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## NBFD Recognizes Civilians' Efforts with Commendations



A citizen who acted quickly to help save a life, and another who took a risk to provide heavy machinery support during a barn fire, have received Civilian Awards from North Branford Fire Department.

Fire Chief William Seward III and Board of Fire Commissioners chairman Joe Civitello presented the awards at the Feb. 20 Town Council meeting. The recognition was based on the recommendations made to the board for the civilian's actions at fire-related incidents, said Seward.



"It's not that often that we get to recognize civilians in our community for the work that they do," Seward noted.

Dino Esposito (left) received a public service commendation for "outstanding cooperation, teamwork and personal actions" to help quell an early morning large structure fire which broke out at Augur's barn at 106 Mill Road on December 13, 2017, Alarm #9415.

"In order to get at the seat of the fire we really had to deconstruct the burning structure; so with that we had

cooperation from the property owner, and Mr. Dino Esposito volunteered to operate construction equipment on the property while we extinguished the fire, and he did so at his own personal risk," said Seward.

Dino, himself a former long-time volunteer firefighter in town, was presented with the Public Service Commendation for upholding the highest tradition of the fire service.

The second incident involving citizen's actions took place during the evening of January 6 on property at Rose's Orchards, 33 Branford Road.

"We found an injured person, actually Tyler Rose's brother, had been involved in a snowmobile accident," said Seward. "And as a direct result of Tyler's actions in stopping the bleed, I have to say that he probably saved his brother's life. That's pretty substantial," said Seward.

Tyler was presented with a Public Service Commendation for "outstanding cooperation, teamwork and lifesaving actions...thereby upholding the traditions of the fire service."

## Safety In Places of Public Assembly

Every day, millions of people wake up, go to work or school, and take part in social events. But every so often the unexpected happens: an earthquake, a fire, a chemical spill, an act of terrorism or some other disaster. Routines change drastically, and people are suddenly aware of how fragile their lives and routines can be. Each disaster can have lasting effects — people may be seriously injured or killed, and devastating and costly property damage can occur. People entering any public assembly building need to be prepared in case of an emergency.

### Before You Enter

Take a good look around. Is the main entrance wide and do the doors open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear and unobstructed? Any outside exits blocked?

### Plan a Meeting Place

If you had to get out in a hurry, have a place planned for you and your party to meet.

### When you Enter

Locate exits immediately. When you enter a building, look for all available exits. Some

exits may be in front and some in back of you. Be prepared to use the closest exit. You may not be able to use the exit that you entered.

### Check for Clear exit path

Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs and furniture. Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked or locked. If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to the management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed. Call the local fire marshal to register a complaint.

### Do You Feel Safe

Does the building appear to be overcrowded? Are there fire sources such as candles burning, pyrotechnics or other open flame sources that make you feel unsafe? Are there safety systems in place such as sprinklers and smoke alarms? Ask the management about your concerns. If you do not feel safe, leave the building immediately.

### During An Emergency

You need to react immediately. If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance, immediately exit the building. Get out and stay out. Under no cir-

cumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.

### Concerns or Questions

In 2003, a fire at The Station nightclub in Rhode Island claimed 100 lives. Fire and building codes are in place to protect you.

Contact the local Fire Marshal if you have any questions or concerns. North Branford Fire Marshal can be reached @ 203-484-6016 or email [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorth-branfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorth-branfordct.com).

## 8th Annual St. Patrick's Parish Area neighborhood Reunion

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### Lenten Schedule

**DAILY MASS DURING LENT:** Monday—Saturday (excluding Thursdays) at 9:00 A.M. at St. Monica Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE:** Mondays during Lent from 6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M. at St. Monica Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 P.M. at St. Monica Church.

**SPECIAL EVENING WITH FR. ROBERT:** Tuesday, March 20th 7:00pm at St. Monica come and hear Fr. Robert Turner talk about the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the Relics of the Passion presentation on March 21st.

