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DESTINATION NORTH BRANFORD

The North Branford Economic Development Commission is astounded by the positive response from residents for the DESTINATION NORTH BRANFORD SUNFLOWER PROJECT. The Project Committee is currently made up of 15 "Projecteers" (project volunteers) and is adding people each week. The purpose of the project is to attract visitors to our local businesses, to beautify North Branford with sunflowers everywhere and to increase our native pollinators to our gardens.

The local farming community is helping already. Larry Augur from Larry Augur Farm gave the Committee an important understanding about growing sunflowers.

Ryan Van Wilgen, from Van Wilgen's Garden Center, contacted Chas. C. Hart Seed Company in Wethersfield, CT, that generously donated 500,000 sunflower seeds for distribution to North Branford residents and businesses to plant throughout Town.

The Committee plans to distribute these FREE seed packets this spring. There will be a choice of short or tall sunflower seeds and directions will be on the packet. The seeds will need to be planted in a sunny spot.

The EDC hopes that restaurants will join in with menu items using sunflower seeds.

We hope businesses will join this exciting initiative and grow sunflowers on their property or in large pots.

The Committee is pleased to have a resident of Evergreen Woods (formerly a home owner in North Branford) volunteering as a "Projecteer" and excited to have the support and participation of Evergreen Woods in the Sunflower Project.

We hope that everyone in North Branford will locate your own sunny spaces and get ready to plant in May.

If anyone has a questions or would like to join this Sunflower Project Committee, please call Economic Development Coordinator Roger Salway at 203-484-1034 or edc@townofnorthbranfordct.com .

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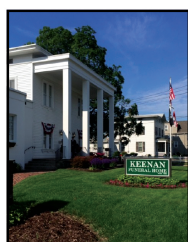
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The Governor's Budget: An Attack on the Middle Class



On February 14, Republican legislators spent the evening at a reception with Governor Lamont. Despite it being Valentine's Day, I, along with my colleagues, appreciated his willingness to hear from our party, especially given that House Republicans represent 40% of the state. The Governor was gracious and heard our concerns, but his budget didn't demonstrate that he listened.

I think we were all taken aback by the level of tax increases and cuts to our towns in the Governor's budget. When you include tolls, his budget proposes over \$4 billion in new taxes in the biennium. I am most concerned, however, with the framework of this budget. Governor Lamont hails from Greenwich. His wealth is no secret to the public. As a democrat, however, one would think he would champion the "little guy". Surprisingly, this budget does the opposite. It crushes the middle class.

While I have always believed that income tax increases on the wealthy drags our economy down and has led Connecticut to last place in job recovery in New England, expansion of the sales tax is far more dangerous. Not only does it make our retail businesses less competitive, it's impact can be significant on middle class families and seniors. Despite that, Governor Malloy has proposed imposing a sales tax on almost every type of service, ranging from veterinarian services to haircuts, from legal, accounting, engineering, and interior design services to home improvement services, from garbage collection and parking to textbooks, car seats and sports and recreation services. Nothing is spared taxation.

Sadly, his budget also undoes so many good proposals in our bipartisan budget from last session. Concurrently with raising all these sales taxes, he seeking to reimpose taxation on pensions and social security income, which we began phasing out in 2019. He then proposes the elimination of the 3 month look-back period on gifts and extends the estate filing from 6 months to 9 months, two proposals that will benefit the wealthy at the expense of middle class.

The Governor wants to tax every ounce of sugary drinks at a rate of 1.5 cents. A 64 ounce of soda will be taxed .96 cents. He claims this proposal is a healthcare initiative, yet he fails to tax artificial sweeteners. To suggest that drinks flavored with honey, maple syrup and real sugar are somehow safer than those flavored with aspartame defies science and logic.

So the Governor's budget is the beginning of the process. I hope, however, it is not the starting point. Our middle class is being squeezed out of Connecticut, and I believe this budget protects the wealthy and our cities at the expense of our towns.

Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, many have called to tell me that last issue's story of my "Yute" brought back memories of their own childhood. I did have to explain to some what a cold water flat was (I didn't realize I was that old) and many didn't understand the part about no bath tubs or what a roll away bed was. Other than that, as I promised, it's time to move on to the "Hill Section".

My first years on the "Hill" are foggy as I was very young. I do remember some things that have stuck with me forever. For me it was a new experience. I guess at five years old, everything is a new experience. But this was much different from what I was accustomed to on Water Street.

