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I NEED YOUR HELP!

This year marks the twentieth year I have been coming into your homes with the Totoket Times. I must admit when it all started, I never thought I'd be doing this for twenty years. I must also admit that through all those years the Totoket Times has been my identity in our community.

I have published more than 500 editions. Hurricanes, tornadoes, snow storms, family tragedies, personal illnesses and surgeries, have never caused me to miss an issue. I hope I have always kept our community informed and been a vehicle for our advertisers to get the word out to the residents of our great town. I still feel there is a need for a hometown newspaper even with the rise of other media avenues. I try to continue to adjust with the changing times trying to never leave our mantra, of "For our town, from our town"

I've done my best, but now it's your turn. I need your help more than ever. The pandemic has hit many of us in the pocketbooks and The Totoket Times is no exception. For a paper which has never made me rich, this year I have seen revenue drop by more than 10% and although I have lived with it never making me rich, I can't afford to have it make me poor. I need your help to continue.

I annually ask you to get involved with a voluntary payment and this year I am urging you to continue with that assistance.

"For our town, from our Town" has never been more obvious. Keep your paper going with a voluntary payment of at least \$10.00 and let's stay together and move forward. We can only continue if we do this thing together.

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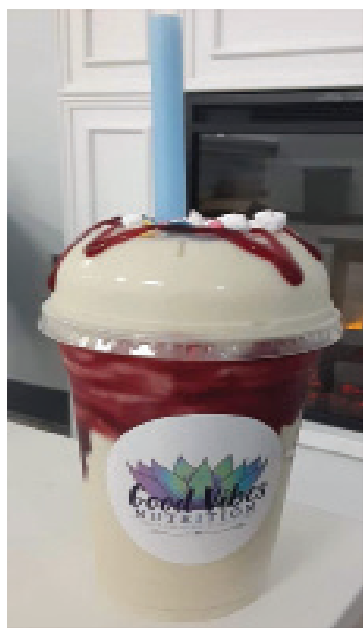
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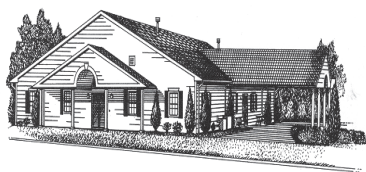
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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Mandatory paycheck deductions coming soon, but do the numbers make sense?



Recently, the news media started publishing stories about a new tax paycheck tax that will affect many Connecticut workers at the start of the year.

Beginning Jan. 1, non-unionized workers will be required to pay a .5 percent payroll tax as part of the new state-run paid family and medical leave program that was approved last year.

While there was considerable coverage of the issue before Gov. Lamont cemented the program, the news has come as a surprise to many. I suspect many more will be caught off guard after the deductions begin, too. It's been suggested 1.7 million will pay into the system.

Though deductions will begin this January, workers won't be able to access the program's benefits for at least a year. All along, I've been among the many who questioned whether the program would remain solvent. If the maximum a worker pays into the fund is roughly \$700 but the maximum benefit is around \$11,000, the initiative just doesn't seem fiscally viable.

Last week, I joined my colleagues in asking Gov. Lamont to initiate an actuarial analysis of the program. As it stands, the program's proponents have been guided by simple feasibility studies from paid family leave advocacy groups. We should do better than that, particularly because the state will be taking more money from people during a pandemic. I've argued that we should suspend implementation of the tax until we can determine the impact that virus-driven unemployment figures will have on our economy, budget and program participation.

As it stands, we'd be flying blind while taxpayers foot the bill.

Solvency aside, saddling employers with red tape as they struggle with pandemic-driven challenges seems counter-productive. Connecticut has the lowest income growth of any state. Last in job growth, too. Soon, while simply trying to stay afloat, those businesses that already offer their employees paid family leave must somehow determine whether those plans are at least equivalent to what's required by the state in order to exempt their workers from the tax. Naturally, employees must pay the tax until the state signs off on those private plans.

I'll let you know here if my request for an actuarial analysis bears fruit, and whether any changes to the program occur. But for now, expect to see the paycheck deduction in January.

Camera Club Presents "Floral Photography"

On Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 7pm North Haven Camera club will present «Floral Photography» with passion and "joie de vivre" by Padma Ingua. Padma will share information about some of her techniques in creating stunning flower portraits.

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, it's Thanksgiving weekend. Where do I start? First, Thanksgiving without the old man, then without mom, then without you and finally without Mary, were all very tough. But this one is tough in a different way.

With the fear of this deadly virus spreading, the question is, "How do we handle the holiday?" We are very careful, following all the mask, handwashing and distancing protocol. But what should the attendance be for a dinner that usually finds us hosting upwards of 15 family members?

It's funny, even when I was young most people always looked to me to organize, make the decisions and be the guy with the answers. Now that I am the oldest, they look to me even more.

