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Take a Tour of

North Branford Police Department

The North Branford Police Department wants you to join us for a tour on February 9th from 10:00 Am to 2:00 PM for a tour of your police department. Since as early as 2006 there have been discussions on going concerning the police department facility and what can be done to fix all the issues your officers are faced with on a daily basis. During this time, the facility has been evaluated by two independent consulting firms to provide professional insight and recommendations to the Town of North Branford concerning a remodeling of the existing building or building a new structure.

On February 9th 2020, Chief Kevin Halloran and Deputy Chief James Lovelace will be giving tours of the facility as well as answering your questions. Here is a closer look at the buildings history. The two story station was constructed in 1974 by the public works department. The original construction was constructed to accommodate 8 to 10 officers. In the early 1990's a small addition was added and repurposed spaces on both levels. NBPd currently has 23 sworn officers and 6 civilian staff which leaves the facility stretched to its limits to accommodate the towns 911 center, Emergency Operation Center, police administrative offices and all the areas needed to conduct police business.

Join us, be informed, this is your town building and we want you to be in the know. For those who will be joining us there will be stairs involved in the tour and we do not have an elevator within the facility. If you cannot attend, we will be releasing a short video detailing the conditions of the facility on Totoket TV in the near future.



Changing With The "Times"

The Totoket Times is very grateful to the many readers who showed their support by sending in a voluntary payment. As we continue into the new year we will have a few changes to keep the paper thriving.

From time to time, I will drop the papers off at locations throughout our town. This will serve two purposes: Firstly, it will give you the opportunity to meet some of our businesses in town and perhaps use their services. Secondly, it will save the postage expense for that issue which will allow me to continue the mission of "for our town, from our town".

Also, I will continue to improve the website where you can get the full issue online and a complete advertising directory list to help you find available services in our town as well as updates on news.

At this point the plan is to continue mailing the majority of our issues to your homes. For an issue where I just do store drops, I will print the list in the previous issue so you can prepare to pick the next issue up and stay in touch with our advertising and editorial messages,

Thank you for your help and support.

Frank

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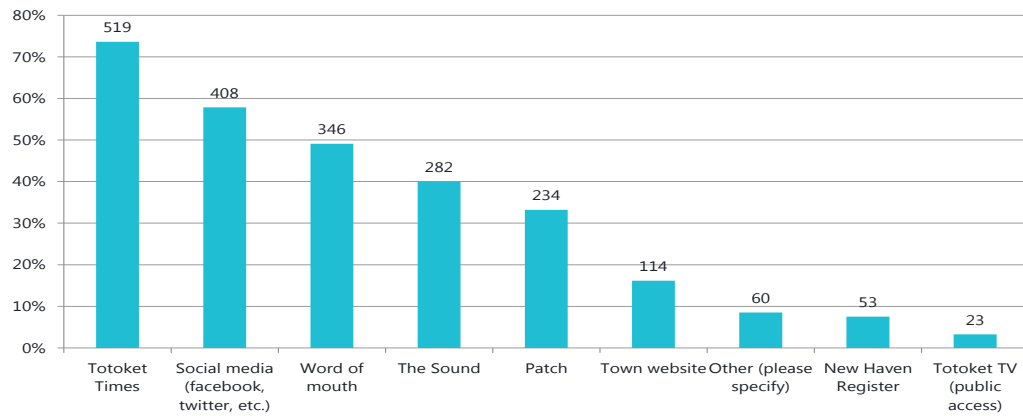
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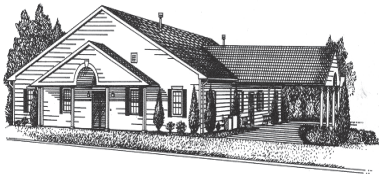


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False Promises Aren't the Path to Economic Recovery



Over the last few weeks Connecticut residents again heard majority party legislators talk about the need to improve our state's infrastructure, ease frustrating highway congestion, reduce rail commute times, and enhance our bus transit network.

The ultimate goal, we were told, is economic growth.

Yet when conversation about transportation reached its fever pitch last week, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle issued a tolling plan. Not a transportation plan, but a "trucks-only" tolling plan that included no actual transportation improvements—only a directive to prioritize enhancement projects at tolled bridges as well as projects designed stop toll diversions.

Notably absent was any apparent benefit to people craving an economic recovery—job creators and overtaxed residents who correctly viewed the tolling plan as a revenue grab.

As you may have seen on television, that tolling plan landed with a thud. Its proponents hoped to vote on it in a special session just before the start of the 2020 regular legislative session. That roadmap, however, dissolved just before their hastily-called public hearing when Democrat leaders learned they didn't have the votes to get the tolling plan onto the governor's desk.

