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Sisters Using Their Experience to Make Others Aware



I would do anything for my sister.

My sister is also a “previvor”. At the age of 27, she will no longer have to worry about breast cancer. On February 28th she had a prophylactic bi-lateral mastectomy. A few years ago, my mother gave my sister and myself then 23 and me gene test. We both spit into a tube and waited anxiously to see our family heritage and traits. We would never have thought it would lead my sister into finding she had a very high chance of getting Breast Cancer. After meeting with her OBGYN and having a simple blood test, she found out she was positive for the BRCA-1 gene. The BRCA-1 gene means that you have a mutation in one of the breast cancer genes. With yearly mammograms, my sister was at ease, but during one of her more recent mammograms her doctor noticed abnormalities. Cindy was sent to an Oncologist, and ultimately given a 90% chance of developing breast cancer.

Her doctor gave her a few options to choose from, but ultimately her breasts being removed would be the solution. Due to my sister’s ongoing health issues, including Ankylosing Spondylitis, L4 and L5 fused disks, psoriatic arthritis, asthma, uveitis, being prone to pericarditis, Crohn’s disease, bivalve bicuspid and hemochromatosis there was no way her body would be able to fight off Breast Cancer and with that, she made the decision to have a prophylactic two step bi-lateral mastectomy.

On February 28th my sister underwent her second surgery. Unfortunately, her plastic surgeon was not able to complete her reconstruction surgery at that time and she will have to under go a third surgery to have her implants put in. The first thing Cindy said to us when she woke up from her second surgery was “I

can’t afford another surgery.” It was heart breaking to us. That should not be the first thing she’s worried about during this difficult journey, however, Cindy’s insurance is only willing to pay 60-80% of her surgical costs all based on the exact procedures performed and what is found. Which leaves everything else on her shoulders. The typical cost for this procedure usually ends somewhere between \$15,000-\$55,000. Unfortunately, no federal laws require insurance providers to cover a prophylactic mastectomy despite her high risk of getting this horrible disease. (ww5.komn.org/BreastCancer/PreventiveSurgery.html).

Without her surgery, she would have eventually succumbed to Breast Cancer. A few weeks after her surgery, she attended her appointment with her Oncologist. Her Oncologist said to her “you are lucky”. Her biopsy results came in, with lumps and pre-cancerous tissue.

All I wanted to do is hug my sister and make her pain subside. I was not able to hug her, so I went to the computer and created a gofundme page (www.gofundme.com/cindys-prophylactic-mastectomy) for her. I wanted to educate and spread awareness as well. My sister’s would have never found about her high chances of Breast Cancer without having that simple blood test. Currently, her page has raised \$2, 738.00 and encouraged two people to speak to their OBGYN.

Cindy shows off her tee shirt in photo on left and she enjoys a moment at the hospital with Melissa.



Photos and story by Melissa Delillo.

Tractor Pulls are Back!



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Northford/North Branford Throw Blanket Displayed



The new Northford/North Branford throw blanket was on display at the most recent general assembly meeting of the Northford Women's Club, GFWC. The women's club is currently taking orders. The blankets are 100% cotton, machine washable and made in the U.S.A. The color choices are purple, cranberry, hunter green or dark gray. If ordered by April 20th, the price is \$45. After that date the price will be \$50. Additional photos

may be viewed on our webpage: www.northfordwomensclub.org

or on our

Facebook page. For more information, contact Mary Ellen at 203-484-9079 or maryellen.nfwc@gmail.com. For orders, please make check payable to Northford Women's Club and mail to P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Please include your name, address and color choice(s) as well as your telephone number.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora Sober Home Living: Connecticut Needs Reform



Connecticut unquestionably continues to struggle with the opioid crisis. We have made significant reforms with the public's access to pain killers, which ultimately lead to heroin use. While much focus has gone into preventing addiction on the front end, Connecticut needs to look at the back of the process where treatment and support

services are vital to prevent relapses.