I must admit, for the first time I find myself without the answer. Limit the attendance but not the menu. Skip settings that are being heralded as the worse for spreading, and hope for the best. But the responsibility for always being the guy with the answers has drained me completely. Cancel, and I'm the bad guy. Have someone come and get sick and I'm still the bad guy. It's a tough call but I have made it.

Next on the Thanksgiving schedule is to be thankful for what we have. This is something I've always been good at. I never needed nor wanted much. But this piece of the puzzle has been hard for me as well as the rest of the world. It's been a tough year. For many it has been a completely lost year. Be happy we are still here but mourn the losses of all those around us. It's hard to be happy for yourself when your trials have been limited but the fear is always there and the sadness for others dims the mood.

So I try to go back in time and think of how mom always used to look on the bright side so I will make that attempt. This year I have been thankful for some crazy things so here I go. As mom would say, "Look on the bright side".

I am thankful because I have learned the difference between a pandemic and an epidemic.

I am thankful because I am doing better at calculating fractions as I try to figure out the percentages and likelihood of who gets this disease and who dies.

I am thankful that I am learning new words and phrases. However, referring to college kids as the "silent spreaders" had a whole different meaning when I was a young man.

I am thankful for other words and abbreviations and phrases. ISO, social distancing, sanitizer, and protection are only a few on the new means of communication I now know how to understand. Again, when we were young protection meant something entirely different.

I am thankful that with all this going on I no longer have to speculate or draw an opinion as to whether or not the media taints numbers and stories or if politicians sometime lie. I now know that it's a fact.

I am thankful for family and seclusion. With this pandemic comes a new found solitude that I have only recently learned to enjoy. I will say when this is over there will be a lot of social activity to catch up on, but being alone at times has been ok. Sometimes, not running all over the place and just relaxing can be very rewarding.

I am thankful that going on forty years SueAnn and I are closer than ever as we spend more and more time with each other and grow stronger as a team.

I am thankful for the memories of holidays past. I laugh as SueAnn pulls out Mary's turkey pan to prepare our meal. Our sister never made it through 65 years and never cooked a turkey in her life but when we cleaned out her house at the time of her death, she had a brand new never used turkey pan.

I'm thankful that when many people reach Thanksgiving with no homes, no jobs and no money we are pretty comfortable.

I am thankful for a family that still seems to need me and a wife and kids who still seem to care about me.

I am thankful for a community that works together and helps each other out whenever help is needed.

I am mostly thankful for still being able to follow the traditions of family given to us by mom and the old man. I also have three children who want to continue these "together" customs.

Take care my brother. I miss you and the rest of the crew and I'll see you soon, thankful in the thought that whenever it happens those left behind will be fine.

Letters to the editor...

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

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

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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State Senator Christine Cohen



I want to begin by thanking the residents of North Branford for their support during the recent Nov. 3 election. I collected 3,542 votes in North Branford, and overall I won 57% of the vote in the 12th State Senate District towns of Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison and North Branford. It's a big district, stretching from the intersection of Middlefield Road and Main Street in Durham down to Hammonasset Point in Madison and over to Lake Saltonstall on the Branford-East Haven border. There are about 95,000 people covering

180 square miles, farmers and boaters, small businesses and large corporations, homemakers and college students, young, old and middle-aged, married and single. Each have ideas about what's right and what's necessary. I always make myself available to listen to every voice and find a path to success through the thoughtful implementation of smart public policy. Thank you again for putting your trust in me.

One of my colleagues in this public policy journey will be newly elected House Minority Leader Vinny Candelora. I've worked with Vinny in the past on legislation that is important to North Branford and the region, and I'm sure we'll be working closely for the benefit of North Branford over the next two years. One thing I have discovered in my brief time at the State Capitol is that party affiliations seem to dissolve when the mayor or the town manager wants a meeting, or the school board or the police department has a pressing need. We all come together to do what we were elected to do: serve our constituents. I look forward to this good work together. Congratulations, Mr. House Minority Leader Candelora!

One great piece of news that you may already have heard – but which bears repeating – is that North Branford has been awarded a \$128,200 state “STEAP” grant (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) to help cover some of the cost of the new police station. We all know how necessary this is, and how expensive it is. However, like many things in life – a home, an education, a retirement plan – investments cost money, but they pay dividends. I'm happy to have voted back in March for a state bonding package that included funds for this STEAP program and, by extension, for North Branford's public safety.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Facts About Thanksgiving

Tradition has it that the first Thanksgiving – a celebration of good harvest – took place in 1621, when English Pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts shared a meal with their Native American neighbours. However, historian Michael Gannon argues that the first Thanksgiving celebration in North America actually took place half a century earlier, in Florida.

On 8 September 1565, he says, following a religious service, Spaniards shared a communal meal with the local native tribe.