Public outcry drove their decision to call off the special session. What concerned many was a loophole that would, despite "trucks-only" promises, allow for widespread tolling in two years.

The eventual expansion of tolls to all vehicles is a point my Republican colleagues and I have joined residents in predicting, and even the senate's Democrat president, Martin Looney, conceded to reporters that future legislatures could noodle with the trucks-only language.

Senator Looney, though, told the news media he didn't think that would happen because there's no appetite among Democrats to cast that wider tolling net.

Most taxpayers, however, know that appetites change—particularly in a legislature populated with influential progressives who liked Gov. Lamont's 50-gantry plan that tolled everyone.

For me, the economic argument Democrats make about tolls rings hollow because they've spent years pursuing anti-business legislation that's positioned our state among the most difficult places in the nation to run a company. The last legislative session erected some of the biggest hurdles for the business community I've seen in my time serving you in Hartford.

Improving our economy should instead begin with reducing taxes and easing regulations, not with tolls and more false promises about getting commuters to their desks quicker.

Let's Be "Frank"

There seems to be a bit of confusion with some of our new readers. I normally assume that everyone knows me and with that assumption I realize that some have no idea what I am talking about. I myself usually have no idea as well so I will briefly try to explain it at the risk of boring (not that it doesn't always happen any how) my regular readers, I will give a brief summary to remind the faithful ones of who I am and introduce myself to recent readers of our paper.

I have owned the Totoket Times for close to 20 years. It is a one man show not subsidized or governed by the town. I am the publisher, ad sales person, delivery person and bookkeeper. My name is Frank Mentone and I am Let's Be "Frank".

Let's be "Frank" is a letter to my "much older" brother who passed away more than ten years ago. In the letter I often refer to my dad and mom who died 29 and 25 years ago respectively, as well as my sister Mary who joined the rest of the family two years ago.

Often times in my epistles, I refer to my children and grandchildren. There are three adult children (all adults); Erica, Gina, and Frank, and two grandsons, John & Nico. At times, I even refer to my wife SueAnn.

I hope this helps new readers and I didn't bore some of my long time friends and supporters.



So moving on brother, what did you think of the Super Bowl? I know your son is a San Francisco Forty Niners fan but with the Giants being long gone this year, I found myself cheering for the Chiefs. I always liked the old chubby coach and the defensive coordinator who use to be with the Giants, Steve Spagnola is Italian.

I obsessively talk about getting old but sometimes these events just prove my point. I had no idea who the people were that sang America the Beautiful and the National Anthem. I thought Demi Lovato was someone you use to know from Wooster Street. The half time show of Shakara and J-Lo was an insult to women. (Now you know I'm getting old). I haven't wanted to watch a pole dance in quite some time and if I did, I didn't want to do it at home with my wife and daughter. Where was Tony Bennett or Frank Sinatra or even Neil Diamond?

I was impressed with the 100th anniversary celebration before the game but seeing Don Shula (he's 90) in a wheel chair, several in sit down walkers and all the gray hair, pot belly's and confused looks, was a bit depressing.

I'm not a real big football guy so I was very proud of my seven year old grandson. He informed the CCD Director at church that the only thing he liked about the Super Bowl is that it meant we were closer to the baseball season. For a moment I was overjoyed but then I remembered that last year he was in the high school dugout with me but he had to leave during the middle of the game to go play chess. It was a proud moment with him looking forward to baseball but I will still have to work on him a bit. Being well rounded is good but chess over baseball is devastating.

Well, that's it for now my man. For the new readers, I always end my letter with "Take care and I'll see you soon". The reason for that is to remind myself that every day is a gift and we never know when it will be taken away. So I live each day doing as much as possible, enjoying life and trying to put a smile on people's faces. I'm in now hurry but soon enough I will be coming to see you and the rest of the family and even that makes me smile.

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In order to participate in voting in **any** primary in the State of Connecticut, electors must be registered in the political party for such primary. The upcoming Presidential Preference Primary is for the Democratic Party **only**.

Unaffiliated voters (i.e. not registered in any party) are **not permitted** to vote in any primary in the State of Connecticut. However, unaffiliated voters can apply to register in a political party in order to vote in a primary.

Electors should take note that enrolled party members may transfer from one party to another party three months **prior** to a primary.

The deadline to transfer parties for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Electors who registered as **"Independent"** are members of the Independent Party and will **NOT** be eligible to vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary unless they transfer parties by the above deadline.

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Letters to the editor...

