cards or watch the world go by! Bring yourself a little lunch and we will stop at Durham Dari Serve! Register by 6/19*

## PEACE LOVE ACCESSIBILITY

**June 25, 2026**  
**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Peace Love ACCESSibility (PLA), a new Connecticut-based grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to creating more accessible and inclusive communities. Let's welcome this local nonprofit as they share the importance of access for all!

**SAFE BOATING**  
**Personal Watercraft Class**  
**July 7th & 8th**  
**4:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**STW Gym/Cafe**  
**\$20res / \$25non-res**

A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in two evening classes. With successful completion of this basic safe boating class students will be able to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, enabling them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length, including Jet Skis. This class can be taken by anyone 12 years or older.

All students must bring their Conservation Identification number to the class. Connecticut Conservation ID Number-A Connecticut Conservation ID Number is a unique and permanent number that is assigned to you by the Connecticut Online Sportsmen Licensing System. You MUST provide your Conservation Id to register for this class. You cannot take the exam, purchase your certificate or re-print your certificate without it. Please see our website for more details.

## ESSEX LUNCH TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT

**June 26, 2026**  
**\$90res / \$95 nr**  
**Departs STW at 10:00am**  
**Returns 4:00pm Register by June 5th**

Departing STW at 10:00 am, we will have lunch on the Steam Train on our way to board the Riverboat, which will take us out on the Connecticut River. Your meal, train and steamboat ride are included. Adult beverages may be purchased on your own.

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**PICNIC AT THE PAVILION**  
**JULY 2, 2026**  
**5:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**STW PAVILION**

**FEATURING THE MIDDLETOWN SYMPHONIC BAND**  
**PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 6:00PM**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY WITH AN ALL AMERICAN PICNIC! BRING YOUR CHAIRS. BLANKETS. SNACKS AND SIDES. HOT DOGS ON THE GRILL. FOR FREE. PROVIDED BY PARKS AND REC. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

**REGISTER BY 6/29**

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