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## New Barber at Towne Barber Shop

Mark Fernicola is a fourth generation barber in his family. He learned the trade under the tutelage of his uncle Gerardo and cousins Dino and Claudio at Gerardo & Sons Modern Barbershop in North Haven. He specializes in traditional barbering but will do whatever sits in his chair. A few of his haircuts have been featured on Layrite Pomade and Clubman Pinaud's Instagram pages. He's a nice blend of West Coast vibes, Southern Charm and East Coast precision

We want to welcome him to the Towne Barber Shop, where he will work side by side with our already awesome Barber Tom!

You can find Mark Tues Wed and Thurs 10 til 6. He also does hot face shaves! The Towne Barber Shop is located on 2400 Foxon road in North Branford. They accept Walk-ins only.



## North Branford

### Memorial Day Parade 2017

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the North Branford section of town. The Post #8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. Groups will form on Commerce Drive which is located off of Route 80 at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off at 10:00 a.m. **sharp**.

The parade line will proceed east onto Route 80 toward the North Branford Congregational Church. All are invited to Company 1 Firehouse after the ceremony for refreshments, sponsored by Company 1 and the VFW Post #8294.

Interested groups should contact Gina Cox in the Town Manager's office, 203-484-6000 or by email [executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com) with your information so they can be included in the parade lineup. **RSVP no later than Friday, May 19, 2017.** We look forward to another successful parade.



## Joiner Signs Division I NLI

Peyton Joiner has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA as a springboard diver.

Peyton began diving in August 2016. Three months later, she placed 11th at States. Peyton comes from a competitive gymnastics background, but had many injuries. For her senior year, she wanted to try a new sport that would be easier on her knees. Diving was a natural fit with gymnastics.

Peyton went to diving camp for two weeks where she learned basic approaches and dives. She began working out as a team of one from NBHS with the Branford Swim Team. Three weeks into the season, and not yet qualifying for SCCs nor States, Peyton got a concussion from hitting the water too hard. Out for three weeks, Peyton returned, determined to qualify for post season play. With two weeks left to the season, Peyton qualified for SCCs and States. At SCCs Peyton placed 13th and she placed 11th at the states.

Duquesne University's Women's Swimming program competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference, NCAA division I. The last time they had diving was the 2000-2001 season. When Peyton interviewed over the summer, she asked if there would be a possibility of her working out on her own and then dive for the team. By January, Duquesne had gotten enough inquiries and commitments from two other incoming freshmen that they decided to restart a diving program.

They asked for Peyton's videos and offered her a scholarship to dive. Duquesne hired a new diving coach, and Peyton will be a member of Duquesne's swimming and diving team. They know that Peyton is a new diver and they are excited about the growth and potential she has already shown.

At North Branford High School, Peyton was a four year Gymnastics participant and varsity captain, Academic All American. Ultimate Frisbee, co-captain. National Honor Society, Student Council Treasurer, Interact Club, Anti-Defamation League- Names Can Hurt Us facilitator. Barnard College Science Book Award winner. PE medal. National Choir Award. Regional Choir qualifier. NB Potato and Corn Festival volunteer 8+ years.

*Pictured above as Peyton signs her letter, is (front row left to right) her dad, Randall Joiner, swim coach Scott Butler, Peyton and mom Ashley Joiner. Back row is Ultimate Frisbee coach Jake Sweet, April Lenox, stepmother, Sid Clow, grandfather, Nancy Clow, grandmother and Tom Hinman, stepfather.*

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## Don't Take Your Organs to Heaven

Dear Editor:

I write in response to a letter in the current issue of the Totoket Times submitted by Alice Lehr. Her description of Connecticut Bill, SB750 is misleading and incorrect. This bill sought to increase organ banking by requiring people to opt out of organ donation, rather than opt in. Thus, the default position would then be status as a donor, *UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED*.

There are no proceeds of organ sale to support any agenda, liberal or otherwise. Sale of organs is illegal. Organ banks are non-profits and organ donation is exactly that, donation.

The bill died and was withdrawn because there was concern that misunderstanding, such as that expressed by Alice Lehr, would actually reduce the number of donated organs available. The exact proposed bill was as follows:

Proposed Bill #750

AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN DONATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1.. That the general statutes be amended to adopt an opt-out policy on
2. organ donation that enables all state residents to become organ donors
3. upon their deaths unless they join an official registry to opt out of
4. organ donation.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the death of hundreds of Connecticut citizens each year by increasing the availability of donated organs.

I have been an organ donor on my driver's license since 1970. I should note that it is a huge waste to take your organs to heaven, God knows we need them here.

Sincerely, Susan DeSilver

## Family Talk About Drinking

Dear Editor:

With prom and graduation season around the corner, it's time to talk with our teenagers about making smart choices, including how to deal with peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children's decisions about drinking – in fact studies show parents are still the number one influence on their teenagers' decisions about alcohol. It all starts with conversations and building relationships of trust. To help start – or continue – these important conversations, Dichello Distributors, Inc. would like to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children. Programs like this one, paired with education and effective law enforcement, are essential to preventing underage drinking. Below is a list of all of the Family Talk About Drinking online resources you can find on your channel of choice: • [www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com](http://www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com) • <https://www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk/> • <https://twitter.com/ABFamilyTalk>.

Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking and parents have one of the most important roles of all.