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

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

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

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



“We appreciated the opportunity”

Dear Editor,

In the January 23, 2020 issue of the Sound an article appeared concerning the North Branford/Northford Home Delivery Program. As I read this article I was appalled and astonished.

This program was started approximately eight years ago by Diane Farley and me under the direction of Pat Krall former CDR director and Betsy Klarman director of the Home Delivery program in Branford.

With the generous offer of the North Branford Congregational Church to use their kitchen at no charge and several months of organizing volunteers supplying our pantry, working with the Connecticut Food Bank and soliciting donations we were able to start delivering meals to those in need . Our first delivery was 1/17/12

We started with a small number of qualified receiptants, but as time went on and people became aware of this program the numbers grew.

We delivered two freshly prepared hot meals every Tuesday. These meals included freshly baked rolls or muffins and fresh Italian bread donated by Leoni’s. Our group was made up of cooks and drivers all of whom were dedicated to the program.

Due to the changes being made at CDR we were no longer able to operate out of the Church.

Also, it had become physically harder for the two of us to continue to participate. We both enjoyed our time with the program and appreciated the opportunity to serve our people.

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

The Untrial

Dear Editor,

I just spent five days watching the impeachment non-trial. Here’s what I saw: in the United States of America someone was accused of committing a crime (actually several). Before the trial began, the jury publically announced they had already decided that the verdict was not guilty. Furthermore, they decided that the prosecution would not be permitted to call witnesses or present documents to prove their case. They claimed this was justified because the prosecution hated the accused; therefore, he was absolved of any possible wrongdoing.

I immediately thought to myself - so someone breaks into my home, ties up my wife and children (hopefully without assaulting them), and robs us. He then gets caught and we go to trial. But it turns out that the criminal is very wealthy, very powerful, and very connected. Instead of the usual procedure, he gets to set the rules of the trial and pick the jury, who announce before the proceedings begin that he is innocent and that the only reason he is even on trial is because my family hates him.

Unlike the bad dream above from which could awaken, the Senate proceedings are all too real! Never could I have imagined that there would be a “trial” in 2020 in my beloved Democracy in which all of the rules were cast to the wind and any and all concepts of justice were abandoned. My 13 year old granddaughter asked me why the president wouldn’t want all of the evidence to be presented to show that he is innocent. Will someone please tell me what to say to her?

Sincerely, Peter Rothenberg

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The February 21, issue of the Totoket Times will not be mailed. our readers can pick it up at any of the following locations. The paper will go back to mail home delivery for the issue of March 6, 2020.

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www.totokettimes.com

Cut out this handy list and for your convenience and feel free to call Frank with any questions at 203-410-4254.

IT’S VALENTINES DAY

Valentine’s Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from? Find out about the history of Valentine’s Day, from the ancient Roman ritual of Lupercalia that welcomed spring to the card-giving customs of Victorian England.

The history of Valentine’s Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine’s Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the

third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor’s daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that

is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the [Middle Ages](#), perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

While some believe that Valentine’s Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine’s death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine’s feast day in the middle of February in an effort to “Christianize” the pagan celebration of [Lupercalia](#). Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.



Rayner’s Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage

On January 19th, Harold and Beatrice Rayner celebrated their 70th anniversary. The couple has lived in North Branford since 1959 where they raised two children, Bill & Charlene. They are the proud grandparents of Lew, Linda, Chris and Patrick and they also have two great grand children Michael and Jesse.

Knights Stay Busy

The Knights of Columbus Council 6801 have recently been quite busy. In conjunction with the town of North Branford, the Knights provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to 37 families in our community. Pictured are Gary Johnson, Grand Knight Damian Denegre, Jessica DelaCamera and Luisa Breen.



At a recent event, the Knights presented a plaque to John Doody (photo below), in appreciation for his many years of support and contributions. He is pictured below with Knights Wayne, Damian, Rich & Frank.



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All of us want to see Connecticut succeed. Connecticut is where we live, work, and raise our families – but by every measure of our state's economy, Connecticut is failing.

Businesses and residents are leaving the state every day. Property values are stagnant or on the decline. The cost of living keeps going up. The people we have entrusted to make decisions in the best interest of the state have failed us all.

It seems everyone I speak with knows someone close to them who has given up on Connecticut. They feel driven out of their home state by bad public policy and short-sighted ideas. I am not giving up on Connecticut, and today I am asking you all to join me in fighting for the future of our state.