First, there was a bath tub. I remember my first experience brought the police to the house. I was so scared of my encounter with this foreign object that I thought I was going to drown. I didn't swim and I just didn't understand the concept. I screamed so loud and mommy yelled at me so loud that Theresa next store called the cops because she thought mom was killing me. Later she learned to stay calm when mom went on one of her "disciplinary rants".

Our house seemed to separate the Italians from the blacks. As a youngster growing up in an all Italian neighborhood, I was quite confused by people who were of a different color and a different background. I was a complete foreigner in my new neighborhood. One side of the street was filled with Italian immigrants who spoke mostly Italian. I did not. On the other side there were more kids and I soon became friends with them. There was Big Butch, Little Butch, Dougy and Kenny. I had fun playing ball with them but I soon realized they had different schedules than I did. They didn't have to go in at noon and again at five for family meals.

As a youngster I envied their freedom. As I grew older I realized most of them had no father living at home and some didn't even know who their father was. There were no formal family meals for them. They ate when they felt like it and seldom together. To this day I enjoy our family meals (especially on Sunday when the kids join us) and cannot think of life without them. Back then I never really thought about what they were missing.

I remember you were not happy to leave your friends in the old neighborhood. You would take the downtown bus from Notre Dame and walk to Wooster Street to hangout with your gang. Scarpelino's, Gambardella's, Ciaburri's and Marino were a few of the names I remember. You would then walk home about three miles at 8:00. You continued to go to St. Michael's Church and attended their CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) and you played for their basketball team. The neighborhood changed as I became a teenager and walking in the streets at night was no longer healthy. In the evening, I was barely allowed to walk a block by myself for fear of being jumped or worse. "Anthony use to walk three miles," I would protest. But mom would just tell me how times and neighborhoods had changed.

I don't remember much about Mary in my earlier years. You were my hero. She was just a girl. A sister who got away with everything because she was "the only girl". She was very quiet and kept to herself for the most part. Burying her nose in the books and as she got older, spending all her free time at the convent helping the nuns.

In those younger years I don't remember much about mom and dad. Mom stayed home, cleaned the house, cooked, help us with our homework, cleaned the house, and cooked some more. Dad seemed to always be at work. It was more difficult for him as Sargent's (where he worked) was in walking distance from Water Street but not the case from Liberty. Not having a car, he managed to hitch rides with co-workers, the bread delivery guy or

anyother way he could get there. The only time he was not working he was sleeping on the couch or going to Yale football and hockey games with four of his brothers.

Sometimes it seems like yesterday and other times it seems as though I was a different person and I am just remembering a show I only watched.

Well that's it for now. I hope this isn't too boring for you or my readers. I'm sure you remember most of it but I am trying to jot a few things down before I forget them. Say hi to Mary and I'll see you soon.



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Which Hunt?

The Salem Witch Trials were fueled by a community's fear and resentment of those who were different. The town found several convenient outliers upon whom to focus the public's ire: a Caribbean slave, a homeless woman and an elderly, poor woman. The accusations were completely general and baseless - "she's a witch!" After this meritless accusation, a mountain of evidence was concocted, enough to incite a tribunal to strangle these women to death by hanging them in the public square. To this day we herald this process of accusation without evidence, followed by the fabrication of crimes as the profound miscarriage of justice known as a "witch-hunt."

Trump's accusation that the Mueller investigation is a witch-hunt has been widely criticized as a childish wise crack used to unduly ridicule a duly assigned federal probe. Is it? Compare the real "witch hunt" (above) with the nature and substance of the Mueller investigation. Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein's written instructions to Mueller were the subject of Representative Jim Jordan's (OH) questions to acting AG Robert Whittaker at recent House Judiciary Committee hearings. He asked whether numerous redactions in Rosenstein's instructions to Mueller were in fact the names of the targets of the "probe." "Did Rod Rosenstein direct Robert Mueller to target specific Americans?" Jordon pointedly asked. Put another way, has Mueller been investigating a crime or concocting one to fit these targeted individuals? Which hunt is Mueller on, the one for specific people, or the one for the perpetrators of a crime?

Rather than specify a crime to investigate, Rosenstein appears to have directed Mueller to target specific individuals - among them the duly elected president. As such, the bald accusation of "collusion" has been loosely wrapped around their necks, roughly framing a subject about which the details are thereafter being conjured - a proverbial witch-hunt designed and intended to strangle political outliers in the public square.