Sincerely,

Tony Lota

Alcohol Awareness Coordinator  
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Connecticut's Debt Is Mounting



I've had many people approach me and inquire that I must be thrilled Governor Malloy is not running for reelection. I'm more apprehensive than I am happy. For the past six years under his leadership, I've never believed Governor Malloy was committed to serving the state. I've always felt that he was distracted in the moment to advance himself for some other cause. Now that he has decided to end his political career, I'm hopeful that he will turn his attention to Connecticut's budget woes, but I'm not optimistic.

I've written previously on how this Governor has almost doubled Connecticut's borrowing. When he took office, our general obligation bonds were at a maximum of \$1.2 billion annually. He regularly borrowed between \$1.8 and \$2.2 billion. While the Governor claimed that he inherited this fiscal mess, he alone controls the bond agenda and sets the amount of borrowing annually. Every time I served on that bond commission, I voted against the borrowing and raised concerns over Connecticut's ability to pay.

Most recently, the Treasurer is now acknowledging that Connecticut can no longer sell its bonds on the market and credit agencies have downgraded our bonds. Just like when a person has bad credit and must pay a higher interest rate in order to get a loan, Connecticut is being looked at the same way. In order to alleviate this concern, the Treasurer proposes that we dedicate a portion of our income tax revenue toward these bonds in order to get a lower interest rate. In other words, the Treasurer is seeking to garnish Connecticut's revenue stream and dedicate it toward paying debt in order to achieve a lower interest rate in the short term.

We need to stop borrowing. While the Treasurer is seeking to sell this new scheme to the legislature, she cites Illinois, New York, Washington D.C. and California as examples of entities that have used this budget scheme. These states are not examples to follow.

I've introduced two bills to help restructure Connecticut's borrowing. One would provide a hard cap on bonding and would set criteria for projects that would be suitable for public funds. Borrowing is inevitable, but the state needs to better prioritize. A second bill seeks to reduce our current indebtedness by reducing

our annual borrowing by a certain percentage based upon shortfalls in revenue and using that differential to pay down on our unfunded capital projects. Given the Treasurer's proposal to dedicate 4.4% of Connecticut's revenue stream toward debt service, I'd hope that the Governor and General Assembly will take notice. Now that this governor is not running for reelection, I hope he will make decisions that are best for Connecticut's future, rather than the politically expedient ones.

## Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, the baseball season is in progress and the Holiday season is over. You would be as disappointed with the Holiday season as am I. I'm getting back up on my soap box but I lose a lot of money with this paper so I have earned the right to get up there. Beside, it's the only box I can stand on any more without falling.

Most people do not even follow Palm Sunday anymore. Even people who claim to be good Catholics don't even know what it is. This year three CIAC even allowed high school baseball to be played because of several rainouts. The problem is, nobody complains so they let it go. We (Catholics) as a group allow these things to happen so they do. Mom would have been proud of me because as much of a dedicated baseball coach you know I am, I opted to skip the game and spend the day with my family. I'm not a crazy religious person as you also know, but sometimes you just have to stand for something.

Easter was hum drum as well. With our Church going bi-lingual with the Holy Thursday service, I don't get much out of the service. Many of the ceremonies have been cut to what I call the drive through version and after close to sixty years at the same place I don't feel at home

Good Friday service has now moved to 5:30 for the convenience of someone(I still don't understand who) so I am unable to attend that service and the Easter Service also seems to be a drive through version. I remember spending many hours in the Church during that week and feeling rejuvenated and reborn when Easter Sunday finally came. Now I just feel empty and missing something.


It did get a little better when the grandchildren stopped over Easter morning before going to dinner with their grandma. They bring life to the entire house and it's fun again. Oh by the way, their parents came as well.

While on the subject of baseball being played on Palm Sunday and good Friday, it's getting more difficult for me to get the job done on the field. The body is breaking down. The knees are shot, another vitreous detachment in the eye and the although the back is better, as dad use to say, "I'm all shot". I still know more about the game then most, but it's getting tougher every day.

On the professional front, the Yankees are getting the job done with a group of young players and a few veterans mixed in. The big man, CC Sabbathia is off to a great start and it's nice to see he is straightening out his life and maybe he will have a good year. He has always been a great Yankee.

Nothing much going on in town. The budget is still being reviewed. I just can't believe that every year, cuts are made on the BOE budget, cuts are made on town services and our taxes keep going up. I'm not the expert that you were on town government but it's confusing to me. While other towns are building new schools, adding parks and rebuilding their strip malls, our town keeps looking more and more like a ghetto. I love this place but some times I feel like I'm living back in New Haven.

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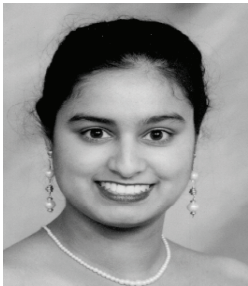


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### Letters to the editor...

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.

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This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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“Space Weather?”

Can you help me make sense of this? The IPCC (the organization that tells us that 97% of scientists agree on manmade climate change) publishes data on climate change. Its “AR-4” release provided data on the average carbon dioxide expelled into Earth’s atmosphere each year from all sources: 800 gigatons. It shows that this varies from year to year by as much as 19% (150 gigatons). This total comes from natural land and water sources as well as human (anthropogenic) sources. And the latest total annual discharge from all human sources (drum roll...)... 29 gigatons.