According to the US National Archives, on 28 September 1789 the first Federal Congress passed a resolution asking that the president of the United States recommend to the nation a day of thanksgiving. A few days later, George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday 26 November 1789 as a “Day of Publick Thanksgivin” – the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution.

The dates of Thanksgiving celebrations varied as subsequent presidents came and went, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Proclamation – in the midst of the Civil War – that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday of November.

The US National Archives says that in 1939, with the last Thursday in November falling on the last day of the month, Franklin D Roosevelt became concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season might dampen economic recovery. He therefore issued a Presidential Proclamation moving Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday of November.

Some 32 states consequently issued similar proclamations, but 16 states refused to accept the change. As a result, for two years two days were celebrated as Thanksgiving.

To end the confusion, on 6 October 1941 Congress set a fixed date for the holiday: it passed a joint resolution declaring the last Thursday in November to be the legal Thanksgiving Day.

Turkey hasn't always been on the menu at Thanksgiving. While turkey is today the bird of choice for Thanksgiving dinners across the United States, this was not always the case: according to History.com, for the first ever Thanksgiving in 1621 the Native Americans killed five deer as a gift for the colonists, meaning venison would most likely have been the dish of the day.

Each Thanksgiving, the president of the United States ‘pardons’ a hand-selected turkey, sending it to a farm where it lives out the rest of its days.

Many Thanks to the North Branford Community

As election officials, we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to the entire North Branford community for the help you provided us during this unusual election season.

Due to the pandemic, a Presidential Primary was moved several times leaving us minimal time to prepare for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election.

A big thank you to the North Branford Town Council and Town Manager for providing us the resources we needed to conduct this election with the ever changing Executive Orders issued to keep our residents and voters safe. We could not have met these challenges without your unwavering support.

To the many volunteers and workers who helped us this election season THANK YOU! Your willingness to pull together as a community enabled us to provide our voters with a safe and secure election. We also thank everyone who offered their services, but we were unable to contact due to social distancing guidelines.

Thank you North Branford and Northford Post Offices for expediting the applications and ballots! You processed all election material in town. Your increased workload avoided delays to our voters.

A special thank you to the North Branford Police Department and the North Branford Fire Department for ensuring everyone's safety.

We want to acknowledge the many residents who thanked us during this election season. Your appreciation during this long, stressful period meant the world to us. Know that you put a smile on our face with your positive encouragement.

Stay safe,

North Branford Town Clerk Lisa Valenti

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Thanks to the NBPD

Dear Chief, Kevin Halloran,

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank North Branford Police Department on a job well done. With law enforcement as your profession, it is common place for you and your officers to deal with all sorts of unlawful situations. For us, civilians living within our North Branford community, we have been spared from acts of violence or crime. Imagine our surprise when we woke up and discovered that at some point during the night our car had been stolen from our driveway while my family slept. After the alarming discovery we called NBPD. Within minutes officer's Ferrucci and Fitzgerald were at our front door. A report was taken, a case opened and the theft was broadcasted to others who hopefully would be able to help locate our car.

Detective's Anderson and Deko went to work on our case immediately collecting further information from myself, husband and our neighbors. They contacted and worked with Acura to track our car and by noon the vehicle had been found thankfully without damage in Hartford. I attribute this quick discovery to their hard work and dedication.

We are very grateful and would like to acknowledge Officer's Ferrucci, Fitzgerald and Detective's Anderson and Deko for being swift, concerned and professional. North Branford Police Department and your entire amazing team has given us one more reason to “BACK THE BLUE”.

With sincere gratitude,

Lynn Riordan

But, contrary to popular belief, President George HW Bush was not in 1989 the first president to grant such a pardon.

According to the White House, the tradition dates to Abraham Lincoln's days, when his son Tad begged him to write a presidential pardon for the bird meant for the family's Christmas table, arguing it had as much a right to live as anyone. Lincoln complied, and the turkey lived.

Each Thanksgiving, millions of Americans tune in to watch the Detroit Lions play American Football. This tradition dates to 1934, when the team took on the undefeated, defending World Champion Chicago Bears of George Halas. Despite losing the inaugural game, since then the Lions have played football every Thanksgiving except between 1939 and 1944.

Information courtesy of Hisory extra



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It’s been a tough year for many businesses in our community. But there is still time to let your neighbors know what you have to offer for the Holidays. Totoket Times will have back to back in December.