House Bill 5149 attempts to reform our sober home living, but it currently doesn't go far enough. "Sober homes" in Connecticut essentially are multi-bedroom homes where unrelated individuals who are recovering from addiction will come together to rent rooms and receive various levels of treatment to not only prevent relapse, but to retrain themselves for re-entry to the workforce and to learn day-to-day life skills, like cooking and laundry. Unfortunately, Connecticut has no standards in place for these facilities and there are varying degrees of quality. Some homes amount to slums that provide no services, thus often leading to relapse and even greater access to drugs. Some die in these homes.

Some legislators are pushing to require that sober homes register with the state; however, many organizations oppose this mandate as being against federal fair housing law. This legislative session, I proposed legislation which would require certification of these sober homes and mandate the health care facilities, such as hospitals and treatment centers, could only refer patients to these certified homes. A private, nonprofit association, which already exists in New London, would be responsible for certifying these homes based upon national standards, and therefore, patients would be assured that they receive appropriate care. I was surprised when all of the stakeholders supported this proposal. Despite this, the Department of Mental Health Services is in opposition.

While we have made much headway in reforming people's access to pain killers and prescription drugs, which abuse often leads to heroin use,

Connecticut must bolster its treatment side of the problem in order to reduce overdoses and ensure recovery. I am hopeful we can pass this legislation to create minimum standards for these homes that are vital in returning individuals fighting addiction to society and the workforce.



Mama Meow Benefit Buffet

Branford Compassion Club is giving a little love to moms -- including the four-legged feline variety -- with its Mama Meow Italian Buffet benefit, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10 at Pompeo's Restaurant, 485 W. Main St.

Doors open at 5:30 for the event, which includes a silent auction, Mother's Day gifts for those last-minute shoppers, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and cash bar.

Tickets are \$35, available by e-mail at bccspecialevents32@gmail.com, online at www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 203-444-0653. Tickets are also available Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the organization's Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford.


A generous portion of the proceeds benefits the homeless felines that the non-profit cares for in its North Branford facility, which recently celebrated its seventh anniversary. The shelter is not a town facility or publicly funded one. All food, medicine and veterinary bills are paid for through private funding by its generous donors and supporters and events like this. Volunteers work twice-a-day shifts seven days a week to care for its residents.

BCC has a soft spot in its collective heart for moms and their offspring. The shelter population always includes moms, and many times their offspring, especially at this time of the year. Their stories of how they came to the shelter are frequently touching, often inspiring, and BCC supplies the hope and care for them as they wait to find forever homes. To date, more than 1,400 cats have been adopted out of the shelter, in addition to untold numbers more before there was a shelter.

Branford Compassion Club was founded in 1997 by a group of cat lovers as a grassroots effort to address the town's homeless cat population. It was based on trap-neuter-release, which remains its foundation. After trapping, those felines deemed adoptable are taken to the shelter, while the others are released to one of its 10 colonies along the Shoreline, where they receive daily care by BCC volunteers.

BCC is open Saturdays from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford, (203-483-6369). Volunteers are always needed. For more informa-

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“Everything should be as simple as possible, but no simpler.”

There is an absolutely bizarre school of thought that explains our earth’s history of sudden cataclysmic climate change with “Earth Crust Displacement.” This theory would have it that drastic “climatic changes have taken place, apparently quite suddenly” because the earth’s crust was displaced from its molten-liquid core, shifting continents to different locations relative to the frozen poles. Evidently, some “scientists” think that earth’s rotational momentum, combined with the “unsymmetrical, ever-increasing ice masses at the poles” (the weight of Lake Superior each year) wobbles the crust out of place every 18 thousand years or so, spinning the frozen poles to the equator and causing great floods, earthquakes and cataclysmic mass extinction.

This is some really crazy thinking, but, if someone really smart said it was scientifically proven, would humankind have the hubris to try to do something about it? Would we try to stop the earth’s rotation? Or perhaps halt the accumulation of ice? Such geoengineering would need a really solid scientific basis. So, what kind of scientific quacks actually supported this theory?