That’s right, less than 4% of this “dangerous” greenhouse gas comes from humans! Is our 4% contribution significant compared to these massive natural emissions and their 19% fluctuation? If natural variation is 5 times our human discharge, how is it that human carbon dioxide emissions are “causing” climate change? Do we confuse ourselves with theories of carbon cycle “feedback?” Is the tail is wagging the dog?

On October 13, 2016, our President issued an as yet unheralded executive order, stating that “[s]pace weather events, in the form of solar flares, solar energetic particles, and geomagnetic disturbances, occur regularly” and are affecting Earth in profound ways. So maybe the big fiery ball in the sky has something to do with climate change?

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Let’s Clean Up!

Dear Editor:

I write in reference to the “Let’s Clean Up” article in the Totoket Times dated April 7, 2017. Our family has also been residents since 1973 and also have noticed where some changes can and will make a difference in town. To start, I would like to thank Michael T. Paulhus, Town Manager of North Branford and Fran Mero-la, Director of Public Works as we have communicated to resolve some of these issues. On several occasions I contacted the State Department of Highway Maintenance in an effort to maintain the cleanliness of Rt 80 from the Tilcon Overpass to Rt 22.

I have also requested that several trees be taken down on Rt 139 that if had fallen could have been catastrophic to drivers. Within several days, they were down. Rt 80 has been littered with cardboard boxes, trash from neighboring restaurants, plastic bags, styro-foam coolers, mattresses and the list goes on. All it took was a phone call and and an e-mail to the Governor’s Office to have this debris picked up.

However, it did take 2 weeks for dozens of Hazardous Human Waste of soiled hospital pads used in many healthcare facilities to be picked up that made it’s way past 2 small shopping strips lining Rt. 80. These pads may have lodged under vehicles and ended who knows where, maybe in your garage. Since this is a very heavily traveled road, I requested for a detail of legal authorities, local or state, to monitor this area and fine motorists, garbage haulers who fail to cover their waste and anyone who violates a “No littering” law. The authority responsible for this needs to monitor this on an on-going basis and not hav-ing a private citizen(s) to report these unsightly areas.

I also agree with the writer that the town should enforce the “Blight Law” I believe is still an active ordinance. Our town beau-tification program needs to be enforced to encourage new home owners, business and industry to consider North Branford a community to invest in.

Thank you Marge Healy and Marie Ponzio for your letter of concern.  
Sincerely, Art Caplan

Public Stargazing  
at Young’s Pond Park in Branford

Come out to see Jupiter’s moons through a telescope! Look through our telescopes on Saturday April 22nd starting after sunset at Young’s Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. This month, the telescopes will be pointed at Jupiter with its 4 moons and some beautiful star clusters. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, [www.asnh.org](http://www.asnh.org) or call 866-808-ASNH. Support The Astronomical Society of New Haven during The Great Give 2017 May 2-3 at [www.thegreatgive.org](http://www.thegreatgive.org)

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

Recycling News

North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

Spring into raking! North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the remaining Saturdays this Spring: **April 22 and 29**. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the leaf drop off center.

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**  
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Plastic film recycling program picks up  
3 additional collection locations:

Recently Country Paint and Hardware, TJ’s Launderette, and Town Hall have been added as drop-off locations to the original locations: Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.

Thank you to all participants for continuing to give this program a very successful start!

As a reminder, all materials placed in the plastic film bins/totes must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

Plastic bags NOT accepted with recycling symbols 5 or 7 (i.e. salad and grape bags) and used re-sealable bags with food residue. Plastic bags with recycling symbols 2 or 4 ARE accepted.

For more information visit the NBSHWRC at [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) or

like us on Facebook at North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee.

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Celebrate Earth Day in Our Town  
Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

by enhancing and maintaining the natural beauty of our town.

**Who?** – Anyone who wants to make a difference.

**What?** – Participate in taking care of our community.

**Where?** – Anywhere: your back yard, neighborhood, school grounds, town parks and public trails.

**Why?** – Anything to help our environment is a great thing to do on Earth Day; help make every day Earth Day.

**How?** – Plant a tree or wildflowers, clean up litter in your yard and your neighborhood, reuse, repurpose and recycle.

WIT and WISDOM

Help can be needed and sought in many different ways when you become as old as we. Latest to confront us was the need to have the diamond ring I gave Marge 26 years ago for our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary removed, it having become too small and painful. I knew what was needed, but feeble fingers took it out of my capability. The family knew just the person to do the job and Arnold, of Arnold’s Jewelers in North Haven was engaged and without any hesitancy Arnold arranged to come here to our home, a need with one of Marge’s age where walking becomes more and more difficult even with a walker. So Arnold came early one day and removed our bond for the past 26 years. He declared it a worthy representative for which it was originally purchased and will likely grace the hand of one of our great grandchildren some day.

But that wasn’t the end. Arnold had barely left that Marge was complaining the gold wedding band resting alongside the diamond and the previous one this one had replaced was really the one causing the discomfort so Arnold, the gracious person he is came again and removed this band of gold worn to barely 1/16 width during these 80 years it rested there. Arnold’s reputation as a special person, as well as a trusted jeweler will give you confidence if you trust his judgement in a field noted for it,s chicanery.