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Abortion Rights?

Abortion rights? What was he talking about and why? Virginia Governor Ralph Northam - a doctor - fanned the flames of controversy with strange statements about a post-birth procedure for ending the life of a child born with severe birth defects.

Virginia's proposed legislation would have allowed abortions after 24 weeks when the expecting mother and her doctor agreed it was "necessary to prevent... impairment of [the mother's] mental or physical health." It also would have eliminated the need to show that the expecting mother would otherwise suffer any substantial or irremediable harm. The existing law allowed abortions after 24 weeks but required that three doctors agree that aborting the child was necessary to prevent substantial and irremediable harm to the expecting mother.

Northam said he was describing just one "particular example" for ending a child's life when he said: "The infant would be kept comfortable... then a discussion... between [doctor and mom]" whether to end the child's life. Why did Northam address any post-birth procedure at all in the context of legalized abortion when the proposed law addressed neither severe birth defects nor post-birth procedures? If the proposed law intended to allow third trimester abortions only for a child with severe birth defects it would have said so and Northam wouldn't have called his post-birth procedure a "particular example."

This proposed, open ended, infinitely permissive abortion law was in no manner limited to a severely deformed fetus. Northam's statements clearly envisioned a vastly expanded universe of lawful abortive decisions that - somehow - intersected with the post-birth procedure he described. In this light, those who assert that Northam's example of this post-birth procedure was entirely unrelated to the proposed law are engaging in deflative nonsense designed to draw our attention away from the slippery slope to outright infanticide.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately, the same question has been posed to me by several of my clients "What is the difference between an Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?" On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

In many ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. All trusts act like a "legal container" that holds property for the benefit of the "beneficiary" of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administers the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

Imagine that a trust acts like a cardboard box that holds your assets. Revocable Trusts are an "open box trust." You can put assets into the box and you can take assets out of the box. The box is an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. On the other hand, Irrevocable Trusts function like a "closed box trust." You can put assets into the trust, you just cannot get them out. Your trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are very good at minimizing the probate process (although not necessarily the probate fees charged by the state of Connecticut). They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes, and are beneficial in many other ways. What a Revocable Trust will not do is protect assets against the high cost of nursing home/skilled nursing care.

If my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in a nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a "closed box trust," irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care.

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"...I Nearly fell off my chair..."

To the Editor:

I'm responding to D. Kirt Westfall's latest essay "Hide the Fine China" in your edition of February 15, 2019. As usual, he's way too eager to attack the Democratic Party, and to convince his readers of some wildly partisan assumptions.

He begins with an overview of China's hacks into our data systems, but right in the first sentence, mis-identifies a Portland, Oregon firm as "a Chinese company". Russia, Iran, China and North Korea have been our cyber enemies for years, weakening our Democratic institutions and stealing our personal, military and commercial secrets. After singling out China as the bad actor it truly is, Mr. Westfall launches the flabbergasting question "what exactly are we upset about in the Russian meddling scandal?" Well, Robert Mueller's summary report at the end of February may give us some answers to that exact question.

Any thoughtful reader should also wonder how Westfall decided that China is the far Left's closest political and ideological ally". I nearly fell off my chair reading his next bit of nonsense about Chairman Mao's policies influencing the 2020 Democratic platform. My final thought is to appreciate this regular feature in the Totoket Times. It provokes plenty of discussions until the next issue comes around.

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Hundreds are returned to the Town from the Post Office for bad addresses. (Since when is Foxon Road “no such street” – so much for automation!) Remember that these bills originate at the Department of Motor Vehicles and reflect vehicles that were registered as of October 1, 2017. The address that DMV had on file for your registration is what is provided to the Town and ultimately used for the mailing of the tax bill and subsequently delinquent notices, etc. If you have moved since 10/1/17 or changed from a street address to a P.O. Box (or vice-versa), those reasons may explain why your bill was returned to the Town. Another common problem is the incorrect tax town on file. DMV’s records occasionally will list North Branford residents’ bills as other towns and we similarly receive other non-North Branford resident’s information for our bills. Lastly, another common problem is incomplete addresses – particularly condominiums and apartments. If the information from DMV comes to us as 229 Branford Road (for example) without a unit number, it will most definitely be returned to the Town.

