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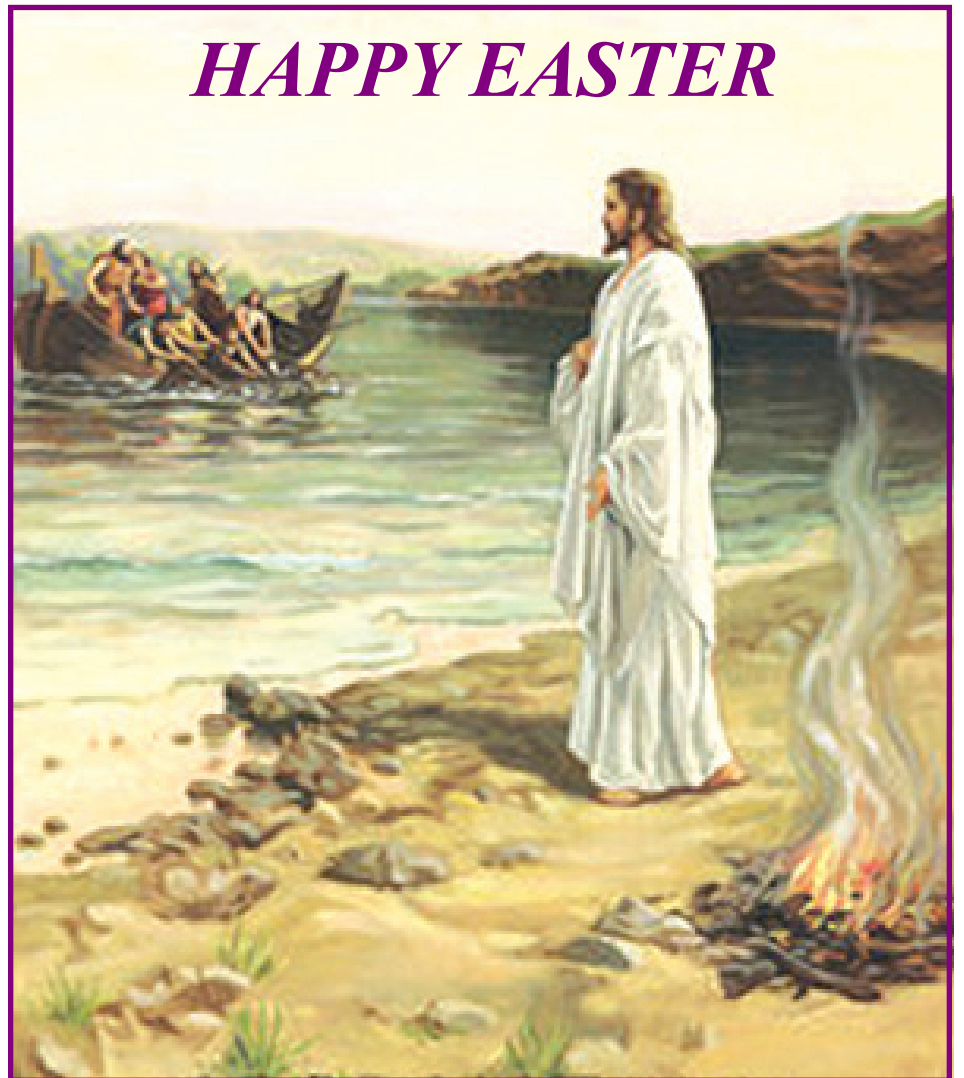
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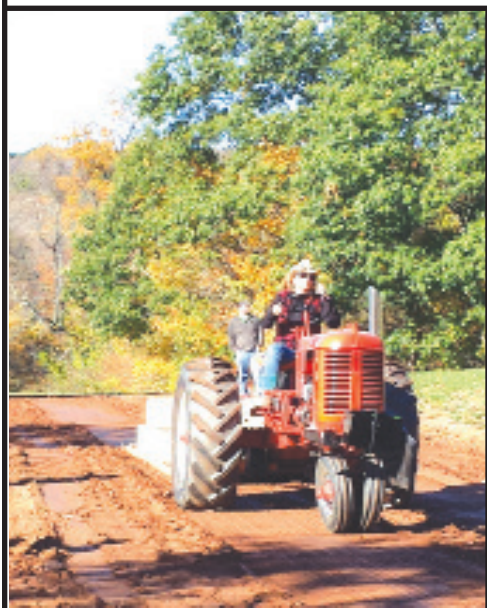
## *The Stars Were Shining*

Close to two hundred fifty people were in attendance as the North Branford Education Foundation acknowledged their "Shining Stars, Class of 2017". The dinner held at Woodwinds is a community event/fundraiser recognizing people in the community who go "beyond the call" in helping our youth. Pictured above left to right; Gary Wall of Tilcon, Marie Diamond, Judy Bannon and Pete Ramada. Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker is in the back row.