This story brought back memories of a patron, who became more of a friend, during the years he trained in our gym”Louis Cappola”. Lou was the most noted and respected jeweler between New York and Boston back in the 30ties and for many years after, and was the jeweler the stores were referring to when boasting of their jeweler’s great skill and for which every store engaged in doing jewelry creations and repairs durng all those years. in New Haven.

A most interesting story, I rmember he telling me as it unfolded, back in the 40ties.He told of this society woman coming in to him in tears with her hand swollen and pleading for help, saying, “Sykes and Libby’s” the top jewelry store in New Haven and one of Lou’s customers, had sent her

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Search For Environmental Champions

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – April 3, 2017 – As the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for its seventh annual Environmental Champion Awards approaches, Aquarion is reminding schools, businesses, environmental organizations and the general public that nominations are still being accepted for outstanding voluntary achievements to protect and restore Connecticut’s natural environment.

The Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards will select a winner in five categories: Adult, Student (Grades 9-12), Small Business, Large Business and Non-Profit Organization. Nominations can be made for volunteer projects that have significantly contributed to the improvement of environmental quality through the protection, conservation, restoration or stewardship of Connecticut’s water, air, soils, and plant and wildlife habitats. Self-nominations and re-nominations are welcome. Awards will be given to projects that demonstrate a high level of achievement and create sustainable or reproducible results.

“There are a multitude of individuals and organizations from across the state doing great work to help Connecticut’s environment,” said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “We have received some excellent nominations so far and we hope even more people will nominate themselves or a colleague

for their environmental efforts before the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.”

Awards will include a \$1,000 award for the student winner and \$2,500 contributions to environmental non-profit organizations selected by the other category winners. Aquarion will honor winners on June 3, 2017 at a special event to be held at Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport.

More information is available at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) and [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](http://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

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to Lou failing to be able to help her. Lou, calmly said, “We’ll take care of that in an instant” as he cut it free. She was so elated she insisted on going behind his counter to hug him. As he handed her the ring, refusing to take any payment he said, “If you want that sized and made new again we can do it for you”. With this she left still voicing her gratitude and offering to do anything she could to repay him. A couple of days later when he came into the gym he laughingly related he had received his reward from the woman he had rescued from the ring stuck on her finger. It had come in from Sykes and Libby’s to be made new again.

One of the most noted and widely publicized of Lou’s accomplishments was when he “set” the noted” Maybe” diamond estimated at worth

\$35,000. It had become famous when the president of the National Folding Box Company had bought it for his wife, which breaths another mystery when she disappeared and he soon after from their mansion on upper Ridge Road in North Haven, which itself reeks mystery when the man who built it did so

after serving a year in prison for taking the rap for financial shenanigans that was threatening to destroy the “holier than thou” old Yankee officials `running The United Illuminating Company and-New Haven Savings Bank. Of course this was back in the 30’s and 40ties and must be observed in the financial status of those days

I cannot recommend you reading Kirt Westfall’s articles enough. They are written without fear or favor and give you the truth I have found nowhere else in our overly trusted and believed media. We are again being lied to with accusation that Syria is raining poison gas on their own people. They aren’t now and never were. The British took samples of the gas used originally and found it was of Turkish origin. Our war mongers are so anxious to keep their war going they are stooping to any level to mislead the world. Russia stepped in to save Syria when she saw what we were doing to her and risked her own involvement to save her friend. With other nations observing and verifying their moval of all poisonous gas from it ever being used again with which to accuse Syria the renewal of these accusations are baseless The use of these gases by Syria are and would be senseless, but known as probably Turkish. We know this, but grasp any excuse to keep the area in turmoil. Don’t fall for it. Syria knows how ridiculous such use would be even if she had it, but doesn’t. Our war mongers are so desperate to keep the turmoil going in that area they are stooping to any level.

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Revocable & Irrevocable Trusts

North Haven, Connecticut - April 6, 2017 - Attorneys George and Marc Guertin of Guertin and Guertin, LLC invite the public to join them for their popular workshop, "Revocable v. Irrevocable Trusts" on Saturday, April 29th at 10 a.m. This program was created to help people learn how they can protect and preserve their assets by using Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts.

This workshop will focus on the similarities as well as key differences in how Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts work. Attorney's George and Marc will examine how each trust works to protect and preserve assets. "Just because you can't take it with you doesn't mean you have to give it to a nursing home," says Attorney George Guertin. "With proper planning you can protect your assets," he adds. Past participants of this workshop have said, "This workshop was very interesting and enlightening;" and "good information and a very relaxing atmosphere."

This free session is being held at Guertin and Guertin, LLC's offices at the historic Center Fire House building at 26 Broadway in North Haven. Light refreshments will be served. Due to popularity of this workshop, advance registration is required. Please call 203-234-7400 or email [info@guertinlaw.net](mailto:info@guertinlaw.net) to reserve a seat.