The bottom line is that many taxpayers have not paid their 2017 Grand List tax bills – no more than any other year - but this problem occurs annually. The unpaid bills will continue to accrue 18% annual interest will ultimately leave you without the ability to register your cars. This leads to angry folks who are at DMV and halted in their registration process or folks with bills that have lingered on and the interest amount exceeds the original tax amount. We try to use the Internet to find people, but it just isn’t practical.

If you had vehicles that were registered as of October 1, 2017 (or real estate, or business assets [for that matter!]) and you haven’t received a tax bill or delinquent notice, please call the Tax Department at 203-484-6011 immediately. Those accounts that remain delinquent will be receiving “Demand Notices” in March. This is the last step before the delinquent accounts are turned over to a State Marshal – which translates to additional fees.

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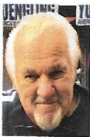
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Residents may also drop off: cell phones, **fire extinguishers***, empty propane tanks* and rechargeable batteries.

Helium tanks no longer accepted.

*Fees for fire extinguishers and size-based fees for propane tanks.

Recycling Event Fees	
Propane Tanks	
1 lb	\$1 each
5, 10, 20 lbs	\$2 each
30, 40 lbs	\$10 each
Fire Extinguishers	
All types, sizes	\$6 each

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during e-waste recycling events.

Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous.

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.

Newly 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



Otfinoski Joins TBird Medalists

Senior Jason Otfinoski placed 8th for men’s foil at the state JV tournament! Jason becomes the 4th TBird to medal at the tournament in the program’s history! *Photo with Fencing Caach Jacob Sweet. Compliments of NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler.*

Scholarship Applications Available Donations Are being Sought

The North Branford Scholarship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the North Branford High School Guidance Office. Graduating high school seniors living in North Branford regardless of what school they graduate from are eligible. Applications must be in by March 29st, 2019.

Our fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help us raise monies for the students please call Lars Selander at 203 483-1311.

Sacred Heart Academy March Entrance Exam – Thursday, March 7, 2019

For those who missed the fall testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an entrance exam for applicants to grades 9 and 10 on Thursday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. Students who plan to take the test must submit the Application for Admission with the \$60 fee, and contact Director of Admission Elaine Lamboley at 203-288-2309, x307 for an interview. Applications can be accessed at www.sacredhearthamden.org.

Founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sacred Heart Academy successfully prepares young women in grades 9 – 12 for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. Sacred Heart welcomes 500 students from more than 80 schools and 60 towns in Connecticut and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Visit www.sacredhearthamden.org to learn more.

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HH 12TH GRADE

Anastasio, Colby
Annunziato, Brianna
Augur, Alessandra
Bourdeau, Tobias
Buffone, Rachel
Callender, Christopher
Chironno, Jenna
Conboy, Jeremy
Constantinidi, Sydney
Cosenza, Julianna
Cristante, Alexina
DeNegre, Nicholas
DiMartino, Bella
Evon, Samantha
Frandsen, Logan
Gallagher, Matthew
Jacobson, Carl
Katz, Lyndsay
May, Caitlin
McClure, Nina
McKee, Sean
McLay, Ian
McNelis, Joseph
Miconi, Patrick
Montanaro, Jacob
Opie, Candice
Pietrogallo, Julia
Raccio, Brianna
Reed, Makayla
Regan, Jordan
Sabetta, Rebecca
Slubowski, Ashley
Souza, Kaitlin
Stone, Kai
Taylor, Noah
Testa, Ashley
Torgerson, Mary-Kate
HH 11TH GRADE
Aucapina, Ariadna
Blomster, Lily
Bonaldo, Nicholas
Camp, Gerald

Cavalier, Sofia
Cirivello, Jennifer
Cole, Emily
D’Onofrio, Bianca
DeLucia, Joseph
Diaz, Enrique
Galdenzi, Ava
Gall, Jenna
Gargano, Jesse
Gildersleeve, Britny
Helff, Marisa
Huisman, Victor
Klemme, Katherine
Kwalek, Rachel
LeBeau, Avonlea
McIntyre, Carlie
Norton, Melanie
Olsen, Emily
Patel, Krish
Pompano, Janessa
Powers, Jetta
Ricardo, Julia
Roof, Erika
Sarmiento, Gabriella
Schreiber, Emma
Singer, Grace
Teodoro, Amanda
Tomaso, Christian
Vitarisi, Rache
Waligroski, Alyssal
Wang, Allison
Wheeler, Christopher
HH 10TH GRADE
Anastasio, Sophia
Archer, Sachin
Armin, Jessica
Beardsley, Bryce
Brezicki, Brianna
Burwell, Mackenzie
D’Aversa, Shawn
Dow, Catherine
Fabish, Paige
Garrett, Jillian