Thanks to all the recipients who did such a fantastic job of selling tickets, as well as our local merchants who donated raffle prizes and took sponsorships in our program book. Special thanks to Gary Wall and the Tilcon CT. group for their generosity.



## Tractor Pull Season Begins



Well if you liked the tractor pulls last year at the Augur Farm, stand by.

This year we are having 4 of them at the farm. The 4 dates are: April 22, July 22, Aug 5 and Oct 22

The farm is located at 289 Forest Road in North Branford.

## *Easter Egg Hunt - April 8th, 10AM*

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Ct. Sportsplex Fieldhouse, on Saturday, April 10th at 10AM. The event will be sponsored by the the North Branford Rotary and the North Branford Park & Recreation Department.

All town residents are invited to attend as there will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny.



## **GOT BUSINESS? FREE EVENT!** **Making Google Search Work for You**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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***Please bring your Laptop or Tablet***

The Making Google Work for You workshop will demonstrate exactly how to get your own Google My Business Page and verify the page so it can be listed on Google Search Engine. We'll cover the basics of Google Search, touch upon the free analytics available to help monitor the performance of your website, and help get a better understanding of how to make Google's incredible search engine work in your favor.

Let's Put Our Cities on the Map is part of Google's Get Your Business Online program and is designed to empower communities to support their local businesses and encourage them to get on the map.

**FREE EVENT** Hosted by Shoreline Networking Associates & Professionals (SNAP) networking group and presented by Shoreline Pixels.

**PLEASE RSVP** to SNAP President, Dawn Carlson at 203-214-4493 or [DawnCarlsonRealtor@Comcast.net](mailto:DawnCarlsonRealtor@Comcast.net) no later than, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Refreshments served. Please bring your Laptop or Tablet



<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
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April 21	April 14
May 5	April 28
May 19	May 12
July 2	May 27
July 16	July 11
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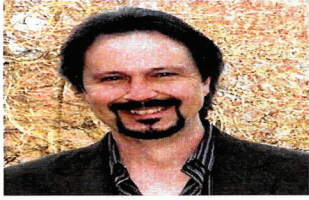


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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Why A Tax on Plastic Bags?



You are all beginning to hear about legislative proposals to address our budget shortfalls. I'm truly concerned with the consideration of any more tax increases. I believe the state has drawn too much money away from the private sector already which is causing decreases in certain revenues and exaggerating the problem. Cutting programs is a difficult process as well, and some law-

makers are looking for ways to fund programs.

One such proposal seeks to fund our state parks with a five cent tax on every plastic and paper bag used when buying retail goods and groceries. It is estimated that Connecticut residents use approximately 800 million to 1 billion single-use plastic bags every year. This translates to approximately \$16 million a year of revenue with the imposition of a tax. Some Republicans have supported this measure because the bill specifies that all revenue from the fee should be deposited in the General Fund's maintenance, repair, and improvement account for state parks. The account is administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection currently only holds a \$1.8 million balance. Our park system has fallen victim to budget cuts and is woefully underfunded. It's certainly an asset that brings tourism and revenue to Connecticut and needs protection, but a five cent tax misses the mark.

Another proposal seeks to fund our park system through a ten dollar charge on all our drivers licenses. This proposal, however, would give all Connecticut residents free access to our parks. Proposals also seek to impose a surcharge on our insurance company policies in order to fund our firefighter training schools. Ultimately these tax proposals attempt to protect specific state programs from budget cuts.

I'm unwilling to have a conversation about revenue until we strip down our budget and examine all our programs, and House Republicans have been working around the clock in an effort to do that process. I also believe that we need to implement programs that make it easier for fill in the gaps caused by cuts. For instance, I've introduced legislation that unanimously passed

out of Public Health that encourages food establishments to donate prepared meals directly to shelters and senior centers by providing immunity from civil suit. It seems like a small change, but we have overregulated our private sector to the point of retreat.