**RELICS OF THE PASSION:** Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00pm at St. Augustine. Don't miss this opportunity to join us for a special one hour Lenten program that includes the presentation and veneration of 9 rare relics of Christ's passion!

**ADORATION:** Friday, March 2nd from 6:00 A.M. —1:00 P.M. at St. Augustine in the Chapel.

**LENTEN VESPER SERVICE:** at St. Monica on the First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, February 18th at 5:30 P.M.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday:** March 25th 9 AM St. Monica and 11 AM St. Augustine

**Reconciliation:** Mon. March 26<sup>th</sup> 6-7 PM at St. Monica & Fri. March 30<sup>th</sup> 12 -1 PM at St. Augustine

**Holy Thursday Mass:** March 29<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at St. Augustine Church

**Good Friday Liturgy:** March 30<sup>th</sup> 3 PM at St. Augustine Church

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** March 31<sup>th</sup> 8 PM at St. Augustine Church

**Easter Sunday Masses:** April 1<sup>st</sup> 9 AM St. Monica, 11 AM St. Augustine

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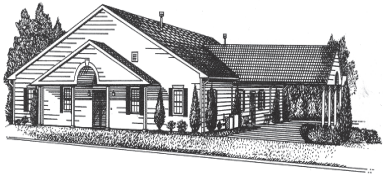
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Connecticut's Gun Laws



After another unthinkable school shooting occurred in Florida, social media has exploded with calls for more gun control laws. While people are advocating for marches across the state, I think it's important for residents to know Connecticut's current laws. Not only does our state have the most restrictive gun laws in the country, we have led the

charge on school safety reforms.

In Connecticut, any gun purchaser must have a permit and background check, which is conducted for every purchase. The permitting process requires a "suitability" exam, which checks a person's mental health and criminal background. These permits are revoked if a person is alleged to have committed certain crimes and felonies or undergoes certain mental health treatment. Anyone who is involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital in the past 5 years and anyone who is voluntarily committed to psychiatric hospitalization in the past 6 months is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm and ammunition. Psychiatric facilities also are required to report to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services individuals who are admitted for mental health services. This information is shared with the Department of Emergency Services, which maintains the gun permit lists. The Florida shooter would never have qualified to purchase or own a gun in Connecticut.

Connecticut has already banned AR-15s, the weapon used in the Florida school shooting, and has banned a host of weapons deemed to be an "assault weapon". In addition, magazines over ten also are prohibited in Connecticut. Large capacity magazines, which are necessary when using a "bump stock", can no longer be sold in state.

North Branford paved the way for the discussion of armed guards in schools when the board of education sought to implement that policy over five years ago. I had authored the bill, *SB 1099 An Act Concerning School Safety*, establishing requirements for municipalities or boards of education to hire active or retired police officers to provide armed security at public schools. Under our law, a retired police officer may be hired if he or she retired from an organized local police department or the State Police, left service in good standing, was authorized to make arrest prior to separation, and met the active duty qualifications in firearms training in the 12 month period prior to hiring.

Some people have called for arming teachers in schools. Based upon my experience and research from our 2013 legislation, I don't believe that is a viable solution for Connecticut schools. Putting aside how a particular teacher would feel about being trained to use deadly force in a classrooms, studies suggest that guns within the classroom raise the risk of accidental discharges of the firearm which outweighs any safety measures.

The missing piece for Connecticut is mental health funding and treatment. Connecticut's private providers do not have enough resources to properly treat mental illness. It is probably the most difficult issue to address, and yet the most important because all the gun reform laws in the world will not prevent someone's desire to kill. The recent incident at Middlesex Hospital demonstrates that concern. As a society, we have to come to terms with how to treat mental illness effectively and look at the impacts that television, social media, video games and digital video streaming have on the developing brain. I fear that gun bans are used as an expedient answer to a much bigger problem.