Geist, Griffin
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Iuteri, Brianna
Kendall, Riley
Kendrick, Alyssa
Leete, Conor
LeMere, Alex
Manner, Kaila
O’Neil, Kylie
Olson, Emily
Ouellet, Sophia
Piercey, Erica
Preiss, Mallory
Raymond, Ava
Razouki, Yousif
Riggione, Christina
Sabetta, Ethan
Sarenas, Elizabeth
Serenson, Emma
Shadman, Caroline
Sorrell, Alexis
Stanford, Jason
Stoner, Aidan
Valentino, Alessia
Vecchio, Krista
HH 9TH GRADE
Anderson, Ryan
Berrios, Brianni
Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Bunosso, Isabella
Chittenden, Zachary
Chopus, Jake
Cronan, Tyler
Danner, Jacob
Gomez, Nichole
Hills, Isabella
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan
Levine, Taylor
Melillo, Kate
Montanaro, Madison
Montanaro, Meghan
Norman, Delaney

Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pinto, Gabriella
Reynolds, Benjamin
Rivera, Sheyenne
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Senerchia, Hanna
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna
Toto, Olivia
Yarnall, Paige
HONORS 12TH GRADE
Aaron, Aaliyah
Anderson, Ashley
Ash, Jason
Astrom, Arianna
Augur, Hannah
Bailey, Morgan
Bernabucci, Maria
Campagna, Lea
Chan, Alvin
DeAngelo, Samantha
DeBarros, John
Diaz, Alyssa
Esposito, Ariana
Gonsalves, Brianna
Helwig, Rachel
Landino, Marcella
Mahon, Stephanie
Mancini, Nicholas
Neubig, Emily
Oliverio, Kaley
Otfinoski, Jason
Phabmixay, Joanna
Pienkosz, Natalia
Raffone, Louis
Raucci, Amelia
Rodriguez, Odali
Russo, Erika
Santiago, Davianna
Adalina-Reyna
Sellitto, Anthony
Velez, Kaylee

HONORS 11TH GRADE
Aiken, Mairead
Avallone, Attilio
Bureau, Karlee
Cucinotta, Sally
D’Aria, Vincenzo
Dautaj, Briana
DeBarros, Charles
DeSisto, Isabella
Fassett, Connor
Ferraiolo, Gianni
Glenn, Mackenzie
Lawson, Brian
Little, Frederick
Lucibello, Sean
Malavasi, Ariana
Marcarelli, Calley
Mitchell, Dylan
Montesanto, Marissa
Mott, Izabella
Pappolla, Jordan
Pearson, Annika
Pedersen, Katy
Pollock, John
Rosado, Alexie
Schimelfanick, Kara
Smola, Ava
Sorrentino, Carly
Spayd, Jenna
Stoddard, Paul
Sullo, Gianna
Vanacore, Noah
HONORS 10TH GRADE
Amendola, Ashlee
Barile, Alyssa
Cacopardo, Adrianna
Colavolpe, Bella
Coyne, Connor
Criscuolo, Charliana
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
DeLoughery, Mia
DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Felicia

Duffy, Dylan
Esposito, Isabella
Evans, Summer
Fiondella, Ariana
Frandsen, Justin
Gott, Onna
Heffernan, Julia
Hughes, Zoe
Jacobson, Kelli
Jassil, Karina
Karsmarski, Marlena
Kim, Luke
McCormack, Emily
Nuterangelo, Dominic
Nuzzo, Amanda
Podoloff, Jake
Sellitto, Andrew
HONORS 9TH GRADE
Brustman, Nolan
Burke, Saoirse
Caso, Maissa
Cavalier, Christopher
Christiano, Jonathan
Danz-Manner, Ashton
DePino, Gianna
DeSena, Dane
Diglio, Stefania
Ford, Zechariah
Iuteri, Mila
Jarmie, Aubrey
Marcarelli, Lexi
Marra, Grace
Monde, Ryan
Nuzzo, Ryan
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Pujols, Cynthia
Ricardo, Marissa
Saldutti, Jake
Scalia, Dominic
Sorensen, Julia
Vaspasiano, Ryan
Virginelli, Michael
Yacono, Emma

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Corbin Kattermann, Nicholas Kuczynski and Fraco Sorrento were named to the received honors at Vinal Technical High School.
Peyton Joiner was named to the Dean’s List at Duquesne University honors college in PA.
Jadyn Joiner received High Honors at Lyman Hall High School.
Tommaso Martone was named to the Dean’s List at Tallahassee Community College in Florida.