Connecticut has a ways to go in its budget process, and I will continue to advocate for common sense proposals that free up businesses so they can help us through the process.

## Don't Consolidate Dispatch Centers

Dear Editor

I am concerned about the Town Council's idea of consolidating and ceding Jurisdiction of North Branford's dispatch to Branford. Although I do acknowledge the challenging economic climate and the need to be fiscally responsible, I am worried that these attempted savings will compromise the safety of our officers and citizens.

Since at least 2011, dispatch consolidation has been a hot topic. For ten years, the state has debated, but failed to pass any laws incentivizing consolidations. Many municipalities have hired outside consultants to obtain objective analysis learning the pros and cons of consolidation, yet very few towns have chosen to regionalize. Many found there was little to no savings to the town. There was no guarantee that the quality of service would improve for their residents and feared that it would actually decrease. Also the idea of a dark Police Department is unacceptable to many!


Middlebury Police regionalized in 2012 with Northwest Connecticut Public Safety. NWPS dispatches for eleven communities. Middlebury among others were dissatisfied. In 2012 the State Police dispatch centers were consolidated in several areas of the state, as a way to save money but after complaints about response times, the centers have since de-consolidated. A child called 911 after two men broke into his home. It took over an hour-and-a-half for police to respond. The State Police admitted that the transition was riddled with problems. Some of the problems were things like dropped calls whether they were 911 or routine calls for service. Information was getting lost in translation. People were getting misinformation out in the field with the wrong street address which affected police backup. These were dangerous problems, not only for the State Police, but for the public. A plan originally intended to save taxpayer dollars was scrapped and cost the state approximately \$380,000.

A dispatcher is the conductor of the force and is responsible for the direction of all units therein. The North Branford Police Commission, Police chief, Lieutenant, sergeants, officer's, dispatchers and many of our neighbors all want our public safety tele communicators to stay at 260 Forest Road. If the Town Council decides to move dispatch to Branford, NBPD will be closed and dark most of the week. As far as I am concerned, closing a police station the majority of the week is a mistake. There are 168 hours in a week. If North Branford Town Council votes to send our dispatch to Branford, North Branford Police Department will be closed to the public and our station will be dark 120.5 hour of the 168 hour week. I am worried a dark Police Department will invite criminals to North Branford. I am worried it will lower the value of our homes and potentially cause harm to some of our tax paying citizens. Why aren't we listening to our officers? What if our Town Council chooses to consolidate and there is a delay in care for any reason? What if someone comes to NBPD who needs help and there is no one there just a buzzer or a call box? Most people make phone calls from their cell phones – land lines are becoming a thing of the past. What if a caller passes out and they can't be located because their phone is pinging off a tower nowhere near the caller. I am worried that consolidation could open our town to litigation.

In 2006 we consolidated our Animal Control with Branford. The first year we paid Branford \$46,567. Currently we are paying \$111,611 per year. If the Town Council votes to consolidate North Branford dispatch, we will pay Branford \$558,971.00 to start. How do we know that number won't jump? When Branford votes to do any capital improvement, North Branford will be responsible to pay 1/3 of the bill and North Branford residence to include

our Town Council and NBPD will have little say because, like with animal control, Branford will have the majority vote. If you don't control the vote, you can't control the expense. I am worried!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Riordan



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**The Editor**

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## The Russians Hacked Our Election?

The Report published by the Director of National Intelligence on January 6, 2017, is the basis for mainstream media's conclusion that Russia "hacked" the US election. But does that Report actually make such a conclusion? Within its 25 pages: 8 describe the activities of the Russian Television network "RT," 6 are blank or simple titles/headings; 4 are statistical analyses of the Report's own analysis; 2 describe the "analytic process," and; 1 describes the various agencies involved. That leaves only 4 pages that might contain substance or comment about the Russians actually "hacking" the election.