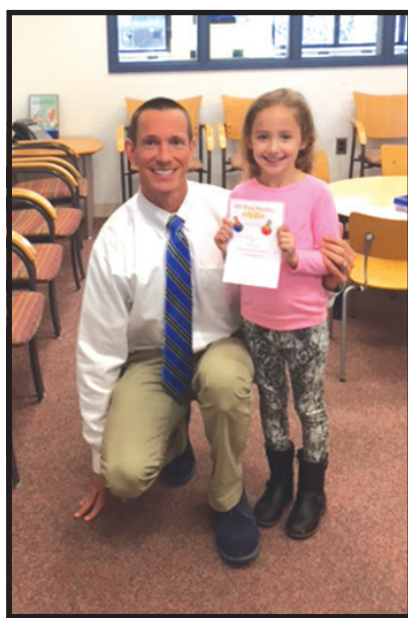
## Students Support Animal Shelter

Students and staff at NBHS have participated in a collection of supplies for the Cosgrove Animal Shelter in Branford CT. Items have been collected during the month of March at NBHS with delivery taking place on April 7th. Mrs. Heidi Ahlstrom Miller (left in truck) organized the supply drive and completed the delivery on 4-7.

## Sacred Heart Academy Sets Male Audition Date for Fall Production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

Sacred Heart Academy announces open auditions for male actors for the fall 2017 production of the *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. Auditions will be held at the Academy—265 Benham Street in Hamden—on Saturday, May 13 from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. Please prepare a verse and the chorus of a musical theatre song and be ready to learn a dance combination. You may sing something from the show. Plan on staying the entire time. This audition is open to male actors aged 13-18 enrolled in high school for the fall of 2017. This production will go up at the historic Shubert Theatre the first weekend in November. For more information, contact the Director of the Musical MaryLee Delaney at [mldelaney@sacredhearthamden.org](mailto:mldelaney@sacredhearthamden.org).

## Riley Malkin is an All-Star Reader



Congratulations to JHS kindergarten student, Riley Malkin for her participation in the All Star Reader Program (a collaborative effort between Jerome Harrison Elementary School and the North Branford Public Libraries where students are recognized and rewarded for attending our libraries and documenting their reading efforts).

Riley has visited the NB Libraries throughout the school year on multiple occasions and has explored the library offerings as well as our collective goal to engage in reading for enjoyment and academic success. Jerome Harrison and our North Branford Libraries are proud to recognize

Riley Malkin as being true All StarReader. It is our hope that additional parents, students, and families get involved in this great program to explore our local libraries and further develop a passion for reading.

**Photo: Riley Malkin and Principal Welch**

## Students Achieve 2017 Full Circle Award

For these full service awards, Teachers were asked to nominate students who they felt exemplified exceptional character through an act(s) of kindness throughout this semester. **Full Circle Award Winners**

**Class of 2020:** Alexie Rosado nominated by Mr. Rapport, Julia Ricardo nominated by Ms. Orner, Gerry Camp nominated by Ms. Barbato, Amanda Teodoro nominated by Mrs. Farotti, Jetta Powers nominated by Mrs. Farotti, Tyler Capasso nominated by Mrs. Carr, Zach Esposito nominated by Mrs. Miller, Francesca DelVecchio nominated by Mrs. Ostrowski and Dustin Shea nominated by Mr. Tortora.

**Class of 2019:** Joey Arpino nominated by Mrs. Artaiz, Caitlin May nominated by Mr. Yerkes, Hunter Hennecy nominated by Mr. Boudreau, Lyndsay Katz nominated by Mrs. Ostrowski, Stephen Galluba nominated by Ms. Dodds, Nick Mancini nominated by Mr. Darragh & Jeremy Conboy nominated by Ms. Alvarez

**Class of 2018:** Emmy Norton nominated by Mr. Gwudz, Sarah Sullivan nominated by Ms. McGrath, Marisa D'Amico nominated by Mrs. Lee, Josh Otfinowski & Ryan Mingione nominated by Mrs. D'Alessio, Michael Madoule nominated by Mr. Geremia, Jasmine Coleman nominated by Ms. Lombardi and Sarah Vitarisi nominated by Mr. Geremia

**Class of 2017:** Emma Randolph nominated by Mr. Geremia, Meagan Hanratty nominated by Mrs. Redman and Mr. Dombrowski, Jillian Damiani nominated by Mrs. Artaiz, Kari Zargo nominated by Ms. Maghini, Matthew Sibley nominated by Ms. Lombardi, Pat Mingione nominated by Mrs. D'Agostino, Giovanni Tirollo nominated Mrs. D'Agostino & Abby Baldwin nominated by Mrs. Towle

### Shining Circle Award

The highest full circle honor, these students have each gone "above and beyond" the full circle characteristics. They are role models for their peers and outstanding examples of our CIRCLE expectations.

**Class of 2020:** Gabriella Sarmento nominated by Mrs. Towle and Mr. Rapport. Gabriella has been recognized for being a true leader in and out of the classroom, being respectful to others who is passionate about being kind to others.

**Class of 2019:** Ryan Baez nominated by Mrs. Towle. Ryan goes above and beyond in the classroom, always willing to help others. Is consistently kind and leads by example.

**Class of 2018:** Hayley Murphy nominated by Mr. Geremia and Ms. Balg. Haley is always cheerful and exceptionally hard working. She is considerate to all those around her and is known to be empathetic to classmates, providing assistance to anyone in need.



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**Class of 2017:** Angelo Fiondella nominated by Mrs. Lacroix and Mr. DeLizio. AJ always has a smile on his face and goes above and beyond with his

work on the "Dream Team." He is committed to helping others, reliable and selfless. A true role model for all of our full circle expectations.

## Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the highlights of the program are:

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Where: Wall Field, rt. 22

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2017 Registration information

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- 12U- Boys and Girls who are no more than 12, and turn 11 on or before December 31, 2017
- 10U- Boys and Girls who are no more than 10, and turn 9 on or before December 31, 2017
- Flag football is for Boys and Girls who are no older than 8 and turn 5 on or before December 31, 2017

**In conjunction with UConn Athletics, each registration will  
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Week 2	June 19—23
Week 3	June 26—30
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Week 5	July 10—14
Week 6	July 17—21
Week 7	July 24—28
Week 8	July 31—Aug 4
Week 9	August 7—11
Week 10	August 14—18
Week 11	August 21—25





### NBLCT Walk at Evergreen Woods

On Saturday, March 25, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) hosted a family friendly walk at the trails of Evergreen Woods in North Branford. Geoff Smith of NBLCT guided the more than thirty eager walkers and three happy dogs who participated in the 1.5-mile trek over streams and through the beautiful woods surrounding the Evergreen Woods retirement community. Many thanks to Evergreen Woods for granting permission for the event and for providing post-walk refreshments.

The trails at Evergreen Woods are well marked and maintained by the Evergreen Woods Trails Committee and are free and open to the public. Take a hike - Recharge, Explore and Discover!

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to [www.nblandtrust.org](http://www.nblandtrust.org) or visit us on Facebook.

### NBLCT Sponsors "Operation Purge Invasives"

On Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 am to noon, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) will sponsor a coffee hour "meet and greet" followed by a two-hour invasive plant clearing operation, nicknamed, "Operation Purge Invasives," at our property on Village Street.

Dense growths of invasive species of plants that cover vegetation gradually kill plants by blocking sunlight from reaching their leaves. Vigorous root competition is also helping these plants spread and displace neighboring native vegetation. Removing the invasive plants will allow the forest understory to return to its native plant habitat and will provide an inviting place to recharge, explore, and discover our beautiful woodlands.

Join us for some fresh air and exercise and meet some friendly local volunteers who are working to improve the green space in North Branford. Wear work clothes with long-sleeves, sturdy shoes, a hat, and protective gloves. NBLCT will provide bug spray, poison-ivy protection, and a variety of tools. If you have a favorite tool for cutting or digging brush, you can bring that too!

If you would rather not get dirty, you are still welcome to join us for a free cup of coffee and learn about NBLCT and some of the planned activities for the property. We will meet on Village Street, mid-way between Woodvale Drive and Salem Streets. Please park at the end of Carlen Drive or on the small driveway that runs from Village Street towards the pond on Carlen Drive.

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### Get Your Gloves and Tools and Plant a Tree!

To celebrate Arbor Day, Friday, April 28, 2017, beginning at 1:15 pm, a group of North Branford Intermediate School students will work with members of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) to plant trees on the corner of Doral Farms Road and Route 80. Students chosen to participate were recognized by their science teacher, Nathan Bowers, for their essays about Arbor Day.

In 1854 J Sterling Morton moved from Detroit to Nebraska. He and other pioneers noticed a lack of trees, which were needed to act as windbreaks to stabilize the soil and to give shade from the sun. Morton planted many trees around his own home and encouraged others to do the same.

In 1885, Arbor Day, a holiday to promote tree planting and the care of our natural environment, became a legal holiday and was moved to April 22, Morton's birthday. In 1989 the official state holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, people are encouraged to get their hands in the dirt and plant and/or care for trees, bushes and plants.

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### Support NBLCT in the Great Give®

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) is excited to be participating in the Great Give®, a 36-hour, online-giving event to support local nonprofits.

NBLCT was established to acquire and preserve open space in North Branford and environs. The goal of the land trust is to protect and sustain open land, its natural resources as well as its historic buildings for the benefit of the community and to protect, enhance and maintain the rural character of North Branford for posterity.

When you support organizations that protect the environment, you address the immediate need while ensuring a greener and healthier tomorrow. Help NBLCT secure money to purchase land so that North Branford can retain its rural character. **On May 2 and May 3, please take a moment, go to the NBLCT Facebook or web page and make a tax-deductible contribution to NBLCT through the Great Give®.** For more information or to make a donation, go to [givegreat.org](http://givegreat.org) or [nblandtrust.org](http://nblandtrust.org), or visit us on Facebook.



### 9th Annual "Evergreen Woofs" Dog Parade

*Evergreen Woods Community Building Parking Lot and Lawn*  
**88 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, CT**

**Sunday, May 21st 10am**

Evergreen Woods goes to the dogs in its 9<sup>th</sup> annual dog parade, a fundraiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind of Southern, CT with a territory stretching from Wallingford to Deep River to New Haven. Dogs of all walks of life- and their owners- are welcome. Registration is \$5 per pooch, with a unique award being given to each entrant. Hot dogs and lemonade will be sold as well, and good times are guaranteed. For more information, please contact Briana Benn-Mirandi at 203-483-3224 or email [bbennmirandi@evergreen-woods.com](mailto:bbennmirandi@evergreen-woods.com)

(Photo: Eli the Chihuahua is ready for his close-up)



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Activities

Paint Night

**Who:** Grades 8-14  
**Session:** April 26  
**Location:** STW Community Center  
**Time:** Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$30 res/\$35 nr  
**Instructor:** Andrea Schmidt  
**Description:** *Taught by a qualified instructor, participants will create their own masterpiece. All materials will be included and each child will get to take home their amazing artwork!*

Machine Knitting Sweater Workshop

**Who:** Adults  
**Session:** May 20 and May 21  
**Location:** STW Community Center  
**Time:** Sat. and Sun. 9:00 am – 4:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$150 (includes lunch)  
**Instructor:** Susan Guagliumi  
**Description:** *This class will focus on all the steps of knitting a sweater by machine from charting and planning right through finishing. The instructor will advise students on suitable yarn for their machine and then students will purchase and gauge their yarn prior to the course. The instructor will assist in charting an individualized pattern for each student based on their own measurements and yard gauge. Students may add embellishment or patterns to their sweaters based on experience and prior approval from the instructor.*

Bus Trips

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Mamma Mia!