In 1958, none other than -- Albert Einstein -- wrote the forward to the first publication of “Earth Crust Displacement.” All of the quotes above are Einstein’s words. He also said “I think that this rather astonishing, even fascinating, idea deserves the serious attention of anyone who concerns himself with the theory of the earth’s development.”

What different take might mankind’s movers and shakers have on global warming if they bought into this theory? Or have they already done so?

“I don’t pretend to have all the answers. But the questions are certainly worth thinking about.” (Arthur C. Clark).

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Recycling News

Monthly bulky pickup will take place the 2nd full week of each month:

May 14 th	June 11 th	July 9 th	Aug 13 th
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***No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules**

North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays this Spring: **April 14, 21 and 28**. Follow the signs. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.

Please Note: RESIDENTS ONLY may bring **brush** to the leaf drop off site on **Saturday, April 14th**.

As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the leaf drop off center. For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup April 16th through April 20th

The Spring scrap metal pickup will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal should be placed at the curb up to a week before your scheduled pickup day; thank you!

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EARTH DAY EVENT AT WALL FIELD - SATURDAY APRIL 21st

The North Branford Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee and local businesses will be displaying products and services of how our community is involved with earth friendly programs.

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There is always something new with What’s In & What’s Out recycling.

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.

“We Have a Responsibility to do Better...”

Dear Editor:

To the editorial entitled “What Has Changed” in the March 16, 2018, let me suggest an alternate, and to me obvious, answer. We have become a nation in which the survivors of the most recent school shooting have received death threats for exercising their constitutional right to free speech in speaking their minds. These threats have come from fellow Americans.

Who would have thought that possible? Is this the best we can do in “the land of the free and the brave?” Who would have thought we could or would become a nation in which it now requires an act of faith to send one’s children to school? We should be better than that.

With all the talk of making America great again, it seems to me that an obvious marker on that road is returning to being a country in which children already traumatized by a school shooting are not further threatened for saying “enough is enough.” As reasonable adults and good citizens, don’t we have a responsibility to be better than this, to do better than this for them, for all families, for our community, and for this country? How many more lives will it take?

Sincerely. John Dailinger

Where does he get his Know How?

Dear Editor:

I wonder if Councilman Al Rose could clarify his recent remarks on getting a decent elevator repairman to make a service call. He indicated only the newest and least experienced elevator repair personnel are sent into the field. Is this true for washer and dryer repairmen also? I’m just wondering where he gets his know how in this field.

Sincerely, Johnathan Mix

Passport to Connecticut Libraries

April 2-30, 2018

Your library card opens the world to you through books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs. Now let your library card open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program!

Over one hundred Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association's Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. To celebrate National Library Week during April, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program invites you to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries. Each library has its own architecture, vibe and collection to explore and browse! The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

To participate, visit your local participating library to pick up your Passport. They will stamp it and give you a token gift to get you started. Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 7th, then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.

For more details and a full list of participating libraries, ask your local librarian.

A WELCOME TO NEW NORTH BRANFORD BUSINESSES

March 2018

The Economic Development Commission plans to introduce new businesses as they come to Town. This list is from the past year and will be updated quarterly. If you are a new business (less than one year in Town) please e-mail Townplanner@townofnorthbranfordct.com and let us know so that you can be included in the next list.

A big welcome and thank you for choosing North Branford for your business! And always thank you to the businesses already here. They are the backbone of our community.

Anna's Deli and Catering 999 Foxon Road Former Location of Jay and Lucy's Deli.

Capone's Pizza Bar at 2400 Foxon Road/Route 80 is a Sports bar and Dining Room.

CT Reloading LLC Gun Store at 2431 Foxon Road/Rt. 80 Guns, ammo and reloading supplies

Featherly Ever After Gift Boutique at 2027 Foxon Road/Route 80

Guilford Texaco North Inc. 2033 Foxon Road/Rt. 80. F

JG Technik LLC opened an auto repair shop at 244 Foxon Road.

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The North Branford Economic Development Commission (EDC) encourages business owners to network with one another and reach out to Mike Paulhus, Town Manager, 203-484-6000 and Carey Duques, Town Planner at 203-484-6010. The EDC meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 6pm at the Town Hall. You are always welcome to join us at our meetings if you have any questions.