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SENIOR MOMENTS

NBHS basketball seniors were recently recognized at their final home game. Left to right: Gio Parillo, Matt Cosgrove, Gary Robinson, Cam DiPentima & Dylan Martinik.
Photo compliments of Gina Cosgrove.

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North Branford Soccer Club

SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

TINY FEET JR

BOYS/GIRLS DOB 1/1/15-12/31/16

TINY FEET SR

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/13-12/31/14

8 SATURDAYS

EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

JUNIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/11-12/31/12

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

INCLUDES PRACTICE & GAME

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DEVELOPEMENTAL TRAVEL

SENIORS

BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/09-12/31/10

8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

MID-WEEK: TBD

TEAM PRACTICE / GAME DAY: TBD

(DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TRAVEL TEAMS

U11-U19 TRAVEL TEAMS - BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/08 - 12/31/00

PLAYING TEAMS FROM OTHER CT TOWNS WITHIN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

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STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

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BUS TRIPS

JERSEY BOYS - #19007

When: Saturday, March 30th
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$45
Description: Jersey Boys at Toyota Oakdale Theater is a smash hit jukebox musical that gives us the true, sometimes gritty, and always spectacularly entertaining story of falsetto idol Franki Valli and the Four Seasons. The blue collar boys in the shiny Lurex suits burst onto the scene in the 60's with several classic hits. But before fame and fortune, came a difficult, troublesome journey to stardom.



ACTIVITIES

****NEW** IMAGINATION STATION - #16122**

Who: Ages 2 - 3
When: March 6 - April 24
Time: Wednesday, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$35
Instructor: Sharon DiCrosta, Owner of The Dancer's Studio
Description: Imagination Station is a creative movement class that introduces children to the joy of movement and music. Basic motor skills will be challenged as we develop rhythm and imagination in an atmosphere of fun!

FITNESS FUSION - #32113

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 6 - April 10
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This is the gateway to getting fit regardless of your fitness level and offers a variety of different fundamentals of fitness. The 60 minute exercise will focus on: cardio, strength, core function, and flexibility. The class will offer a fusion of Pilates, yoga, HIIT and more!. Workouts are effective and fun.

ACTIVE KIDS - #36113

Who: Ages 8 - 15
When: March 9 - April 13
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This program will keep kids active the entire time! You can expect lots of jumping, running, moving, strength, stretch, and core. This fun class is offered by an elementary teacher and fitness coach that will show kids the importance of moving their bodies, how to make healthy choices, and how to have fun while exercising!. With your child's input, we talk about their favorite ways to move their body and design a workout on the spot to keep them engaged.

TODDLER TIME ART - #16100

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: March 12 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will create craft projects based on seasons, holiday, characters, or books. A variety of materials are provided for the children to explore and create their masterpieces!

ABC'S FOR 3'S - #16101

Who: Age 3
When: March 12 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$80
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will be introduced to letters and numbers, days of the week, seasons, and holidays through hands-on activities. They will participate in art, sensory play, songs, science and movement. Designed to foster independence for the child not yet enrolled in a preschool or child care center.

SIZZLING SCIENCE - #36102

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: March 19 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will become junior scientists with our engaging hands-on experiments. Each class features a different experiment, some experiments will have an eruption component!

STRENGTH TRAINING - #32144

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 19 - May 7 (No class 4/16)
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: Designed to help you get strong and healthy, this class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Build long lean muscles to rev up your metabolism and add tone to your physique. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

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.nbparkrec.com

 Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am
Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30. 

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

Aqua Turf/St. Patrick's Day Celebration -Tuesday, March 19

Departs: 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$45
Description: Padraig Allen and The Maclean Avenue Band have their very own sound with the Irish Celtic folklore and rock pop Celtic music of today. Your meal will be salad, pasta, corned beef & cabbage, baked scrod, carrots & potatoes, dessert.

Nelson Hall /The Andrew Sisters -Thursday, March 21

Departs: 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$45
Description: Join us in a high energy nostalgic trip down memory lane featuring the signature sound of the Andrew Sisters! Enjoy "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Apple Blossom Time" and many more musical arrangements. Audiences of all ages will enjoy the chemistry and vocal harmony of the singers thoughtfully strung together with stories and anecdotes. Lunch at Vespucci's prior to the show, on your own.