I come from a business background, not a political one, with a blue-collar upbringing. My parents taught me the merit of hard work, the value of a dollar, and the importance of a quality education. I am worried that my four young children will grow up in a state without the same opportunities that prior generations had. As your State Senator, I will not support any attempt by Hartford to regionalize our schools. I will not vote to raise taxes on the already over-taxed citizens of the 12th district, not even by one dime. I will be a vocal opponent of Ned Lamont and his enablers in Hartford. You will have a State Senator you can rely on to vote in your best interests.

I am running to return Connecticut to a state that people and businesses want to flock to, not flee from, because Connecticut is worth fighting for.

Please support my campaign for State Senate. Visit LaPortaForCT.com.

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Joe LaPorta

Republican Candidate for State Senate, 12th District

Thank You From Office of Social Services

Dear Editor,

This Office of Social Service would like to extend thanks and praise to all the community members that generously participated as donors during the holiday program.

These donors were not solicited. Each called and wanted to participate, each person chose to do this because they wanted to. This office is grateful and appreciates your generosity and thoughtfulness. This is a giving community that has historically and continue to embrace the community with time, effort, generosity and grace.

In addition to donors, this office would like to thank Carolyn Falcigno and Caitlin Roshka, educator with North Branford High School Life Skills Program and the students for setting up the Christmas tree. Ann Marie McCarthy, Director of the Family Resource Center, teachers and students for creating ornaments and decorating the tree in the Social Service lobby.

The North Branford Police Department Staff for allowing the site to be a drop off for Toys for Tots.

Jerry Fucci for volunteering his time to pick up and drop off toys.

The Public Works Staff for setting up signs for Toys for Tots picking up new bicycles for the program from Wishing Wheels Bike Program.

St. Mary's High School Alumni Ruth Carroll Orfice for setting up toys.

Kerry Boughton for helping to move all the Christmas decorations and tree. Parks & Rec. and Senior staff for their help.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

According to research conducted by The Hartford Insurance Group, it seems like most baby boomers would rather go to the dentist for a root canal than talk to their aging parents about estate planning. The research indicated about 71% of parents of baby boomers were comfortable discussing estate planning with their children, whereas only 54% of their children were comfortable having such discussions. It turns out that parents are more comfortable discussing estate planning than are their baby-boomer children—who knew? This “communication gap” can have serious consequences for your parents and family.

Talking about your parents dying is not a fun topic to explore. Although it may be a hard conversation to have, it can make such a difference after your parents are gone. This is too important of a conversation not to have.

Getting the conversation started is the hardest part. A few simple guidelines can help turn this conversation into a positive experience. The most important rule is to include ALL of your siblings in the conversation. Nothing works quicker to undermine your intentions than excluding someone. Group discussion fosters a free exchange of ideas. Choose a comfortable and private setting for this family meeting that is free from distractions.

The family is assembled, in a comfortable, private, space...then what? How do you actually start the conversation? A good way to start is to discuss your own plan. Discuss with your parents what your estate planning experience was like. Talk about what your estate plan contemplates. Another way to start the conversation is with an article or book on estate planning. If your parents are readers this is a terrific place to start.

Assuming that you have created an opportunity to talk to your parents about their “exit plan” you should discuss several different aspects. Remain focused on the fact that you are trying to help your parents maintain independence and control over assets that took a lifetime to accumulate. Focus on long term care: have they considered what would happen if one or both of them had to spend time in a nursing home? Nursing home costs can quickly eliminate your parent's life savings. Ask about what type of estate plan they have in place. Make sure the plan fits their estate. Explore whether their estate plan contemplates tax issues, probate costs, or beneficiaries with disabilities? Don't neglect to focus on lifetime planning. Make sure your parents have updated Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Remember, most parents want to discuss their estate plan with their adult children. Finding out that your parents have planned their estate will be very comforting. Finding out your parents have not made a plan is a great opportunity to help them get their affairs in order. Once you have had your initial conversation feel free to call my office and set up a no cost estate planning consultation, we can take your ideas and turn them into great estate plans. Call for a free consultation today 203-234-7400.

Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

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Sincerely, Luisa Breen

Join the Sons & Daughters of Italy

It's time to meet new people, get out of the house and enjoy different cultural events every month. The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, meet on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven.

While maintaining many of the Italian-traditions, the ethnically diverse group has donated close to \$200,000 through its charitable giving programs.

Some of the groups we have supported are: The North Haven Education Foundation, North Haven High School Scholarship Fund, Alzheimer's Research Association of CT., Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Epilepsy Foundation of CT., Ronald McDonald House, MADD, Fisher House, American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Local Food Banks and Youth Groups, care packages for our Military troops and many more.