## Turn the Page

After practicing criminal law for thirty years I can safely say that applying for a warrant knowing that your application contains substantial lies or omissions is unlawful and probably will defeat the validity of the warrant at some point down the line. So, what did our FBI know when they applied for the FISA warrant they used for surveillance on the Trump campaign?

Forget the Steele dossier; go right to the center, Page. The surveillance was, after all, based on the FBI's claim that Carter Page was a Russian agent, right? In April, 2017, the Washington Post reported that the DOJ convinced the FISA court "that there was probable cause to believe Page was acting as an agent of a foreign power... Russia." But while the warrant applicants painted Page as a sinister figure covertly contacting Russian agents, it looks like the FBI knew otherwise.

In April 2017 Elias Groll, of Foreign Policy.com, reported that the FBI broke up a Russian spy ring in 2015 using information gathered in 2013 by at least one confidential source. In a November 16, 2017 report, Dan Zak of the Washington Post reported that the FBI "debriefed" this confidential informant after he met with Russian spies. While the FBI tried to protect their informant's identity, naming him only as "Male-1," and a "consultant," BuzzFeed reported that this confidential, debriefed source was... Carter Page.

The definition of "debrief" is "to question someone, typically a soldier or spy, about a completed mission," as in "together they debriefed their two colleagues." The FBI's use of Page as a confidential source and their debriefing of him demonstrates that Page was a *US asset used to spy on Russians*. Thus, in 2016, the FBI was well aware that Page was used as a US asset, that he was not a "Russian spy" and, in the very least, was required to disclose this to the FISA court in each of four separate warrant applications. If it didn't, all of the surveillance was illegal "fruit of the poisonous tree." But this triggers even more important questions.

How and why did Page briefly infiltrate the Trump campaign in 2016? If the Obama Administration had used him as an FBI operative did it similarly guide him into the Trump camp in 2016 for the specific purpose of obtaining the warrant? Who in the Obama Administration was directing this illegal action?

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## Last Chance for Tickets

### Be a Part of a Special Community Event

#### *As North Branford Recognizes some of its Finest*

Woodwinds in Branford, will be the site of the greatest community event in town. On Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:30, the North Branford Education Foundation will recognize some of our town's finest. The evening will begin with cocktails and appetizers. The program will start by remembering the legendary school administrator Alan Davis as the Foundation officially names the dinner and the award, "The Alan Davis Shining Star".

Following a great meal provided by Woodwinds, the group will recognize John Calamita, Kathy Granfield, Lou Paternoster and Cliff Potter, for their outstanding community involvement.

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**The Editor**

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## TVES Students Earn Excellence in Arts by CAS

Congratulations to Ashley Amedola and Nathan Danner for being selected for Excellence in the Arts by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Ashley and Nathan are both fifth grade students at TVES and were honored for their talent, hard work, and dedication to arts. They were honored on 2/13 at an evening ceremony at the Aqua Turf with other arts winners from across the state. The evening celebrated the importance of arts and recognized Ashley and Nathan for this outstanding accomplishment. Their families were in attendance in addition to several staff members from TVES. Principal Welch stated that, "we are so proud of Ashley and Nathan not only for their outstanding artistic talents, but also for the high academic achievement they demonstrate, the character they show, and the leadership they have in their school and community...Ashley and Nathan will continue amazing accomplishments in the future and I look forward to their positive influence in the North Branford community for years to come".

*Photo left to right: Mrs. Franklin-Biggs (music teacher), Nathan Danner, Mrs. Tedeschi (band teacher), Mr. Rice (fifth grade teacher), Ashley Amendola, and Mrs. Mortensen (art teacher).*

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Applications must be in by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. 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 203 483-1311.



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Adrianna Bracale, Alessandra Cordero, Serafina Cordero, Molly Murphy and Megan Wells received honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden.

Sarah Calamita was named to the Dean's List at Loyola University in Maryland.

Sean Halligan was named to the Dean's List at Western New England University in Springfield, Ma.