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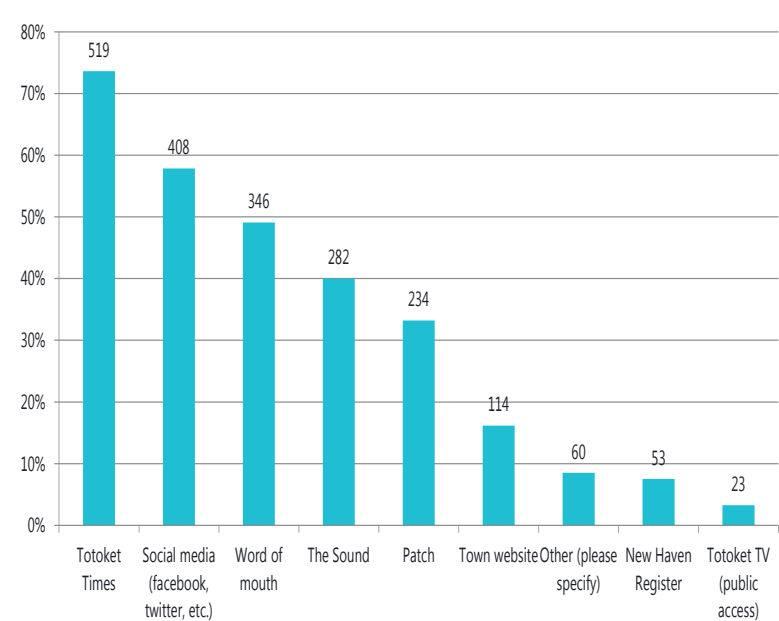
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When: Saturday, December 12, 2020. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Rain date Sunday, December 13, same time.

Where: Meet at the property entrance on Village Street, just north of the intersection of Salem and Cedar by 9:15.

There is a limit of 25 walkers, as we be enforcing proper social distancing. Please bring and wear a mask.

The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation and enjoyment of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford.

Candelora, Cohen Hail Grant
for North Branford Police Department Project

HARTFORD—State Rep. Vincent Candelora and state Sen. Christine Cohen on Monday applauded news of \$128,000 in state funding to aid in the construction of a new police department in North Branford.

The grant, announced by Gov. Ned Lamont, is supplied through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) that’s coordinated by the state’s Office of Policy and Management. Candelora and Cohen, both of whom represent the town in the General Assembly, lobbied for the funding. The current facility, built in 1974 and renovated in 1993, has considerable deficiencies that include insufficient space for staff and the public, aging heating and cooling mechanicals, and a leaky roof.

“To say that our community has squeezed everything possible out of the existing facility would be an understatement, and I’m thankful that the state will be able to supply money to offset a bit of the town’s cost,” said Rep. Candelora, who serves the 86th House District. “Aside from improving morale among staff, a new and improved facility will benefit our community greatly by providing personnel the space and technological advancements they’ll use to be even more effective at their jobs.”

Overall, the project is expected to cost \$7.5 million. Among the problems at the current facility are: outdated cell blocks, obsolete locker and shower rooms, insufficient separation and security in its technology area, an undersized sally port, and an inadequate lobby.

“I am pleased to have joined my colleagues in the state legislature in passing a bonding bill that provides some of the funding for this new North Branford police station,” said Sen. Cohen (D-Guilford), who voted last spring for the STEAP funding that was part of that state bond package. “As local officials noted when they applied for these dollars, a new police station will improve public safety, increase efficiency, boost morale and create six dozen construction jobs. I am filled with gratitude for the protection our brave men and women in blue provide to this community and they deserve a building that allows them the ability to more effectively perform their duties.”

The award was included in an \$11 million package divided among 94 small towns that requested state assistance with various infrastructure projects.

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Anderson, Ryan
Bombenza, Jerom
Brennan, Robert
Bunosso, Isabella
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Chopus, Jake
Cooper, Dakota
Cosenza, Mitchell
Cronan, Tyler
Crouch, Kayla
Damiani, Maya
DePino, Gianna
Hills, Isabella
Marra, Grace
Nuzzo, Ryan
Nye, Morgan
Pollock, Catherine
Proestakis, Nikolas
Pujols, Cynthia
Raffone, Marissa
Ricardo, Marissa
Senerchia, Hanna
Sorensen, Julia
Spinelli, Francesco
Teodosio, Demetrios
Toto, Olivia
Vander Wyk, Liam
Vaspasiano, Ryan
Virginelli, Michael
Yacono, Emma

GRADE 10 HONORS
Amendola, Andrew
Ananiatis, Dayna
Annunziato, Nina
Burwell, Dylan
Castellano, Richard
D’Onofrio, David
Defaranos, Elias
DeJesus, Jordan
DellaCamera, Angelina
Dolzani, Robert
Esposito, Alexander
Farrell, Ally
Gallagher, Stephanie
Gallipoli, McKenna
Geist, Aidan
Girardi, Drew
Guerrero, Natalya
Hoskins, Nathaniel
Izzo, Eric
Johnson, Charles
Kendall, Avery
Lacroix, Molly
Langello, Dominick
Manning, Ashley
McIntyre, Cameron
Onofrio, John
Powell, Carly
Provencher, Mason
Raffone, Paul
Ramos, Teaghan
Rispoli, Jake
Rojas, Cristian
Sabine, Daniel
Serrano, Jeramy
Stegina, Benjamin
Trudeau, Emma
Ulak, Aaron
Wang, Marissa
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Aguiar Evyn
Allen, Caleb
Blomster, Luke
Brustman, James
Castillo, Victor
Chittenden, Aidan
Dion, Joshua
Dodge, Lauren
Doody, Jalynn
Fico, Gianna
Gamble, Gianna
Gott, Samuel
Hutchinson, Aiden
Karpel, Brooke
LeBeau, Patrick
Miller, Tiffany
Nuzzo, Giana
Peterson, Lars
Pinette, Leah
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Stadolnik, Emma
Stoner, Connor
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Vogt, Lucy