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The Mystery of Trees

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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 or visit us on Facebook. *Recharge, Explore, Discover!*

Donors are Special Contributors

Sarah (Sally) McCartin

More than 250 living organ donors have already registered for an unprecedented event on Saturday, April 21st in Chicago and I plan to be among them.

By doing so, I will help organizers set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of living organ donors in history. The meet-up, known as the Guinness World Record Attempt: Living Donor Rally, will happen at Millennium Park's Cloud Gate, the bean-shaped sculpture that is known as "The Bean."

Even more significantly, we are aiming to raise awareness of the significant need for living donors. The event is happening during [National Donate Life Month](#).

So far, donors from nearly 40 states and from as far away as India have registered to come to the gathering. *(Others from the area may also be participating in the event, too.)*

Although roughly half of all American adults have registered to be organ donors upon their death, it's not nearly enough. According to the American Transplant Foundation, more than 120,000 people in the United States are waiting for organ transplants and on an average day, about 20 people die while waiting for a transplant.

Kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organ—and the most in need. I donated my kidney in 2013 to a Hockey Mom that I knew for one season. From my perspective, the best part about being a donor:

I was able to help a friend, and I was also able to distinguish a need in our community. There was no help for living organ donors and in Dec of 2016 I opened the CT Chapter of the American Living Organ Donor Fund called "KidUNot" to date I have helped 5 Living Organ donors and 2 caregivers!

If you are interested in following up with me, please let me know and I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have. My contact information is at the bottom of this email, and I also have photos from my experience that I can share.

Another individual you may wish to contact is Laurie Lee, an organ donor and co-coordinator of the Guinness World Record attempt. Laurie is at laurie@swiftpassport.com and 312-927-7655.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for donors, \$20 for family and friends. Kids are free! Proceeds from ticket sales will start a living organ donor fund for [Northwestern Medicine](#). This fund will be used to help donors at NM with donation expenses not covered by insurance. I have also attached a link regarding my story that was published in the Catholic Transcript January edition: <http://faithdigital.org/Hartford/HART0118/mobile/index.html?id=22>

North Branford Education Foundation Still Providing Grants

The North Branford Education Foundation has been in existence for more than ten years and they continue to offer grants and scholarships to enhance the education of our youth.

This year the Foundation has held three fund raisers which all involve entertaining the young children in our community as well as acknowledging some of our special residents. They have distributed more than \$10,000 in funds and scholarships for their fiscal year running from September to July.

The group normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month for no more than an hour. They are presently looking for several people to fill Board spots.

Any interested parties are asked to call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

The attached photos are students and members of our school district, enjoying and displaying a few of the items used to enhance education in the North Branford schools.



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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NBHS Teachers Receive Grant

NBHS Science Teachers Meghann Redman and Lauren Sheehan have been awarded a professional development grant provided by the Fund For Teachers

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TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30
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Organization.

On hand for the presentation pictured left to right, past award recipients from NBHS Ms. Chelsea Dodds and Mrs. Rebekah Polemeni, Mrs. Lili Brown from the Fund For Teachers Organization, Recipients Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Redman, Mr. Kevin Ashley and Mrs. Linea Koehler of the Dalio Foundation.

During the summer of 2018, the grant will support their combined efforts studying the ecological impacts of Hurricane Irma that occurred during the fall of 2017.

Know a Senior or an 8th Grader?



Send them congratulatory 17" mylar balloons that will be delivered to their house with your personalized note!

Purple balloons for seniors, white for 8th graders.

Balloons are \$5.00 each and are inscribed with a North Branford Graduate logo

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

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

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152 Branford Road
North Branford, CT 06471

If you have any questions, please call 203-215-0589

Thunderbirds go 2-0 on the Diamonds

Baseball

The North Branford Highschool baseball season started with indoor practices and two postponed games due to terrible weather conditions. The game against the Huskies of Morgan started out like a hurricane for the T-Birds as the Huskies jumped on them for seven unearned runs after three innings. But the sloppy start didn't rain on the Birds parade. With several lineup changes, the T-Birds chipped away with three in the fourth inning, three in the fifth and two in the sixth to get the home opener victory 8-7. Pinch hitter Tyler Sibley drove in two runs to tie it and left fielder Steve Galluba knocked in the go ahead run.