Samantha Fowler received honors at Hamden Hall.

Nicole Bruno was named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

## Recycling News

Monthly bulky pickup takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of each month:

March 12th, April 9th, May 14th & June 11th.

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# SENIOR MOMENTS

NBHS Boys Basketball and Cheerleader seniors were recently recognized  
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Left to right: Brett Lequire, Connor Pollick, Paul Zumbo, Sean Esposito, Sydnety Feranklin & Jake Haeckel.



Left to right: Kayla Bonaldo, Brooke Hammond, Amanda Scell and Marisa D'Amico. (Photos by Patti Pragano)



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**Instructor:** Sharon DiCrosta, Owner, The Dancer’s Studio  
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**Intro to Guitar - #36513**  
**Who:** Ages 6 - Adult  
**Session:** March 15 - May 3  
**Time:** ThursdayS, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
**Location:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$50 res/\$55 nr  
**Instructor:** Debra K. Levi  
**Description:** This is a class for everyone! Parents, children, individuals, and siblings can enjoy learning the basics of guitar together. You will learn chords, picking, strumming, tablature all to current songs. Rental is available from instructor so let us know at registration if you need to rent!

**Tai Chi - Chi Guang - #13100**  
**Who:** Adult 13+  
**Session:** March 27 - May 15  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m  
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**Fee:** \$70 res/\$75 nr  
**Instructor:** Rich Dicine  
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**Senior (Age 60+) - \$100**  
**Non - Resident:** \$10 additional fee

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

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

Soup option now available for lunch!  
Lunch orders must be placed by 10:00 am



As a reminder, we offer a  
weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



Stop by the community center and pick up a copy  
of our monthly Senior newsletter for upcoming  
trips and activities!

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\**

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Cake Decorating w/ Hope - Monday, March 5, 1:00, FREE**  
JCakes owner, Hope Looney, as she shares her incredible cake  
decorating skills!

**Coast Guard Museum - Friday, March 9, 10:30, FREE**  
Located on the grounds of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the  
4,000 square foot facility displays historical artifacts from the  
oldest, life-saving service in the world—the U.S. Coast Guard.

**East Haven Plaza - Friday, March 16, 12:30, FREE**  
After lunch let’s head over to the East Haven Plaza and shop at  
T.J.Maxx, Big Lots or Hobby Lobby.

**East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, March 21, 1:00, FREE**  
Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend  
these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on  
various relevant health topics.

**Wallingford Walmart and Lunch - Friday, March 23, 10:30, FREE**  
Let’s do some shopping at the Wallingford Walmart and then head  
on over to the 99 Restaurant for lunch!



# ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 15th, 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*





CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. .Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. [www.branfordbiblechapel.org](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)  
**Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”.** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://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](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)  
**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). Celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s, 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; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

**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.  
**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 Chruch trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at [zionaepiscopalchurch](http://zionaepiscopalchurch).

Saint Andrew Church Lenten Schedule

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, will be celebrating Holy Week services as follows: March 29th, Maundy Thursday - agape supper at 6:30 (simple potluck supper), followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. Strip-ping of the altar and quiet prayer follows; March 30th, Good Friday - Holy Eucharist service at 6:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist service at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us. For more information call Nan at 203-710-7005.

**Family Movie Night**  
**North Branford Congregational Church**  
1680 Foxon Rd, North Branford  
**Saturday, March 10 -**  
**Doors open at 6:00 PM**

**“The Resurrection of Gavin Stone”**  
*an inspirational comedy about faith and forgiveness*

**Please join us for a free night of family fun**  
**Any questions call 203.488.8456**

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HELP WANTED

**Twin Lake Children’s Center in Northford is looking for an afternoon caregiver to work with toddlers.** The position is 1 to 6 Monday through Friday. Please email [carol8615@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol8615@sbcglobal.net) or call 203-484-6700. If you want to make a difference in the lives of children, are dependable, and energetic we want to hear from you.