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The Northford Women’s Club Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women’s Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a Bachelor’s or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2021.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women’s Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.

Northford Student Receives Top Honors



NORTH HAVEN, Conn.— Nov. 19, 2020 – Two students at the **Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University** recently took home top honors in the **Society of Hospitalist Medicine’s Division 1 Regional Research, Innovations and Clinical Vignettes Poster Competition.**

Nicole E. McAmis of Ventura, California, won top prize in the research category for her study, “Assessing Health Care Provider Knowl-

edge of Human Trafficking,” and **Angela C. Mirabella of Northford**, developed the study, “Preferences to Improve Rounding Efficiency Amongst Hospitalists: A Survey Analysis,” which was named the best in the innovations category. Each student served as a co-author on the other’s study.

“Human trafficking is a serious problem and health care workers are in a position to intervene,” said McAmis, a fourth-year medical student. “This study sought to determine the knowledge levels of health care providers who are most likely to be in direct contact with a victim of human trafficking.”

McAmis said she developed and distributed an anonymous online survey assessing knowledge of specific topics of human trafficking. The 6,603 respondents represented all regions of the country. Less than half the respondents (42%) have received formal training in human trafficking, while an overwhelming majority (93%) believe they would benefit from such training. Overall, respondents thought their level of knowledge of trafficking was average to below average.

For her study, “Preferences to Improve Rounding Efficiency Amongst Hospitalists: A Survey Analysis,” Mirabella said she surveyed, hospitalists on preferred practices that they believe make them more efficient while doing their rounds.

“Rounding can be a dynamic process as hospitalists have multiple ways of checking on their patients, receiving and making pages, setting up consults, documenting, etc.,” said Mirabella, a third-year medical student. “The analysis of these findings may help provide insight or next steps toward the development of best practices that hospitalists may use to maximize efficiency while rounding.”

Dr. Bruce Koeppen, dean of the School of Medicine, said, “We at Netter are extremely proud of Nicole and Angela, and the research they have conducted. To have their hard work recognized in this way is truly and honor and speaks to the importance of their findings.”

Each student received a \$400 scholarship from the Society of Hospitalist Medicine as well as automatic acceptance to the SHM annual conference’s virtual RIV poster competition.

The medical school, which opened in 2013, develops physicians to become integral members of patient-centered health care teams, working closely with other health professionals to provide comprehensive care. The faculty members and administrators are renowned educators, scholars and experts in their respective medical specialties. The school’s curriculum, which includes clinical experience and research opportunities, is taught by faculty members who strive to provide a solid foundation in medical sciences. The medical school is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The school is also authorized by the state of Connecticut to award the MD degree. The school is a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Clinical affiliations include St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport and Trinity Health-New England, Inc., as well as many other hospitals. The school is named for Dr. Frank H. Netter, a world-renowned medical illustrator whose drawings and atlases have educated medical students for decades. For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and Instagram and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

Photo of Angela C. Mirabella



HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE CLASS OF 2021 PROJECT GRADUATION



All proceeds will go to PROJECT GRADUATION 2021, an all-night substance free party for the graduating seniors following their graduation ceremony.

Order your choice of locally grown, nursery poinsettias in festive red, white, or pink in the following sizes or pick any other holiday item from Vaiuso Farms:

You may pick up your order in front of main entrance at North Branford High School on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** from 3p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, contact Cindi Anastasio (203-668-1145) or Jen Gibilisco (203-257-6845)

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Cut and return order form below with your payment on or before **November 24th** to:

**Project Graduation 2021
c/o NBHS
49 Caputo Road
North Branford, CT 06471**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NBHS PROJECT GRADUATION
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You can also mail it in to the school address above.



Item	Cost Each	Red	White	Pink	Total Amount
6 ½"pot (4-6 blooms)	\$15				
7 ½ " pot (8-12 blooms)	\$20				
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Decorated Cemetery Pillow	\$23	Quantity:			
Decorated Cemetery Blanket	\$27	Quantity:			
Kissing Ball	\$30	Quantity:			
12" Wreath Undecorated	\$12	Quantity:			
TOTAL OWED:					

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High School Field Hockey Shoreline Champions One More Time



Kelli Jacobson (center) leads the celebration after assisting Olivia Toto (behind Kelli) on the first North Branford goal



Co-Captains Kelli Jacobson and Sophia Anastasio are all smiles as they display the first place trophy.