The only conclusions reached in those 4 pages are that the Russians unfairly reported on the election, that RT (the English language Russian television channel) "unfairly" vilified Hillary Clinton and portrayed the US electoral process as undemocratic. The Report concludes that "Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the US presidential election, the consistent goals of which were to undermine public faith in the US democratic process, denigrate Secretary Clinton, and harm her electability and potential presidency." Again, however, this is contained in the 8 pages that address Russian use of the RT channel, a culprit anyone can quickly vet via a 60-second Google search. The "substantive" 4 pages spend frivolous ink drawing conclusions about Putin's motivations for maligning Hillary (the Russian Olympic doping scandal, the Panama Papers, Hillary's public disparagement of Putin; Russia's preference for counterterrorist regimes). The brief yet wordy 4-pages conclude that Russia influenced the US election – not by hacking – but by a state-funded media campaign and paid social media trolls.

The Report takes great efforts to describe the method by which to calculate the "potential basis" for attributing cyber activities to an individual or identifying the perpetrator of a cyber operation. Yet the substance of its actual conclusions wholly avoids any determination that Russia was the perpetrator of or responsible for the hacking of the DNC or Podesta emails. While it suggests that some of the Wikileaks materials may have come from Russian sources, it does not conclude that any or all of the Wikileaks' materials actually came from Russian cyber hacks. Most importantly, the Report states conclusively that Russia did not hack into any US voting databases or machines.

Were there reports of actual hacking into US vote-computing systems? You bet there were! Georgia's Secretary of State reported that it's computer systems had been hacked on February 2nd (its voter registration deadline), February 28th (two days before a primary), May 23rd (one day before its general primary), November 7th (one day before the election), and Election Day. The states of Kentucky and West Virginia made similar determinations. The hacker? The US Department of Homeland Security! Despite these astoundingly dire reports of the Obama regime hacking into the election process, the mainstream media continues to chant only the speculations and rumors of "Russian hacking."

Make no mistake, upon actually reading the US intelligence Report on "Russian hacking" you will find that it is nothing more than a simpering series of whining and complaining about how unfair the Russian media was to Clinton and the DNC. It is nothing more than a series of speculations and half-conclusions as to what Russia's "motivations and goals" may have been. Did we really need US "intelligence" to explain any of this to us?

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## Let's Clean Up

### Dear Fellow Residents,

We have been residents of North Branford for over 45 years, and during that time have been happy and proud to live here and raise our families. Unfortunately we are noticing that much of the town is not looking as good or as inviting as it was all those years ago. Of course, we cannot prevent some changes to the general development of the town -- much in the way of improvement -- but sadly many individual properties are less cared for. We realize many residents are extremely busy with everyday life, but if each of us could assess the appearance of our homes/yards and make even minor improvements it would be a plus. More attractive properties equal more attractive neighborhoods, more attractive neighborhoods equal more attractive towns -- all of which make for more desirable surroundings for the residents as well as serve to draw new businesses to our town centers where several stores have remained vacant.

Please consider a **Spruce-Up-for-Spring** project. This would not entail much work or effort on anyone's part, just an honest assessment of our yards and our homes with an eye to eliminating any debris that has accumulated, to making minor repairs where necessary, to clearing fallen tree branches and brush.

Here are some trash pick-up dates to remember this spring:

---- **April 17th to 21st** - scrap metal including washers, dryers, refrigerators

## Wit and Wisdom

I thought that by now my days of needing a gastro enterologist were over and the resentment of my having a fundoplocation operation was a thing of the past but, I was soon to learn even general practitioners resented one resorting to something that would no longer require a prescribed acid-reflux medication.

Approximately two months after my operation I developed a severe cough. Obviously the result of my lungs having been so weakened from the months of coughing caused by my reaction to Prilosec. Thinking it was probably Bronchitis I sought help at the new clinic just opened in North Haven. I was assigned a room to await the doctor's examination and a nurse asking me to strip to the waist. Noticing the 6 puncture marks in my stomach she asked, "What's that"? I replied, "That's from where the doctor inserted the instruments that attached my stomach to the bottom of my esophagus forming a valve so I don't have heartburn anymore". and explained it more fully to her. She was enthralled and remarked how wonderful it was and how the doctor would be anxious to hear about it and rushed out to tell him. He returned with her in a rage and said, "We don't do anything like that we cure heartburn with medical prescriptions". It was obvious it would be futile to discuss it any further with him so I just said, "Medicine didn't help me".