Scheduled for 2020 are: Trivia Game Night, Valentine's Dinner, Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner, Golf Tournament, Horse Racing, Comedy Night, Friday Night Bocce Club, Family Movie nights, Fashion Show, Military Whist, Dominoes and additional events yet to be determined.

Do as much as you like or as little as you like and have fun doing it. Visit our website at www.northhavenlodge2805club or email us at: nhsdilodge2805@outlook.com or call Frank at 203-410-4254 for more information.

Dues is only \$45.00 per year with a one time \$15.00 Application Fee.

Start the new year off right by getting off the couch, meeting new friends and enjoying yourself in a pressure free atmosphere.

Recycling News

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program Started in North Branford in November

If you would like to participate in this program, please use the Simple Recycling pink bags you received with the program info. Fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more to help keep these items out of our trash.

Place bags next to your recycling bin at the curb on your regular trash pickup day by 7am.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags between 7am and 5pm and leave new bags.

If you have not received your program info in the mail, need additional bags or want to see a full list of accepted items, go to www.simplerecycling.com or email at info@simplerecycling.com

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 7, 2020 9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte. 22)

Can't wait until our town's March collection?

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling.

Located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury;
hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,
Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website:

take2recycle.com

"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.

Help avoid potential flooding by clearing leaves, snow and ice in the fall and winter months from around storm drains.

Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)

Week of April 20 and November 9 on your scheduled pickup day *No home cleanouts*

Alan Davis Shining Stars 2020

The North Branford Education Foundation will be honoring four community servants with the Alan Davis Shining Star Award. The dinner will take place at Seasons in East Haven, on Thursday, March 26th beginning at 6:00.

There will be a full dinner with appetizers and a cash bar. Tickets are only \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

Honorees below are Brian Lynch, David Palumbo, Tom Smith and Marcey Onofrio. For complete information visit our website at northbranfordeducationfoundation.org



Seaman Ship Boat

Handling Course

Offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, starts Tues., Mar. 17, at 6:30 p.m. for nine weeks. Location: Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven, CT. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$100. Information/registration: Past Commander Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or email andreaa112@comcast.net. Sign-up deadline: Mar. 10.

The Seamanship (Boat Handling) 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.nhsps.org.

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\$10 per person

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CARD PARTY

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

SNOW DATE MARCH 7

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

GAME STARTS AT 7 PM

COFFEE/TEA, DESSERTS, RAFFLES

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THEY MAKE US PROUD

Jessica Cirivello, Matthew Cosgrove, Christian Diaz, Maggie Dulak, Meagan Hanratty, Sydney Hogan, Sabrina Lemere, Nicolette Molnar, Kaitlin Souza, & ryan Stephens were named to the Dean’s List at Eastern Connecticut State University, in Willimantic, CT

Erika Mantz has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

Celeste Rice has been named to the Dean’s List at Widener University in Chester PA.

Rachel Buffone, Jessica Ingarra, Candice Opie, Miles Pappolla, Noah Ackerman and Ethan Despres have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of Hartford.

Gabriella Fico has been named to the Dean’s List at Southern Connecticut state University.

Ian Covell has been named to the Dean’s List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY.

Tyler Williams has been named to the Dean’s List at Colby College in Waterville, ME.

Paul Zumbo has been named to theDean’s List at Franklin Pierce University .

Logan Fransden has been named to the Dean’s List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA.

Michael Madoule has been named to the Dean’s List at Boston College in MA.

Lauren Madoule has been named to the Dean’s List a tHusson University in Bangor, ME





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203-315-6020

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NORTH BRANFORD
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FEB 11	6:30 PM	Pollinator Pathways. Natureworks will be presenting this important program teaching us about Pollinator Pathways and how you can create a native plant habitat at home to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects
FEB 19	6:30 PM	Join author, Charles McNair, MD, as he discusses his book, Soldiers of a Foreign War. Told from the enlisted soldiers' perspective during the Vietnam War, as they leave their families & enter their countries' respective armies
FEB 21	6:00 PM	Scrapbooking Workshop. Bring your projects and supplies to work alongside fun people and get advice from your fellow scrapbookers. Next date will be March 20th
MAR 1	1:30 PM	Patriots of Liberty by Patty Carver. A one-woman musical presentation bringing 4 noted women of Am. history to life: Betsy Ross, Deborah Sampson, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Amelia Earhart
FEB 8	10:30 AM	KIDS! Take your Child to the Library Day. Science Outside the Box with Jane Copes "Professor Sepoc". Learn how to make your own personal book. There will be two interesting designs you can try, then you can begin to write your own story
FEB 9	1:00 PM	KIDS! Take your Child to the Library Day. A Place Called Hope, a rehabilitation center for birds of prey, will be here for a presentation with live birds of prey currently under the care of the professional staff from their rehabilitation center!
WEDNESDAYS	3:30 PM	KIDS! Crafternoon for Kids. Stories, felt board fun and an art project. For ages 3 – 6 years old. Wednesdays at 3:30 pm with Mrs. Debbie



Basketball Team goes to 6-6

The North Branford boys high school basketball team evened out their-record to 6 -6 by defeating Wolcott Tech 64-39. Mike Sitro led the T-Birds with 30 points, 18 rebounds and 5 steals. Trevor Holzer had seven points while handing out 9 assists and Bret Fee added 10 points.