BELL TOWER COMMITTEE  
FUNDRAISER DINNER

Some of the members of the Bell Tower Committee met recently to plan another successful corned beef and cabbage dinner. Committee members are from both the community and the church. Present for the photo were (from left), church members Peter Jenkin and Nancy Miller, community members John Landolfi, Tanya McKosky, Elizabeth Siena, and Paulette Hart.

The dinner at 5 p.m., Sat., Mar. 10, (snow date Mar. 11) is limited to 50 people in the church’s social hall. Take-out dinners will also be available at 4:30 p.m. if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$12. 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. All meals must be paid for in advance.



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## NBLCT Sponsoring an Ask the Forester Quiz Program



On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) is sponsoring a fun quiz program, Ask the forester: Fun Facts About Trees and Forests. Mike Ferrucci, Forrester, will host this free public event fashioned in part after NPR's "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" radio program. Have fun and test your tree and forestry knowledge while figuring out what's real and what we've made up. Bring

your curiosity, and any real forestry questions you have, and we'll try to provide a new way of looking at forests and trees. The event will be held at the Atwater Library, at 6:00 pm, followed by a short break for refreshments and socializing. The public is invited to stay for the NBLCT Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mike Ferrucci, a lifelong resident of North Branford, is a graduate of NB High School. He has a BS Degree in Forest Management from the University of Maine and a Master of Forestry Degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Mike works as a consultant on forestry projects throughout the U.S. and is a part-time Adjunct Professor at the Yale Forestry School.

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

**Pictured: Mike Ferrucci, Forester and host for Ask the Forester.**

## GALA WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

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.

A Gala Wine Tasting fund raiser will be held at Amarante's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove St., New Haven, on Thurs., April 19, from 6-10 p.m. Ticket donation of \$50.00 per person. Wine will be provided by Grand Vin. All wines will be 90+ rated. Deluxe social hour at 6 p.m., wine presentations at 6:30 p.m., full course dinner buffet 7-10 p.m. Cash bar, silent auction, and live music by Denise Parri's Three & Company.

For information and reservations, contact Past Commander Donna Ferrucci, at 203-215-0326 or [d.ferrucci@snet.net](mailto:d.ferrucci@snet.net). Payment deadline of Apr. 9. Make checks payable to: NHSPS. Mail to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473. Donations of silent auction items being accepted. Tax-deductible donations will help support the NHSPS education programs. For information on NHSPS, go to: [www.nhsp.org](http://www.nhsp.org).

## MS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Branford MS Support Group will meet on Wednesday, March 21 from 5:30 - 7:00PM at the Blackstone Memorial Library at 758 Main St. Branford, Ct.

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**ST FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH**

**57 POND HILL ROAD, NORTH HAVEN**

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge #2805, is holding a Military Whist Party, Friday, March 9. Coffee and, will be served starting at 6:30. Admission is \$10, with proceeds benefitting the Lodge's Regional Scholarship Program.

The Lodge's Regional Scholarship, is open to graduating public high schools students of Italian heritage from North Haven, Hamden, Wallingford, and North Branford, who wish to further their education at any college, university or trade school. Applications may be found in the school's Guidance Office and on the Lodge's website at [www.northhavenlodge2805.club](http://www.northhavenlodge2805.club).

For more information contact David D'Aniello, Scholarship Chair at (203) 234-7636.

## North Haven Camera Club Meeting

North Haven Camera Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven.

This meeting will include an instructional workshop on macro photography, which is extreme close up photography of small items. Participants are encouraged to bring cameras and tripods.

North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members at all bi-weekly Tuesday meetings. The club offers workshops, field trips and competitions at all skill levels. Many workshops are conducted by professional photographers with decades of work experience.

For more information about North Haven Camera Club, visit the club's website at [NorthHavenCameraClub.com](http://NorthHavenCameraClub.com).