Magic Wings/Yankee Candle Village - Wednesday, April 10

Time: Departs 9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$18
Description: Enjoy a tour of the 8,000 sq. foot glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation. Then head over to the Yankee Candle Village aptly named the "Scenter of the Universe". Lunch stop to be determined.

CLASSES

Beginners Mindfulness Meditation

When: Monday, March 4
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Fee: FREE
Instructor: Anna Meglin, LMT
Description: Meditation can offer multiple health benefits for our bodies, from slowing our heart rate to managing anxiety and releasing stress. During this class you will learn basic mindfulness breathing techniques to become more in tune with your body and learn the basics of meditation practice with Anna Meglin, LMT of Dandelion Wellness.

Senior Sittercise

When: March 11 - June 3 (no class May 27)
Time: Monday, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$17
Instructor: VNA Community Healthcare
Description: Increase muscle strength and improve flexibility, gait and balance to prevent falls. Can be done standing or in a chair. A specially designed program for those 50 and older.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust Hike

Saturday, March 30 9:30 - 11:30 am - Farm River Walk

Explore the largest town-owned open space in North Branford. This will be an easy 2-mile walk for all ages. It is a very scenic area of flood plain, woodland, and farming along the path of the Farm River. Meet at Totoket Valley Park, 290 Forest Road (Rte 22).
Pre-registration is APPRECIATED.
Rain date, same time Sunday, March 31

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 14th, 12:00 noon

\$5.00 per person

Seating at 12:00

or Take-Out between 12:30 - 1:00

Sign-up is required by March 8th

Menu Includes:

Ol' Fashion Corned Beef and Cabbage
Potatoes / Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert

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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: ncchurch@snet.net. 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, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.org.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. 'Real People, Real Hope, Real Life' www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and "A Place to Belong", this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

70 Washington Ave., New Haven, CT 06519,
LENTEN DINNERS

Pasta Fagioli Dinner. Friday, March 8, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. A meat free Lenten dinner. Pasta Fagioli, Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Dessert \$9.00.

Spaghetti and Clam. Friday, April 5, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. A meat free Lenten Dinner. \$9.00

Please call Sandy 203-387-1935L.

Zion's New Kitchen- Blessed and Re-Dedicated to the Glory of God



On Saturday, February 16th, we had a celebration and blessing of Zion's newly renovated kitchen. After years of dreaming, writing a grant to the Foote Family Trust and months of design work, the demolition of the old and building the new, our kitchen is now up to health department standards for commercial kitchens. The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens blessed the kitchen with prayer and the sprinkling of holy water. Rev. Lucy thanked all who contributed to the project. A new plaque was then unveiled by Diane Iglesias, Zion's Junior

Warden and kitchen project coordinator. The plaque reads, "2018 Kitchen Renovation, Through the continued generosity of the Wallace F. Foote Family Charitable Trust and with God's Grace for the Service of Others."

After the blessing we enjoyed a delicious meal of pasta, meatballs, and salads prepared by Ann Harriman and Lisa Latham. The dessert table was overflowing with offerings from attendees.

Thank you to all who made the evening so special!

Annual Chicken Pie Supper

North Branford Congregational Church invites you to their Annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM .

The cost is \$18 for each adult dinner, dinner for children 7-14 years old is \$9.00 and children 6 and under dinner is free. Take out dinners are also available and must be picked up between 5:00 & 5:30 the evening of the supper.

Please make your reservations to join us for our delicious Chicken Pie Supper no later than Tuesday, March 19. To eat in or to take out please call Carol Sabia at 203.488.5746.

Ash on your Dash

Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. Ash on your Dash will be from 7:00 - 8:15 AM. For those of you who would like to begin your Lenten Season by receiving ashes before starting your day please stop in our church between 7:00 - 8:15 AM. If you do not have to dash off after receiving your ashes know that you can sit for a while and visit quietly with our Lord.

We will also have an evening service at 7:00 pm at North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT

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's Bell Tower Fund. The dinner at 5 p.m., Sat., Mar. 16, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners can be picked up at 4:15 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 9.** 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. 9 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 Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Journey Through Grief Together

Join us March 13 through May 1 for an eight week bereavement program. North Haven Funeral Home is offering a bereavement support program designed to help those who have lost a loved one and finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

Hamden, Miller Library Sr. Center, 2901 Dixwell Ave. Hamden, CT
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For Information call Jean M. Hadley (Facilitator), 203-433-4552





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will work 10 hours per week for 6-8 months depending on the weather;
starting wage is \$15.00 per hour, no benefits. Reports directly to the
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Full job description is available at the Town Manager’s Office.
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.
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The Dudley Farm Museum is offering a 2-day workshop March 23rd and 24th.