Freshman John Onofrio took the lead on defense by taking two charging fouls showing great toughness which has become the style of this team.

North Branford Class of 2020
Project Graduation Fundraiser

\$1000. Voucher
to Southwest Airlines
\$5.00 per ticket - 5 tickets for \$20.00
Drawing to be held, Sunday, March 1, 2020
Winner Need not be present
For tickets call Becki & Kevin Glenn
kbjmglen@yahoo.com



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc.
Daycare and Preschool

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

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

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ACTIVITIES

KIDS HULA HOOP STAR

Who: Ages 6 - 12
When: March 3 - March March 24
Time: Monday, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Fee: \$60 Hoops are provided
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Join Kailey for an exciting hula hoop class! We will explore the world of hooping through play and movement. Learn how to hoop, play interactive games, and have fun. This class will foster creativity, improve balance, social skills, motor skills, and coordination.

ADULT HOOP DANCE FIT

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 3 - March March 24
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$60 Hoops are provided
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Hoop dance is a fun low impact, total body workout and anyone can do it! Not to mention you burn 7 calories per minute. We will focus on the basics of hula hooping through mix of fitness and dance. You will be amazed at what you can do with the right sized hula hoop and a professional instructor by your side. Join us to strengthen your core, improve flexibility, build confidence, relieve stress and have fun! No experience is needed.

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 12 - April 30
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: Appropriate for all ages and levels. A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. All classes will be specifically designed to the students' needs who are attending.

GENTLE YOGA

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 13 - May 1
Time: Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: A gentle yoga class designed to softly open tight areas of the body while strengthening muscles and reinforcing balance. Breathing and relaxation techniques will be taught to assist in releasing stress and finding mental clarity. Much of this class is taught on the floor with very little transitioning between standing and sitting. The use of props serves to make the yoga poses more accessible to those attending the class. This class is supportive of people working with injuries or chronic conditions. This practice is suitable for all ages and levels.

KIDS YOGA

When: March 14 - May 2
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: Kids are introduced to the practices of yoga through creative play, movement, games, music and postures. This fun filled class teaches children the foundation of yoga on and off the mat. This practice is structured in a way to balance their physical, mental and sensory needs. Benefits of children's yoga include: helps teach self-regulation, aids in focus, supports self-esteem, assists with stress, builds confidence, builds strength and flexibility. Parents are welcome but not needed.

North Branford Senior Center

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

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at www.nbrecreation.com

Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am



Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Now going to Shoprite twice a month!



Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

BUS TRIPS

CT Flower Show, Friday, February 21, 10:30am, \$20 CASH ONLY

Spend the day exploring the Connecticut Convention Center with over 300 booths overflowing with all of your gardening needs! Lunch available on your own at the Convention Center.

Ireland Great Hunger Museum/Genwood drive In

Friday, February 28, 10:30, \$7 res / \$12 nr

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University investigates the Famine and its impact through art. Lunch on your own at Glenwood.

ACTIVITIES

Indoor walking at Ikea, Monday, February 10, 12:30pm, FREE

Let's get out of the house, head down to Ikea for an indoor walk . Treat yourself to a frozen yogurt on the way out! Please sign up by Friday, February 7th.

Cornhole, Tuesday, 2/11 & 2/25, 11:00am, FREE

Come play Cornhole, this is a fun indoor activity with friends.

Valentine's Day Craft, Wednesday, February 12, 12:45, FREE

Let's make Cupid's Crunch - a perfect mix of sweet and salty! With Valentine's Day right around the corner, enjoy making and eating this yummy treat.

Movie, Smith Library Friday, February 14, 12:45pm, FREE

Showing His Girl Friday, with some sweet treats. "When hard-charging New York newspaper editor Walter Burns (Cary Grant) discovers that his ex-wife, investigative reporter Hildy Johnson (Rosalind Russell), has gotten engaged to milquetoast insurance agent Bruce Baldwin (Ralph Bellamy), he unsuccessfully tries to lure her away from tame domestic life with a story about the impending execution of convicted murderer Earl Williams. But when Hildy discovers Williams may be innocent, her reporter instincts take over."