Field Hockey photos courtesy of Bill Obrien.

For the fourth straight year the North Branford Field Hockey team came away with the Shoreline Conference championship trophy. Because of the resurging pandemic the Thunderbirds only played an abbreviated schedule of nine games, but they couldn't have had much more success going 9-0 with eight shutouts for Hall of Fame coach Babby Nuhn.

This year the title game was against conference rival Old Saybrook who they defeated twice in two scheduled games before defeating the Rams 2-0 for the third time in this year's title game. The T-Birds scored both goals in the second half, the first coming on a rocket shot by co-captain Kelli Jacobson that was followed up by junior Olivia Toto who flipped it past the Rams goalie for a 1-0 lead.

Later in the half Mia Oliverio got free in front of the crowded net and scored the second goal on a pass from Sophia Anastasio. Goalkeeper Sofia Votto recorded the eighth shutout for the Birds.

Congratulations to coach Nuhn and assistants Evaun Boatman, Lori Connelly and Kathy Galdenzi and all the members of this year's club particularly the seven seniors and team manager who played their last game for the T-Birds.

The team was led by the 2021 Seniors: Amanda Nuzzo, Aly Kendrick, Gabby Gibilisco, Emma Serenson, Sophia Votto and co-captains Sophia Anastasio, Kelli Jacobson and manager Ella Taylor.

Cheerleaders Collect for Food Pantry

On Saturday, November 14 from 8 AM to 2 PM the North Branford cheerleaders donated their time to collect food for the North Branford Food Pantry.

The food drive was a great success and while at press time there was no final tally from the pantry the girls were able to fill five SUVs with food.

With more than 200 families in North Branford in need of food around this holiday, all hands were on deck to collect at the food drive.

Special thanks to all those in North Branford who came by and donated to make the food drive such a success.

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The Officers and Members of the North Branford Fire Department, wish to extend our Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season to all.

Use Common Sense During the Holiday’s

Home fires increase during this time of year. Heating devices, fireplaces, holiday lighting, candles and decorations, all contribute to the increased risk.

North Branford Fire department Recommends:

- 1. Use only UL listed lights and extension cords.
- 2. Keep extension cord use to a minimum. Do not overload your electrical system. If you are blowing fuses, find out why. Check for frayed wires. If the lights don’t work when you test them, toss them. Don’t take the chance.
- 3. Keep decorations away from open flame and heating sources.
- 4. If you have a live tree, keep it watered and dispose of as soon it starts to dry out.
- 5. Keep your means of escape clear. Don’t block a door with the tree or other decorations.
- 6. Use candles correctly. Keep away from any decorations, curtains and paper tablecloths.
- 7. Do not leave home without turning off all lights, extinguishing all candles and any portable heating units. At night check to make sure that your house is safe, before you go to bed.
- 8. Make sure you have at least one operating smoke detector on every floor.

Fireplace and Stove Safety:

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other fuel – fired appliances to heat their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks associated with wood and other fuels.

North Branford Fire Department encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps:

- 1. Have your chimney or wood stove cleaned and inspected annually
- 2. Keep the area around your fireplace or stove clear of flammable decorations or materials
- 3. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, and keep your glass doors open
- 4. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
- 5. Use only seasoned hardwood
- 6. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
- 7. Never burn cardboard, trash or other debris in your fireplace or wood stove
- 8. ***Never leave a fire unattended*** and extinguish before going to bed or leaving the house
- 9. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container *outside and away* from your house

Facts of the Month

Heating Equipment fires account for 16 % of all home fires and 22 % of all home fire deaths. The majority of these fires occur during December and January. Cooking equipment was the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, causing 46% of home fires that resulted in 19% of the home fire deaths and 44% of the injuries

What better gift for a loved one this year, new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. And offer to install it too.

Recycling News
Simple Recycling Pink Bag Weekly Curbside Collection
Will End on April 6, 2021
Residents must call and schedule curbside pickups at
1-866-835-5068
or email Info@SimpleRecycling.com now through end date

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection
Curbside pickup timeframe: Nov 30th to Dec 11th on your scheduled pickup day.
Leaves must be placed in untaped biodegradable paper bags.

“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”
Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways.
Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues.
Please remember to keep loose leaves, grass clippings and yard debris out of the street so they do not get washed or blown into the storm drain, which can cause flooding. Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens can also end up in your drinking water, threatening water quality.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!
Got new or reusable unwanted items? Please consider:

North Branford & Northford free items – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1647630532048934>

Easter Seal Goodwill www.goodwill.org
Salvation Army <http://ctri.salvationarmy.org/SNE/NewHaven>

ReStores by Habitat for Humanity <https://www.habitat.org/restores/donate-goods>

Savers <https://stores.savers.com/ct/orange/>

Vietnam Veterans of America vva.org/pickup-locations/connecticut/

Keep Your Neighborhood Cleaner and Safer
Please store totes away from street and sidewalks after pickup.

Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder
Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material), propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside.
These items will not get picked up; please dispose/recycle properly.

Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly)
Next pickup is week of April, 2021
Please do not place curbside until that week
-No home cleanouts-

Due to Health Crisis
Plastic Film Drop Off Still Suspended
Please save plastic film at home until further notice.
Updates soon on program restart.
Thank You!

HOLIDAY NEWS

The next two issues of the Totoket Times will be out on December 11 and December 18.
Due to the Holidays, they will be back to back issues
and they will be delivered to your homes in your mailboxes.

Merry Christmas

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

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or 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; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us!

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

NBCC Holly Fair Donations

We will unfortunately not be hosting the “HOLLY FAIR” this year because of the pandemic we are all facing. We did not want to ignore this very long and loving tradition of the church without reaching out to our friends and neighbors to wish you all a blessed and wonderful Christmas! The fair has always been our biggest fundraiser and are asking in friendship and love for a donation of any kind. Checks can be mailed to the church: NBCC 1680 Foxon Road P.O. Box 410 North Branford, Ct 06471 Attn: Holly Fair

Or can be sent through PayPal by going onto our churches Facebook page and follow the directions.

Let us take the time to rejoice the holiday season in the birth of our Lord.

Women’s Club, GFWC Pals Socks Fundraiser

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC is holding a Pals Socks Fundraiser. These socks are unique, cozy and fun mis-matched socks. This is the perfect holiday gift for your kids or that special hard-to-buy-for person. All proceeds go towards our charity budget which helps to support local programs. With your help we can continue to give back to our community as we have done for the past 59 years. Go to <https://palssocks.rallyup.com/nnbwc> to link to the fundraising page. The fundraiser runs until December 9th. Visit our Facebook page at Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

Town of North Branford December Holiday Programs Office of Social Service

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations and generosity. Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated. If you are interested in assisting someone, family or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small. This year has been unique and we are planning events step by step. Thank you for your patience and bearing with us at this difficult time

The December Holiday Basket Share Program will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2020. For those that need some assistance with their Holiday dinner and /or gifts for children, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the December Holiday Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need and that you reside in either Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick-up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket with or without toys. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those donors that wish to include children’s gifts, this Office will provide you with the children’s wish list.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and the recipients will receive written confirmation. The Program Schedule is as follows:

Donor Drop Off:

Thursday, December 17, 2020 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up:

Thursday, December 17, 2020 (11:30 AM– 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program: Friday, November 20, 2020

Toys for North Branford Tots

This Office of Social Service will collect toys at the drop off point at the North Branford Police Department from Friday 11/13/2020 to Sunday 12/6/2020. We will accept new toys only. The requirements to participate in the program as a recipient are that you reside in the community, that you are in need and you are not participating in any other toy distribution program. Please be prepared to show proof of residency, such as a utility bill, lease, mortgage statement, tax bill. Drivers license is NOT proof of residency. The

Program Schedule is as follows:

Parents only: Wednesday 12/9/2020 (9 am to 12:30 pm)

Parents and Grandparents: 12/10/2020 (9am to 12:30 pm)

Giving Tuesday, December 1st

Giving Tuesday is a global movement to encourage the generosity of people in the support of charitable giving in their communities. Founded in 2012, Giving Tuesday inspires people to collective generosity during the holiday season. The collaborative effect of many gifts at once allows good causes to benefit substantially. Great success comes from collaboration!

Giving Tuesday emphasizes opportunities to give back to communities and causes in safe ways that allow for social connection and kindness even while practicing physical distancing.

This year, Giving Tuesday is December 1st.

Support your local community with a generous donation to the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) which provides value to the community through acquisition and open space for passive recreation. We create and maintain trails for the benefit of our community. When you support NBLCT, you give to your own community.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust

Go to nblandtrust.org4 Click on the DONATE button

Give generously for our community! Like us on Facebook.

**It’s Time for all places of worship
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North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
www.nbcreation.com • call (203) 484-6017
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation

Light Up North Branford

HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST

Monday, December 21st
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. ↑NEW DATE!
FREE

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun and festive competition!

REGISTER TO GET YOUR HOUSE ON THE MAP!
A map of display locations will be available on our website on December 21st.

PRIZES
\$100 – Best Overall Display
\$50 – Brightest Display
\$50 – Most Original Display
Winners determined by a panel of judges

Registration required by 12/10
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Candy Cane Lane

COSPONSORED BY NORTH BRANFORD ROTARY CLUB

Friday, December 4th
6:30 - 8:00pm Snow or Shine
Wall Field Entrance at 260 Forest Road, Northford

This year will be a December to remember! Introducing a community drive-thru holiday event. From the comfort of your car you will enjoy a festively lit drive.