Michele Micarelli (michelemicarelli.com) will lead a 2-day workshop full
of color, color and more color; creativity discussions on dying and lots of
fun. The classes she teaches are full of storytelling, imagination exercises,
and laughter.

She has been a rug hooker since 1991 and prefers using 4 and 5 cut wool
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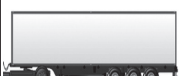
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America's Boating Course

Press Release: New Haven Sail and Power Squadron will be holding its America's Boating Course beginning Tues., Mar. 5, for five-six weeks, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven. In addition to basic boating, it will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion satisfies Connecticut's state licensing requirements.

All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicenses.com/internetsales> and go to the bottom of the page and hit "start". All students must have their ID number at the start of class on Mar. 5. The class will cost students \$65.00 per person. Prospective students should contact Past District Commander Art Andrea at (203) 641-0954 or email: arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net no later than Feb. 26 to register.

News from North Haven Camera Club

Photographer, teacher and workshop leader Hazel Meredith will give a presentation on Advanced Techniques in Lightroom and Photoshop at the North Haven Camera Club meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven.

Hazel will review various Lightroom filters for a polarizer, "paint" with light, warmth and selective colors. She will also explain Split Toning to enhance or change colors, and will review adding a vignette and using Lightroom presets.

For Photoshop, Hazel will show a quick way to remove a background, and how to blend several images together. She will also explain how to add and use brushes and layer styles to make an image come alive, and will touch on using actions and fonts.

Hazel Meredith has been teaching post processing techniques in Lightroom, Photoshop and Topaz since 2007. She released her first eBook, "Working with Textures & Overlays: Turn Ho-Hum into a Work of Art" in 2015, and will release its sequel this coming Spring. In 2017, she and her husband, Dave, founded the "Creative Photography Conference" in New England, with the third conference coming up in May. Hazel Meredith's work can be viewed at <https://www.meredithimages.com>. This presentation is free to those who belong to any Connecticut photography club, \$10 for non camera club members.

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Sons & Daughter's Distinguished Citizens



Carol Heins

North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is proud to announce the co-recipients of our **2019 Distinguished Citizens Award, Patricia Buonpane and Carol Heins.** This will be celebrated at the award dinner to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Every year it is our Lodge's goal of honoring someone who has achieved success in their professional life, while maintaining a strong commitment to family and public service. This lifestyle is a longstanding tradition with Italian Americans.

Our co-recipients fit these criteria perfectly. Both Patricia and Carol combine for many hours of community service.

Patricia Buonpane has been a part of the North Haven community her entire life. Her volunteerism started while her children were in the North Haven school system, being active in the many PTA's. Later she became involved in the North Haven Land Trust, North Haven Historical Society, and the North Haven Education Foundation. She was the originator of the inaugural North Haven All-Class reunion, held in 2005.

Carol Heins is the owner of Carol's Creations, a fashion boutique located at 344 Washington Ave., North Haven. She started her business designing jewelry in 1985, and business grew to a level that she opened her first boutique in North Branford. After continued success, her business moved and grew, eventually moving to her current North Haven location. Carol parlayed her business for charitable giving in several ways. One example is by offering to use her fashions, staff as models, and herself as the MC, for very popular fashion shows throughout the area. These fashion shows are essential fundraisers for local nonprofit entities.

Lodge 2805 welcomes all that know Patricia and Carol to join the celebration of the 2019 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019. This will take place at Il Monticello Banquet Facility, 577 So. Broad Street, Meriden. A ticket of \$65 will provide an enjoyable evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. and includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar from 6:30- 7:30, dinner, and a DJ for dancing.

For additional information about tickets or ad sponsorship, please contact Gail at 203-494-1820, or gail.norup@yale.edu.

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 is a local branch of the National Order Sons of Italy in America. The Lodge is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to perpetuate cultural identity and solidarity within the Italian-American community. Please visit our website for additional information: www.northhavenlodge2805.club/.

Submitted by Denise Krause



Patricia Buonpane

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