Health Fair, Wednesday, February 26, 10:00am, FREE

Nursing students from SCSC are returning to provide information on heart healthy living, diet, exercise and better balance.

Curious what TAI CHI is all about? Try one class for FREE!

INTRODUCTION TO SENIOR TAI CHI

Instructor: Martin Reichgut, MD

Marty will use the flowing, meditative movements of this ancient Chinese martial art to improve balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, and memory. He will demonstrate how we can use Tai Chi's self-defense strategies to reduce our stress and protect ourselves from the repeated assaults of everyday life.

The session runs until March 4

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40

Presented by East Shore Health Department

****NEW** Beginning in February "HOT TOPICS"**

The last Monday of every month at 10:30am, at the Senior Center Let's help the nurse educators decide what topics are "Hot" for you.

Monday, February 24, 10:30am, FREE

The East Shore Health District Nurse Educators will present this month's The Hot Topic, Climate Change and how it effects our health. This month's topic is Climate Change and how it affects your health.

**THE SPRING/
SUMMER 2020
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IN YOUR 3/6
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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

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 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am 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.

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.

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.

Bible Study & The New Testament

We hope everyone who wants to keep growing in Christ will join our NBCC guide, Jennifer, as she helps us explore “*The New Testament*”.

We meet every first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the chapel of North Branford Congregational Church at 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford. Any questions please email Jennifer at bellmad1@aol.com

Continuing Community Workshops

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for our continuing community workshops every Thursday from 3 – 5 p.m. (new time) to work on projects that help the less fortunate. During the past year we have helped vulnerable children, the homeless, families of service members, senior citizens, school children and others. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. The workshops are ongoing. It is heart warming to see the community come together to help with these projects.

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others. Like us on Facebook.

Ash Wednesday Worship at St. Andrew

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, “the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford” will celebrate the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's is located at 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nan Monde at 203-710-7005.

Knights of Columbus Council 6801 Upcoming Events

Palm Cross Sale at St. Monica and St. Augustine

March 14th,15th, 21st & 22nd

Saturday June 6th Knights of Columbus

Flea Market/Tag Sale

Doody's Field 465 Foxon Road - 8:00am – 3:00pm

August 7th, 8th & 9th Potato & Corn Festival - Steamed Cheeseburgers

Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwiches

“A PATHWAY THROUGH GRIEF”

March - November 2020

Wednesdays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Co-Sponsors

North Haven Funeral Home & Hamden Miller Senior Center

North Haven Funeral Home is offering four (4) eight (8) week bereavement support programs MARCH – NOVEMBER. This program is designed to provide comfort and counsel for those who have lost a loved one and are finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

Together, we will embark on an eight week journey to rediscover that we can, once again, have peace and joy.

Please join us on this journey!

(There is no cost to participation

For Information please call: Jean M. Hadley (Facilitator) 203-433-4552

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The community is encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart.” The dinner at 5:30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 14, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners can be picked up at 4:30 p.m. if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

The **deadline for reservations and advance payment is March 7.** Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$10. For reservations and questions, call 203-234-7794 (Peter) or 203-484-0794 (Aloha). Checks payable to Northford Congregational Church should be mailed to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892, before the Mar. 7, deadline. All meals must be paid for in advance.

The historic Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” (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. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church **Note new email address:** northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

Pierpont Concert and Dinner

Pierpont Concert – North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles – Saturday February 22 at 7pm The North Haven Congregational Church's Pierpont Concert Series happily welcomes back, for the eleventh straight year, the North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles! This yearly event is a special tradition within the Pierpont Concert Series and the North Haven Community. The students provide an amazing program. The award winning North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles will entertain us with their musical talents. Adult tickets are \$10, students \$5, children under 12 free. Tickets are available at the door and will benefit both the school musicians and the Pierpont concert series. The church is located at 28 Church Street.

Pre-Pierpont Concert Dinner to be held Saturday February 22, 2020

A Dinner will be held at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven before the Pierpont Concert, on Saturday February 22, at 5:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. The Women's and Men's Fellowships will prepare a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, beverage, and dessert. The cost of dinner with a reservation: \$12.00 adults and children under 12 years old \$5.00. (\$14.00 for all without a reservation.) Please call the church office (203 239 5691) to make a reservation. Join us for dinner and a concert, priced separately. Ample parking, handicapped accessible. All are welcome!