Sophomore Brett Fee came on in relief to pitch four scoreless innings to get the win. Fee added a double and Jeff Jablonski had a double and single and Nick Mancini added a double.

In the second game of the year, freshman Jadon Cannelli pitched a two hit shutout to give the Birds their second win in as many games. With a 5-1 lead after three innings NB scored eight in the fourth inning to get a 15-1 victory over Creed/Hillhouse. Jablonski had four hits including two doubles and six RBI while Carl Jacobson and John Pollack also added doubles.

Softball

The softball team hit the double with two 12-0 victories to start the season. Sydney Senerchia pitched shutouts and struck out 12 in each game against Morgan and Old Saybrook.

On the offensive side of the ball Olivia Hemstock had a double 5 RBI and 4 runs, as Katy Pedersen roped a triple, had 3 RBI and 3 runs and Angelina Ramada, added a double, 2 RBI and 4 runs.



The NBHS Football Team is holding a clothing and household drive on April 28th from 11 am – 1:30 pm in the high school student parking lot. Items will be collected by team members and then brought to Savers In Orange, CT. Savers accepts items that we deem recyclable -ripped clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, etc.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Tiny Feet

- 8 week soccer & exercise program
- Parent Participation Encouraged
- Ages 3 to 6



In-House

- 8 weeks of fun games and activities
- Mini-League
- Mid-week practices with professional coaches
- Ages 7 to 10



U4 (Tiny Feet Jr) & U6 (Tiny Feet Sr) Saturday Morning Schedule
Saturdays (4/28-6/16) 9:00AM - 9:45AM

U8 (Juniors) & U10 (Seniors) Saturday Morning & Thursday Mid-week Schedule
Saturdays (4/28-6/16) 10:00AM - 11:00AM
U8: Thursdays (5/3-6/14) 5:30PM - 6:30PM
U10: Thursdays (5/3-6/14) 6:30PM - 7:30PM

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Register and be paid in full by **April 27th**
to be entered in a raffle to win a free
week of camp! Includes before care, after
care, lunch and the trip of the week!

BUS TRIPS

Fidelco Guide Dog Open House - #19000

When: Saturday, May 19th
Fee: \$77 resident / \$82 non-resident
Description: Enjoy a tour of the Fidelco Guide Dog Facility where dogs are trained to assist the blind. See the many demonstrations of guide dogs, puppy training, K9 Police demonstration and the option to be blindfolded and have a dog guide you. Includes lunch at the USS Chowder Pot IV.

Boston Red Sox VS. Chicago White Sox - #19001

When: Saturday, June 9th
Fee: \$85 resident / \$90 non-resident
Description: Visit Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox, and watch them take on the Chicago White Sox. Watch this afternoon game from great seats in the Right Field Section 7. Includes motor coach transportation. Take me out to the ball game!

The Lion King on Broadway - #19004

When: Wednesday, June 27th
Fee: \$150 resident / \$155 non-resident
Description: Your favorite Disney movie is brought to life in the form of an award winning musical! This show is truly magical with music brought to you by Elton John and Tim Rice. There will be time to yourself beforehand to enjoy all the restaurants and shops NYC has to offer! Price includes motor coach transportation.