**Description:** A 20 year old woman wants to have a traditional wedding and hopes her father will walk her down the aisle, but there’s one problem: she doesn’t know who her father is! She narrows the list down to three men and hilarity ensues. The classic songs you know and love will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.  
**Fee:** \$110 res/\$115 nr  
**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Boston Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers**  
**Description:** Visit Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox, and watch them take on the Tigers. Watch this afternoon game from great seats in the right field grandstand section 7. Includes motor coach transportation.  
**Fee:** \$84 res/\$89 nr  
**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> New York Mets vs. Washington Nationals**  
**Description:** Nothing says Father’s Day like taking in a baseball game with the family! Watch the Mets take on their division rivals at Citi Field for this afternoon game. Seats located in Section 335 in left field.  
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**Ballroom Line Dancing – Tuesdays, April 25- May 30, \$30res/\$35nr**  
Learn the samba, cha cha, mambo, merengue, and more without the need for a partner. Ballroom Line Dancing is designed to teach students basic ballroom patterns and steps while dancing as a group. Move those feet, swing those hips and have a blast!  
**Walking - Wednesdays, April 26 – late September, FREE**  
The van leaves the Community Center at 10:30 each Wednesday to such places as local town greens, parks, and beaches. Registration required. Seating is limited to 16.  
**Mark Twain House tour / lunch - Wednesday, May 10, 10:30, \$20**  
Enjoy lunch and then a tour of The Mark Twain House, a National Historic Landmark in Hartford, Connecticut, and the home of America’s greatest author, Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) and his family from 1874 to 1891. This is where Twain lived when he wrote his most important works!  
**Nelson Hall/ “Two on Tap”- Friday, May 19, 11:00, \$35**  
We will stop for lunch on your own at a local eatery followed by a trip to Nelson Hall in Cheshire to see Two on Tap, a high energy song and dance act, featuring Broadway’s Melissa Giattino and Ron DeStefano, accompanied by a live jazz ensemble.  
**B, I, N, G,O**  
Every Thursday the Seniors enjoy playing BINGO. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. For example, in the past, Pastry Fusions has donated assorted baked goods to use as prizes. If you are interested in supporting this well-attended activity, please contact Kathy or Kerry at (203) 484-6017.

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Remember to “LIKE” North Branford Potato and Corn Festival on Facebook and share the postings with your friends!

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. [www.branfordbiblechapel.org](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) or [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com)

**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at [zionepiscopalchurch.com](http://zionepiscopalchurch.com).

## Easter Bunny Helps at Church Flower Sale



The Easter Bunny helped Cathy and Austin of Northford select a number of beautiful flowers/plants on Good Friday at Northford Congregational Church’s annual Easter flower/plant sale.

The church will another flower sale on Mother’s Day weekend in addition to a bake sale to benefit the church. The bake sale will be held on Sat., May 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes

22 and 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Website: [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com). Like us on Facebook.

## MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY

*Sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Women’s Club*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017,**

**St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall,**

**57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven.**

6:30pm Coffee & Dessert with Card Game to start at 7:15pm.

Cost is \$8.00 per person. given as to how to play the game.

Great Raffles and Prizes!! Come for a Fun Evening!!

For tickets or for more info call Sharon at 203-239-5700 or 203-234-0215.

## Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

## Send a Scout to Camp

Afternoon High Tea with Tea Sandwiches, Scones, Desserts, Tea, Coffee and all the fixings April 23, 2017 at 2 PM at Trinity Church, 1109 Main St., Branford, The event will benefit the funds to send scout troops #434 & 341 to Summer Camp.

Suggested Donation \$25. Please help send our scouts to camp! RSVP and info 203-376-2819. Walk-ins welcome.

## Celebrate Earth Day at Natureworks

Natureworks Garden Center located on Rte. 22 in Northford celebrates Earth Day with the following events:

**Friday, April 21st,** all day. Pollinator Hero Planting. Free. We invite kids and their families to come by and plant up their very own Pollinator pot.

**Saturday, April 22,** 10-11 am. What’s On with Nancy. Free. Natureworks owner, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente will offer talk about of the ecological role of plants in the landscape.

**Saturday, April 22,** 1-2 pm. Plant a Potato Smart Pot. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$30. Pot, soil and potatoes are included. Grow the healthy, delicious potatoes in a container.

**Sunday, April 23,** 1-2 pm. Enjoy an Organic Lawn and a Mini-Meadow, too! Free.

Natureworks manager, Diane St. John will introduce organic lawn and meadow making techniques.

Natureworks is located a 518 Forest Road, Northford, CT. For more information, call 203-484-2748 or visit [naturework.com](http://naturework.com).