His demeanor was such and antagonism toward me was so obvious, even the nurse was embarrassed. He listened to my chest and said, "They didn't have their X-ray facility set up so he was sending me to the facility in Centerville. He told me to be there first thing in the morning, which I was. Having been there several times I was familiar with their procedure so when they told me to wait in the waiting room while they called my doctor I knew something wasn't according to my other visits, since those times I was dismissed and told my doctor would contact me. Since I was there at 7 A.M. they came out every 15 minutes to tell me they called my doctor, but he didn't respond. This went on for 3 hours when they finally said, I'd better go home and contact my doctor since he didn't respond to their calls. They expressed I be sure to reach him.

Returning home I called every 15 minutes. All the time I was getting sicker and weaker. I told the person answering the phone I was very sick and had to reach Dr., "G". They insisted they had given him the message, but he disregarded it. Finally I called at 2, P.M. and was told Dr. "G" had left for the day. This outraged me and I told the person, "The next person going there would be my attorney and probably a law enforcement officer." I realized it was a ridiculous statement, but was so sick I cried out in desperation. The person on the phone said, "Mr. Eliason do you want to speak to another doctor". I said, "Yes" and the other doctor picked up immediately and said, "Mr. Eliason can you come over here?" I said, "Come over there"? I'm so weak I can hardly stand up. "Can you call an ambulance? "An ambulance" I said, "how serious is it?" "Very," he replied, I said, "Well don't I belong in the hospital then?" "Yes, you do, go right to Yale New Haven emergency room and I'll call them to take you right in."

Marge and Les took me right in and a doctor met us and took me for X-rays. Returning shortly he said, "Mr. Eliason, we are admitting you. You have bi lateral (double) pneumonia and we'll be administering anti-biotics interveniously" While the admitted time for such treatment was 5 days I was there for 9 during which I was told I was a very sick man.

I suppose one could conclude the doctor was too busy to take my calls, but I can't dismiss his contempt for my resorting to fundoplocation as a final effort to save my life. His rage at my doing so would hopefully result in my demise as it most certainly would if a day longer had been permitted to go before treatment.

If these 3 epistles haven't caused you to have concern of allopathic medicine and it's practioners please read my next article where I disclose how 5 Harvard, so called medical researchers, are responsible for the horrendous epidemic of Diabetes we are experiencing.

### Alton Eliason

and other large items.

---- **May 1st to 5th** - curbside pickup of leaves and cuttings which must be put in bio-degradable brown bags.

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For some residents who might need help, there may be assistance available through our high school students, the local Boy Scout Troop, or a church group.

Of course, there may be folks for whom any of the above suggestions simply are not feasible, and we understand situations vary. Our own properties are far from perfect but neat and tidy. If possible, please join the effort to **Spruce-Up for Spring** and make **North Branford Proud** !

Thank you,  
Marge Healy and  
Marie Ponzio

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Author and photographer, Catherine Zimmerman combines her expertise in photography, storytelling, environmental issues, horticulture and organic practices to offer meadowscaping as an alternative to reduce lawn. Zimmerman weaves her personal journey of changing her own landscaping choices into a guide that demonstrates both the need to change current, detrimental landscaping practices and the practical know how and resources to accomplish that change. The film and book bring into focus the amazing diversity of life inhabiting meadows and prairies and the beautiful imagery inspires meadow and prairie creation!

See a preview of the movie here <https://themedow-project.com/urban-and-suburban-meadows/>

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**Cannoli Chip Platter** - Cannoli chips with a tub of cannoli cream. Small serves 8 \$20.00 Large serves 16 \$40.00  
**St. Joseph Zeppola** - Chocolate, Vanilla or Ricotta  
**Assorted Italian Pastries**

**Breads**  
**Italian Sweet Bread** with a sugar frosting \$10.00  
**Babka** - Sweet bread with raisins \$7.50  
**Hot Cross Buns** \$1.00 each  
**Snowflake Dinner Rolls** \$5.00/doz  
**Assorted Stuffed Breads:**  
**Antipasta** - \$11.50  
**Pepperoni & Cheese, Spinach & Cheese, Eggplant Parmesan or The Veggie.** \$10.00 Each  
Full Stuffed bread menu is also available to order.