ACTIVITIES

Brazilian JiuJitsu - #12012

Who: Ages 16+
When: April 17 - May 10
Time: Tuesday, 8:05 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
OR
Thursday, 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Where: Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy
Fee: \$45 res / \$50 nr



Pre-school Karate - #16109

Who: Ages 3 - 5
When: April 19 - May 10
Time: Thursday, 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Tom Smith's Forge Martial Arts Academy
Fee: \$45 res / \$50 nr

Strength Training - #12110

Who: Ages 18+
When: April 24 - June 5
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$65 res / \$70 nr

Recharge Yoga - #12105

Who: Ages 13+
When: April 30 - June 18
Time: Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr



Gentle Yoga - #12108

Who: Ages 13+
When: May 2 - June 20
Time: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

Yoga to Release the Week - #12106

Who: Ages 13+
When: May 3 - June 21
Time: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr



Kids Yoga - #16112

Who: Ages 5 - 12
When: May 5 - June 23
Time: Saturday, 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Fee: \$75 res / \$80 nr

Ballet & Tap - #16110

Who: Ages 3 - 6
When: May 5 - June 16 (No class May 26)
Time: Saturday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Fee: \$35 res / \$40 nr



Sizzling Science - #16102

Who: Ages 4 - 10
When: May 8 - May 29
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Fee: \$55 res / \$60 nr



Toddler Time Art - #16100

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: May 8 - May 29
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$55 res / \$60 nr



ABC's for 2's and 3's - #16101

Who: Ages 2 - 3
When: May 8 - May 29
Time: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$80 res / \$85 nr

CPR/AED Certification - #12011

Who: Ages 16+
When: May 12th
Time: Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$65 res / \$70 nr



***We have so many new classes and programs
coming up we left out some details!***

**For full class descriptions and more information please
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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



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

Diabetes Workshop - Mondays, April 16 - May 21, 11:00 - 1:00, FREE

Join us for a **6 week program** to learn how to self-manage diabetes. The program will include symptom management, medications, fitness tips and nutrition. Break at 12 noon for lunch. You can purchase lunch at the center in advance or bring your own.

Nelson Hall /Triple Espresso - Friday, May 11th, Departs 11:30

\$40 res/ \$45 nr— Triple Espresso tells the story of three guys whose bid for showbiz fame and fortune ended in 4-minutes of magnificent failure on national television. It is a highly caffeinated comedy with high energy, vaudeville-inspired comedy for all ages and good clean fun! The irresistible, clean humor crosses generations, and will keep you in stitches! Early sign up required.

Nature Walk w/ Hank - Thursday, April 19, 12:45, FREE

Hank will guide you down the paths behind TVES and he will discuss the lands history. Please meet at TVES side parking lot, this walk is rated a 2 -3 for difficulty.

Tablet Basics Workshop - Wednesday, April 25, 1:00, FREE

Join us for a free, one hour seminar taught by Marc Lillie to learn the basic in's and out's of the Android tablet.

AAA "Virtual Vacations" Series - Thursday, April 26, 1:00, FREE

Join us as we 'travel' to Ireland and Scotland to experience the perfect combination of 2 great countries! Light refreshments will accompany our destination!

Springtime Craft - Friday, April 27, 10:30, FREE

Celebrate Spring with a craft! PLEASE sign up in advance!

Nelson Hall / Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Thursday, July 26th, Departs 11:30

\$40 res/ \$45 nr— Join us for *Changes In Latitudes*, a Jimmy Buffet tribute. Complete with a full tropical stage set-up of palm trees, surf boards and tiki-totems! Lunch on your own prior to the show. These tickets sell out fast, early sign up required.

COMMUNITY WIDE TAG SALE



Sat. May 5th

**STW Community Center
Parking Lot**

9 am - 12 pm

Rain Date May 6th

**Sell your tag
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Please register in advance

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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. 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
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 Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.org.



Easter Celebration at NCC

On Easter Sunday members of the congregation continued their annual tradition of decorating a wooden cross with flowers during the service and bringing it outside for viewing by everyone in the community. From left, Cindy Clarke of Northford with daughter Sally, granddaughter Amy, and daughter Lori.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Like us on Facebook.

Godly Play Open House

It's not your parents' Sunday School. There are no handouts, matching craft projects, or memorization required in Godly Play.

At Zion, before a child even enters the Godly Play room, anticipation begins to build; something important and wonderful is about to take place! Children sit in a circle around the story teller, who uses beautiful objects to tell a parable from Jesus or a story about our spiritual ancestors.