## Totoket Historical Society

### Antiques Appraisal & Bake Sale

The Totoket Historical Society is sponsoring an antiques appraisal and bake sale event on Sunday, April 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Atwater Memorial Library located at 1720 Foxon Rd in North Branford. Hans Strilbyckij and Fran Walsh from Branford Antiques & Home Design (formerly Clocktower Antiques) will be doing the appraisals. Admission is free, but there is a nominal cost of \$5 per appraisal item with a limit of 3 items. Any questions regarding the event, please call Deb Kelly at 203 488-1832.

## Hope After Loss, Inc.® Compassionate Care Awards Gala

Hope After Loss, Inc.® will present its 2017 Compassionate Care Awards on May 17, 2017 to Dr. Richard Viscarello, an obstetrician at Maternal Fetal Care, PC in Stamford, and Megan Ryan, a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital. The Compassionate Care Awards recognize and promote excellence in the care of families that have lost a pregnancy or infant.

Richard Viscarello was nominated by Sloane Spanierman, mother of Jemma. She wrote, “Dr. V has been our friend, guide and angel... He is the only doctor who has offered us hope, solution and a plan. He has sat with us for countless hours and looked at our situation from every angle. We love and adore him.”

Megan Ryan was also nominated by Sloane Spanierman. In her letter of nomination about Ms. Ryan, Sloane wrote, “She was wonderful to our daughter while she was alive as her primary nurse and she has been an incredible friend and confidant to us since Jemma passed.

The Compassionate Care Awards will be presented at a Gala from 6-9pm at Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Rd, Branford, CT, 06405. Dinner, beer and wine tasting, entertainment, and a silent auction will be hosted to benefit the Hope After Loss, Inc. ® programs. Tickets are available through the website [www.hopeafterloss.org](http://www.hopeafterloss.org).

About Hope After Loss: Hope After Loss, Inc.®, a non-profit organization in Connecticut, provides free services to those who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or infant, including peer support groups. Education, awareness and outreach initiatives are provided to medical, mental health, and other professional organizations. Hope After Loss, Inc. also provides financial assistance to low income bereaved parents who have lost a baby but cannot afford the cost of burial or cremation. For more information, please visit [www.hopeafterloss.org](http://www.hopeafterloss.org).

## Spring Craft Show

St. Ambrose Ladies Guild (formerly St. Monica’s Rosary Society) will be sponsoring the Northford Handcrafters’ Guild Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica’s Church, Rt 17 in Northford. The show will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be a bake table and breakfast and lunch will be available. Tables are available.

For info call Lucille (203) 484-9737.



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**The Town of North Branford seeks qualified Public Safety Dispatcher** for immediate part-time employment. Candidates will be responsible for E-911 response involving Police, Fire and EMS dispatch. Candidates should hold a current or past State of Connecticut Telecommunication's Certificate. State of Connecticut COLLECT System Certifications preferred. Application available: Town of North Branford, Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Rd, North Branford, CT 06471. Application deadline is April 28, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.

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203-938-2541 [www.theanimalhaven.com](http://www.theanimalhaven.com)

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### Friends of the North Branford Libraries Book Sale

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries will begin collecting gently used books for the annual book sale commencing Saturday, March 18th and continuing through Saturday, May 27th at the Atwater Memorial and Edward Smith libraries. Books in good condition may be brought to the libraries on Saturdays only. No magazines or encyclopedias please. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sorting of the books.

The Friends of the North Branford Libraries Book Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jerome Harrison School, 335 Foxon Road. Volunteers are needed to assist with the book sale. Contact 203-481-2730 for further information.

### Town Fire Departments

#### Celebrate Volunteer Firefighter Day

On Sunday, April 23, 2017, 60 volunteer fire departments throughout the state will celebrate the start of National Volunteer Week (April 23-29, 2017) by holding open houses. Branford Fire Department (45 North Main Street) and the Town of North Branford Fire Department (Station 1: 1531 Foxon Road, Station 2: 1370 Middletown Avenue, and Station 3: 1958 Middletown Avenue) will be participating in this special event by opening the doors to their fire houses from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Visitors to the fire houses will be able to talk with volunteer firefighters about the work they do, explore fire apparatus and turnout gear, get a tour of the fire house, and fill out an application. For more information, visit [www.branford-ct.gov/fire](http://www.branford-ct.gov/fire) and [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) or find the Departments on Facebook at [Branford Fire Department](#) and [North Branford Fire Department](#).

More than eighty percent of all fire personnel in Connecticut are volunteers, and the majority of fire departments throughout the state are experiencing a volunteer shortage. Local fire departments need volunteers of all skill levels and abilities, people willing and able to respond to emergencies whenever called upon.

Volunteer Firefighter Day is part of [Everyday Hero CT](#), a program dedicated to increasing the number of volunteer firefighters throughout the state. A partnership of the [Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association](#) (CFCA) and the [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) (IAFC), the Everyday Hero CT campaign is a two-year Volunteer Workforce Solutions (VWS) initiative designed to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. It is helping achieve a viable and sustainable volunteer firefighter workforce for fire departments throughout Connecticut. Everyday Hero CT is funded by a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded to the CFCA by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a model to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

### NARFE May Meeting Announcement

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 1, 1 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Sylvia Patterson, Reverse Mortgage Specialist, Guilford Savings Bank.

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