**To ensure availability,  
please place all orders by Thursday April 13th.**

**Holiday Hours:**  
Friday, April 14th, 7:00 - 5:00. Saturday, April 15th 8:00 - 4:00  
Sunday, April 16th Closed



## North Branford Fire Department News

### SPRING IS HERE.....BE SAFE

#### Safety Tips for Outdoor Grilling:

- **Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

#### Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- **Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited,** and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

#### Gas Grills

- **Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks** before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame:
  - Turn off the gas tank and grill.
  - If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak does not stop, **call the fire department.**
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- **Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

**Reminder: Burning permits are required for brush, contact the Fire Marshal's office. 203-484-6016 or email [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)**

**NBFD has a limited supply of new battery operated Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors. If you**



### Cahill & Prato - Celebrated Scholars

Emma Cahill and Lia Prato were named as the Sister Antonella Scholars at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT. The girls are pictured above with Presidnet, Sister Shelia O'Neil nad Principal Kathleen Mary Coonan. **Photo by Elizabeth Christophy.**

### Read Across America at J.H.S.

This year's theme included many authors who have written some of the best children's barnyard favorites. Students and staff wore their "country-best" as they participated in a hootin' and hollerin', toe, tappin' fun day of reading and learning! Included in this celebration was a birthday party for Dr. Seuss himself –farm themed of course!

Guest readers from the community and our own school staff joined in on the fun. Special appreciation to **Sharon DaCrosta**, owner of Dancer Studio in Northford, who taught students a country line dance in an interactive reading space and to our beloved volunteer **Anna May Doody** for being our resident knitter as children learned the process of how wool is turned to yarn in another storytelling space.

Additional thanks and welcome to **The Dollar General** for supporting our school with decorative helium balloons and to Sharon Monnes for lending us Milky White ,the cow.

Students had a day to remember dancing and reading along with their teachers and high school Dream Team mentors. Be sure to look on the J.H.S. website for additional photos from this fabulous day!

The Northford Women's Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 5th at STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:30 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$8 per person. Proceeds benefit various charity organizations in Northford and surrounding towns. For tickets or more information, contact Michele at 203-717-2203. The Northford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. <http://www.northfordwomensclub.org>.

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- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
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203-481-3909  
[www.weecarenb.com](http://www.weecarenb.com)



NORTH BRANFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

“OPENING DAY”

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Time: 9:00am Parade Begins

\*\*athletes should arrive at 8:45am

Where: Wall Field, rt. 22

\*\*Join us to begin our Baseball/Softball Season,  
from the marching of our athletes to the first pitch.  
\*\*Indulge in some treats from the concession stand  
\*\*Enjoy a game of baseball

**\*\*FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY\*\***

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or an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader?

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All funds raised will help support the North Branford High  
School Girls Soccer Team

If you do not know a 2017 graduate, please consider making a  
donation so that all graduates can have a balloon during this  
special time.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**  
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Graduate’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sender’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sender’s phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to North Branford Girls Soccer*

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*44 Doral Farm Road, North Branford, CT 06471*

*If you have any questions, please call 203-484-4374*

North Branford

Youth Football & Cheer!

P. O. Box 91, North Branford, CT 06471 / NBYFCBoard@gmail.com

**\*\*\*Registration, now open for the 2017  
season\*\*\***

Register online at: [www.nbyfc.org](http://www.nbyfc.org)

2017 Registration information

**Football and Cheerleading age breakout:**

- 14U- Boys and Girls who are no more than 14, and turn 13 on or before December 31, 2017
- 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  
include 2 tickets to a UConn Football Game  
( TBD at a later date).**

\*\*\* Please join us for a FREE FOOTBALL and CHEER clinic on May  
7<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 9am to 12pm \*\*\*

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Week 1	June 12—16
Week 2	June 19—23
Week 3	June 26—30
Week 4	July 3—7
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





### Girl Scouts Sleepover “Princess and Pets”

This year’s Girl Scout Sleepover at Edward Smith Library was again another great success. Every year Girl Scout Volunteer, Estela Karsmarski, along with the Children’s Librarian Director Ms. Deborah Virello and staff Nick Balletto organized the Sleepover this year. This year, we had extra hands from couple leaders, Melissa Kowalewski and Mary Ellen Hammel. The sleepover theme this year focus on pets and pets needs. We brought in Curious Creatures who enlighten us with the different types of creatures, which kids enjoyed. One of the activities we also focus on was helping the local Animal Shelter. The girls created beautiful blankets for the animals at Cosgrove Animal Shelter. Along with the blankets the girls also brought donated food items and supplies that are needed to care for the special friends there. Home Depot from East Haven also came down and taught the girls how to make planters, and what a treat that was to be able to be provided with the tools to build your own planter.