Patriots of Liberty

Patriots of Liberty is a one-woman tour de force musical presentation where four noted women of American History are portrayed. This Old Hat is an original musical that brings the following women of American History to life: Betsy Ross tells her unique story about the first American flag; Deborah Sampson tells of her adventures when she disguised herself as a man to fight in the Revolutionary War; Elizabeth Cady Stanton speaks of the Women's Suffrage Movement, women's dress reform and her contemporary, Harriet Tubman; Amelia Earhart tells the story of her solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Edward Smith Library at 3 Old Post Road, Northford.

Registration is required (203) 484-0469 as seating is limited
What a Wonderful Way to Learn History!!

Free Tax Assistance

The Edward Smith Library in Northford is offering a free tax assistance program, every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 3rd through April 13th, from 1:00-4:00pm. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, people with disabilities, or limited English speakers who need help in preparing & filing their own tax returns. Assistance will be on a first come, first served basis. Please bring the following items with you:

A current picture ID card and Social Security card, along with any Social Security cards for dependents

Last year's tax return~All tax documents showing income and potential deductions

HELP WANTED

Recreation Director – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals to serve as Director of Parks and Recreation. Administers and executes policies, develops and supervises recreation programs and personnel. Responsible for preparing annual budget and capital request and managing senior center programs. Requires thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of recreation and leisure services administration and park facilities management; Bachelor's degree in recreation or related field plus 4 years of professional experience or equivalent combination of training and experience which provides demonstrated ability to perform duties of the position. Salary range: \$68,000 - \$72,000 DOQ, plus benefits. Send application, cover letter, resume and references to: Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020.** (No faxes or emails). EOE/AA Job description and application on the Town's website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

(Part Time) Potato & Corn Festival Coordinator - The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Potato & Corn Festival Coordinator. The primary responsibility of the Coordinator is to ensure that the festival is successful and well attended. The Coordinator will work with the Parks & Recreation Department and Potato Festival Committee Members and other members of the public to support the production of an entertaining and appealing festival event. Reports directly to the Recreation Director. Full job description is on the Town's website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com. Rate \$20-25 per hour DOQ. **No** benefits Applications are available at Town Manager's Office and on-line, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Deadline: Applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by **Friday, February 14, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.** (No faxes). EEO/AA

Program Coordinator/Van Driver– The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Program Coordinator/Van Driver to work at the Community Center/ Senior Center. A minimum of five (5) years of experience in recreation or senior activity programming; graduation from high school or GED equivalent; CDL with F & P endorsements required. Wage of \$22.00 per hour with benefits; 27.5 hrs/wk.

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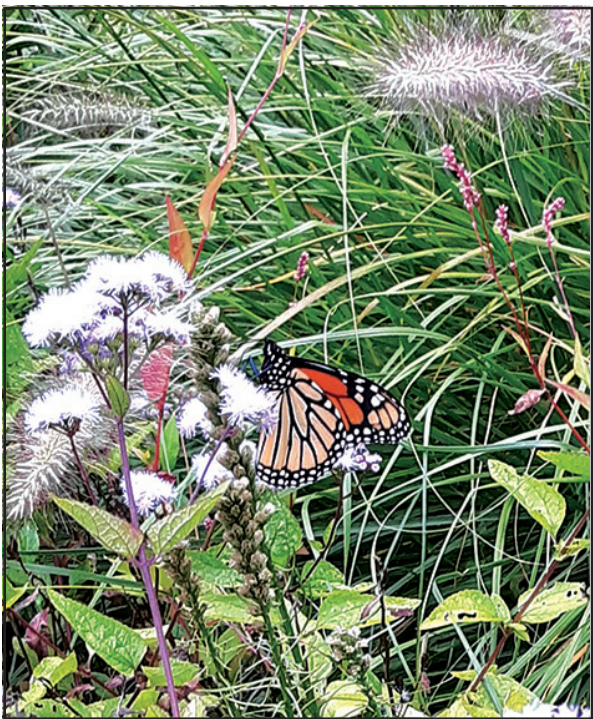
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HELP WANTED

Part-time Custodian for Parks and Recreation / Senior Center – North Branford, CT. The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for a part-time custodian. This position is responsible for custodial tasks such as general cleaning, maintenance and setting up/break down for events. Parks and Recreation / Senior Center is housed inside the STW Community Center. Two years in custodial maintenance is preferred. 19 hours per week; 5 days per week; daytime hours starting wage is **\$14.20 per hour, no benefits.** Applications are available on the Town's website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com and at the Town Manager's Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Please submit application and other materials in person or by mail (no faxes or emails). Deadline: Applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by **February 14, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.**

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