Enter *Candy Cane Lane* beside the Police Department at the Wall Field entrance. Along the way be sure to stop at our stations and pick up sweet treats and fun holiday items from our partners.

Our partnerships include, North Branford Rotary Club, North Branford Public Works, North Branford Public Libraries, North Branford Children's Stocking Stuffer Drive, Branford Bible Chapel, and of course, Santa!

MAIL A LETTER TO THE NORTH POLE
THIS YEAR, IN LIEU OF PICTURES WITH SANTA, HE WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR LETTER TO THE NORTH POLE AT OUR DRIVE-THRU!
Write a letter to Santa, Mrs. Claus, or your favorite elf or reindeer!
Find the template on our website
Nbcreation.com

North Branford Parks & Recreation - 1332 Middletown Ave, Northford CT
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DECEMBER 18TH
1 PM - 2:30 PM
A VIRTUAL GATHERING

It's a Wonderful Life

**Please Join Us for a
State-Wide Senior Center Virtual Holiday Bash**

Featuring VIP greetings from around the state, seasonal music, ballroom dancing performances, holiday vignettes celebrating diverse cultures and traditions and many more of our favorite things!

Pre-registration is required by November 23rd, 2020.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IC410gGtXuHwFi20U1w2g
Questions? Email karen.green@ctcommunitycare.org

A Virtual E-Gifting Tree

This year our Senior Citizen Gifting Tree program will be done virtually. In lieu of physical gifts cards you can purchase a gift card voucher on our website, nbcreation.com. Our staff will purchase gift cards to Big Y, Dollar General, and Rite Aid and distribute to our Seniors like we do every year.

Your contribution will help brighten up the holiday for a North Branford/Northford Senior!

Virtually like no other!

GINGERBREAD BABY



Ages 3 - 4— Virtual
\$15



Wednesday, December 16, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades

Based on the classic story Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett we will take a quick story walk to familiarize the children with the Gingerbread Baby, if they have not already met the little rascal. The rest of class will be spent engaging in gingerbread baby centered activities. A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

GRINCH DAY

Ages 5 - 8— Virtual
\$15



Wednesday, December 16, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Instructor: Elena Bigio, Kidscapades

Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas. Kidscapades will lead this fun filled class of Grinch activities! Each child will pour and mix their own bag of magic Grinch dust! Complete with directions on where and when to sprinkle the magic dust to keep the Grinch away. We then stir up a cup of exploding Grinch punch to help keep the Christmas magic in the air! A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

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FOR SALE

Antique 1898 Ideal Clarion Parlor Wood Burning Stove. Bought in Sears, Portland, Maine in 1986. Never used. Must see. Asking \$750.00. Call 203-483-4282.

Marine Navigation (formerly Piloting) Course

Virtual Zoom class offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club®, starts Wed., Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. for eight weeks. Fee: \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members of United States Power Squadrons. Sign-up deadline: December 30. Information/registration: Past Commander Peter DePascale, 203-671-2420 or email bathworksinc@gmail.com.
Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD –
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE
ENERGY ASSISTANCE

As we all know all too well, 2020 has been a difficult and challenging year. Certainly not a fair shake for many people and businesses.
Collectively we have all done our part to move in a forward direction to achieve our goals, although travelling a sometime different path to get there.
Your patience, compliance with Executive Orders, and community support are greatly appreciated.
To that end I’d like to bring you up to date on the Energy Assistance Program.
This office has been and will continue to see people by appointment only.
For those wishing to apply for Energy Assistance, you have the option to be seen at this office by appointment or have an application mailed to you by CRT. If you’d like to have your application mailed, please call CRT at 1-800-560-5800 (Hartford office) or 860-347-4465 (Middletown office). You can book a telephone appointment where they will gather your information and an application will be mailed to you.
For all persons whether you apply by telephone or in person by appointment, you must pick up a one page form at either public library, side lobby at Town Hall, or online at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, under Departments, then Social Services.
It is most important you have all required documents at the time of your appointment. You may provide originals or copies. This office cannot make copies for you.
Example of Income Limits (gross) are:
Family of 1: \$37,645
Family of 2: \$49,228
Family of 3: \$60,811
Family of 4: \$72,394
Liquid Asset Limits (Retirement Acct’s counted if over 59½)
Renters- \$12,000
Homeowners- \$15,000
The program may also cover the cost of a Clean, Tune & Test, Weatherization and Repair or Replace of Furnace.

Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship) Course

Virtual class offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club®, starts virtually Wed., Mar. 3, for eight weeks. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$100. Information/registration: Past Commander Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or email scoochman28@outlook.com.
The Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship) course contains material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper’s responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots.
New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhspss.org.
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