Every year we continue to plan educational activities for the girls to enjoy. We had approximately 33 girl’s scouts and 20 parents.

Thank you all for a great successful “Sleepover at Library”.

**Submitted by: Estela Karsmarski, Girls Scout Volunteer**



### Friends of the Libraries - “Puzzle Off”

Thanks to the friends of the North Branford Libraries for sponsoring the Smith Library’s Annual “Puzzle Off”. The competition was very close this year with “Piecing it Together”, winning! Contestants had to put together an identical 1000 piece puzzle. The team had members which came as far as Manchester and Norwich.

They finished their puzzle in an hour and 17 minutes, with the second place team “The Dye Shirt team”, finishing shortly after.

The report was that each of the 11 teams finished their puzzle before leaving./

## Calling all Kings & Queens, Princes & Princesses ~

Come to the ATWATER LIBRARY for a ROYAL PARTY. presented by the North Branford Women’s Club. Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am, in the ATWATER LIBRARY Community Room, 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Enjoy stories, a craft, songs & a snack! Registration required ~ 203-315-6020.



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

March 28, 2017 ....North Branford, CT. ...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.

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.



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Italian Cream Pie (1/2 choc./1/2 van)	\$21.00
<b><u>Easter Brunch Gourmet Stuffed Breakfast Breads</u></b>	
Bacon, Egg & Cheese	\$10.05
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Kidz Kamp 2017!

Spending the summer with friends at camp is a great way for kids to spend the summer. We have brought back all the favorites and added some new things that are going to make Kidz Kamp 2017 the best kamp yet!!

Fun with Tom is back this year and so is the ice cream truck along with some new entertainment groups, great new trips, and we added a slushy machine for this summer (staff is very excited about this too). Be sure to sign up in advance for Kamp, before/after care and the trips to guarantee a spot!

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**Non Resident:**

Individual	\$185	13 years and older
Family	\$285	

*Now includes two adults & one child under 15 in the same household accompanied by an adult.*

Senior Ages 60+ \$110.  
Snowbird Ages 60+ \$74.

**Resident:**

Individual	\$175	13 years and older
Family	\$275	

*Now includes two adults & one child under 15 in the same household accompanied by an adult.*

Senior Ages 60+ \$100.  
Snowbird Ages 60+ \$65.

Fitness Center Hours

Monday - Thursday	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

\* Senior Hot Lunch available – Check the menu at [nbparkrec.com](http://nbparkrec.com)  
Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3

\*As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips at 12:30.  
Come by or call the Senior Center to register.

Please sign up for activities in advance. Guarantee your spot for enjoyment!

Watercolors w/ Karen - Monday, April 10, 11:00, FREE  
Karen is back for another series of watercolor painting! Join her for a 1 hour class. All materials provided.

Ocean State Job Lot - Wednesday, April 12, 12:30  
After lunch, let’s browse some super deals at Ocean State Job Lot!

C.Napoli - Thursday, April 13, 12:00, \$3.00 + tip  
Enjoy a delicious lunch and the hospitality of our friend, Gigi.

Aqua Turf / Dueling Pianos - Tuesday, April 18, 10:30, \$45res/\$50nr  
This fiery dueling piano act is presented by highly entertaining and energizing comedic pianists. Your luncheon will include salad, pasta, chicken Kathryn, baked ham and ice cream with strawberries. Receive a complimentary glass of wine or beer.

Branford MS Support Group

Date:	April 19, 2017, Wednesday
Time:	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Location:	Blackstone Memorial Library 758 Main Street. Branford, CT (203) 488-1441

Pizza Wars!

Tuesday, April 25th, 6 - 8pm

Join us at STW Community Center for the 8th annual Pizza Wars!  
**Tickets on sale now** at STW Community Center

Pre Sale - \$5	At the Door - \$7
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Children under 3 are free!

Proceeds benefit North Branford Senior Center programs & activities.  
Sample a variety of cheese pizzas from your  
North Branford and Northford Pizzerias  
and vote for the best!

Join us for an evening of fun, music, refreshments, and raffles.  
Desserts will be available from Pastry Fusions.