Godly Play is a Montessori like experience developed by the Rev. Jerome Berryman with the recognition that children already have an innate sense of the presence of God. What they need is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it, so it can be explored and strengthened. In each session, children experience a Bible story and are encouraged to wonder about its meaning and its connection to their lives. For the past three years, Zion has been using Godly Play and has established storytellers and an extensive collection of Godly Play stories.

On Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Zion will hold a Godly Play Open House. Come and experience Godly Play with your child. Hear the parable of the Mustard Seed and wonder together about all it holds for you.

Space is limited to 10 children and 10 parents. RSVP to 203-488-7395, or zionvicar@att.net to the Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar of Zion.

Military Whist Card Party

A Military Whist Card Party sponsored by the St Ambrose Ladies Guild will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 in the church hall at St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford. The doors open at 6:15 for coffee and desserts and the card game will begin by 7:00. The price is \$10.00 per person. For tickets, call the parish office at 203-484-0403. No tickets will be sold at the door. Join us for a game that's easy to learn and fun to play

High Tea at Trinity Church

BSA venture crew 424 is raising funds to attend venturing fest, the 20th anniversary of venturing, at summit Bechtel reserve high adventure base. This will be an international event in the crew is working hard to raise funds to go. Thank you, Sharon Ellsworth, advisor crew 424 High Tea in celebration of spring and mothers! Saturday, May 5th 1 PM to 3:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main St., Branford. Menu: seasonal soup, scones, tea sandwiches, desserts, black, green, and herbal teas. Gluten-free and vegan upon request. Suggested donation \$20 per person; \$70 for group of four. Senior discount upon request. RSVP: 203-376-2819 or teabycrew@gmail.com Help send BSA venture crew 424 to the 20th anniversary international event in celebration of venturing.

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Exploring Saltonstall Ridge

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) led twenty-eight hikers at Saltonstall Ridge in North Branford on Saturday, March 24. It was a sunny but cool day that brought out friends and families to explore the blue trail and a landmark that once included a gigantic wooden cross that was lit by spotlight at night at one of the highest points. The monument, seen for miles from below, was erected in tribute to Daniel Doody, who was killed in 1965 at age 31 while mountain climbing at Mt. Washington. Geoff Smith, NBLCT’s expert trail historian and leader, guided hikers over three miles of wooded terrain that overlooked North Branford and Branford, providing interesting commentary for landmarks along the way.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about activities sponsored by NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. Take a hike! *Recharge, Explore and Discover!*

Photo: Geoff Smith in the fluorescent green vest points out the Branford selectman marker on the Blue Trail on Saltonstall Ridge.

Still Have Outstanding Car Taxes... Your Time is Running Out

If you have not paid your 2016 Grand List Motor Vehicle bills, your time is running out to pay the bills locally without additional fees. You have received the original bill (back in June 2017) and additionally you have received delinquent notices and most recently demand notices. The next step in the process is the intervention of a state marshal. By state statute, they are allowed to add a 15% fee to the total amount due. If the state marshal is unsuccessful, the final step is a collection agency – which could impact your credit rating.

You say you have never received any bill, delinquent notice or demand? The address that we have on file is based on information provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles and was based on how your car was registered on October 1, 2016. If you have moved or the address we have on file is incorrect, it is your responsibility to contact the Tax Office and advise them of any address changes.

So, if you haven’t paid a car tax bill in July 2017 and/or January 2018, and you want to save yourself 15% of your total taxes due, it would be in your best interest to call the Tax Department at 203-484-6011 to inquire if you have any outstanding motor vehicle taxes.

Delinquent motor vehicles taxes are also reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles and you will not be able to register a vehicle if you, or any of the co-owners of your vehicle, has a delinquent tax bill.