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.

Being A Volunteer For The North Branford

Potato and Corn Festival

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2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival

August 4, 5, and 6. WE NEED YOU!

The North Branford Potato and Corn Festival is celebrating its 16th year! This Festival could not happen without the dedication of the 180+ volunteers that donate their time each year. You can volunteer for as little as four hours or for the whole weekend.

The easiest way to volunteer is to go to our website – [nbpotatofest.com](http://nbpotatofest.com) – click on “Volunteers” and do the online sign up. If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator at [admin@nbpotatofest.com](mailto:admin@nbpotatofest.com) or at 203-484-6017.

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

Take a look at the

2017 Recreation

Spring/Summer brochure!

You won’t want to miss out on all the

great trips, classes, and programs we

have in store for the upcoming year.





North Branford

Cub Scouts Pack 455

Bowling Fundraiser



When:	Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017 from 1 – 4 PM
Where:	Wallingford Bowl – 380 North Colony Road, Wallingford, CT
Cost:	Includes 3 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental: 12 and under: \$10 Over 12: \$20



Proceeds help us have a strong annual program for our scouts and assist us in purchasing supplies, gear, and safety equipment needed for teaching our invaluable lessons.

Questions? Please contact Judewski at 203-214-7442.

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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.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.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).

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

Come and worship at 1680 Foxon Road (Rte 80), North Branford, CT. Taize Services will continue throughout Lent on each Wednesday @7pm.

**April 9, 2017@ 10am - Palm Sunday Service** - Join in the hallelujahs and waving of the palms.

**April 13,2017 - Maundy Thursday@ 7pm** - Recount Jesus’ Journey to providing human kind with salvation.

**April 14, 2017 @ 12 noon - Good Friday** - An opportunity to walk with Jesus to the cross.

**April 16, 2017 @6:00am - Easter Sunrise Service @** Lake Gallard - Celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises. Coffee hour at NBCC after the service.

**April 16, 2017 @ 10am - Easter Sunday Service** - A celebration of new life through Jesus, Our Savior.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church  
1382 Middletown Ave. Northford

Lenten and Easter Schedule

**April 9 Palm Sunday** 10:00am

**April 13 Maundy Thursday** light potluck supper followed by the Eucharist 6:30pm

**April 14 Good Friday** 7:00pm

**April 16 Easter** 10:00am

Holy Week at Northford Congregatioanl Church

Sun., Apr. 9 – 10 a.m. – Palm Sunday traditional service followed by coffee hour in the social hall. All are welcome.

Thurs., Apr. 13 – 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary, with a soup and bread dinner at 6 p.m. in the social hall.

Fri., Apr. 14 – 7 p.m. – Good Friday service.

Sun., Apr. 16 – 10 a.m. – Easter Sunday service where flowers will be added to a large wooden cross to welcome and represent the new life offered by the Easter promise. All are welcome. No Sunday School class on Easter Sunday.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Website: [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com). Email address: [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Like us on Facebook.



Annual Flower/ Plant Sale

The Easter Bunny will be helping Northford Congregational Church with their Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church. Rain or shine on Apr. 14-15 from 9-5, and Apr. 16 from 9-3.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford.

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.

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.

Lenten & Easter Schedule

St. Ambrose Parish

203-484-0403

St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford

St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford

**Daily Mass:** Mon. and Wed 9am at St Augustine Chapel, Tues, Fri and Sat 9am at St Monica Church

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Mondays during Lent from 6 -7pm at both church locations

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, March 17, 24 & 31 at 6pm at St Monica ‘Living’ Stations of the Cross on Fri April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Augustine, refreshments following

**Adoration:** Apr. 7 from 6am-1pm at St Augustine Chapel

HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am at St Monica, 11am at St Augustine

**Reconciliation:** Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm at St Augustine Church and St Monica Church Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm at St Augustine

**Holy Thursday Mass:** April 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm at St Augustine Church

**Good Friday Liturgy:** April 14<sup>th</sup> 8pm at St Augustine Church

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** April 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm at St Augustine Church

**Easter Sunday Masses** April 16<sup>th</sup> 9am St Monica Church and 11am at St Augustine Church

We wish you a blessed Lent & a Joyous Easter!



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The 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® or nblandtrust.org, or visit us on Facebook.

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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.

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