Public Star Gazing in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a stargazing event on Saturday April 21st at sunset at Young’s Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at the setting Venus and the Orion Nebula. The Hercules star cluster will be rising later in the evening. There will be many beautiful star clusters to view and the moon will be in a good position to see its best features. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

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HELP WANTED

Counter Help Wanted. Day time hours. Must have computer skills. Also, time to start thinking about **Mother’s Day Drivers.** Apply within at Petals2Go Florists in the Central Plaza, North Branford, or call 203-484-7800

VENDORS WANTED

A Giant Tag & Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Up to twenty spaces are available outside on the church lawn and a limited number of spaces will be offered inside the building (first come, first serve). The cost is \$25.00 for a space (bring your own table). Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to sign up. No rain date.

ESTATE SALE

ESTATE SALE: Everything priced to sell. Come see us at 212 Twin Lakes Road, North Branford. Saturday April 21 8am to 3pm and Sunday April 22 8am to 1pm

Totoket Historical Society News

The Totoket Historical Society will soon begin its annual membership drive. Please consider taking the time to join or to renew your membership. The Historical Society works diligently to preserve our local history and to share it with everyone; however, the cost of maintaining our historical buildings continues to rise.

For those of you born in Northford or North Branford, you might consider your membership as a “North Branford Proud” moment. Show how much you care about your town and mail a check to: The Totoket Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 491, Northford, CT (\$15. – individual, \$25. – Family, \$50. – Patron \$100. – Benefactor). You may also pick up a membership form at either of the North Branford Libraries. Please help! It doesn’t cost a lot and it means so much! We desperately need your help to continue functioning.

The Reynolds - Beers House Museum is now open on Saturdays 9 – 12 a.m. through the month of October. The Barn is open 8 – 12 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month also through October. Stop by and enjoy a visit.

Your 2nd grade children will enjoy North Branford Day, sponsored by the Society, on May 21 when they will tour The Little Red School House and learn about our town’s history through various programs to be held at the libraries.

The annual Tilcon Quarry Tour will be held Wednesday, June 20. The tour buses fill up fast, so watch for details. Contact information: totokethistoricalsociety@gmail.com or 203 488-0423 (leave a message)

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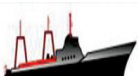


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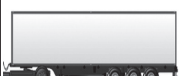
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The North Branford Libraries Present:

Military Whist Card Party

Tickets \$10 - Friday, April 27th

Preview: 6:15 - Games Start at 7 pm

Light food and raffles J

Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT.

For tickets, contact a staff member at either library.

****Due to the popularity of this event, tickets MUST be purchased in advance. ****

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford Women's Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 4th at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford, CT. Doors open at 6:15 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. The club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in Northford and surrounding towns. A limited number of tickets are being sold. For tickets or more information contact Rachel at 203-915-7573 or email rodell130@gmail.com. The Northford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. <http://www.northfordwomensclub.org>.



Open Sunday April 15th 1-3pm.

314 Reed's Gap Road, Northford

New price! Offered at 279,900. Nicely maintained 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath split level on lovely lot. Central air, hardwood floors and much more. Wallingford electric. Call Kim with The Heritage Group for details @ 203-623-0652.



9th Annual Toy Drive

To benefit children with cancer

In Honor of James Criscio

Our son James began fighting a battle with cancer before he reached his first birthday.

This toy drive is in his honor to help all of those children who fight so hard every day just so they can enjoy being kids again.

Let's help them enjoy their childhood!

Yale Pediatric Hematology/Oncology helps many children fight these battles every day. Once the kids have completed their treatment for the day they are then allowed to choose from a toy closet to help ease their pain and fears.

Don't let this toy closet run dry!

Please help us fill this toy closet for the many kids fighting a fierce fight!

Event Details:

Where can I donate: North Branford Community Center

Stanley T Williams 1332 Middletown Avenue Northford, CT 06472

When can I donate: April 14, 2018

What time can I drop off donations: 10:00am - 2:00pm

What can I donate: NEW AND UNOPENED toys for children of all ages, arts and crafts, board games, card games, CD's, DVD's, gift certificates for the older children. No stuffed animals please!!! Monetary donations will also be accepted.

For more information please call Raeanne Criscio 203-996-4314



Lyme Life

A support group for anyone affected by Lyme disease

Kick-off and organizational meeting:

Lyme disease is a devastating illness that can have a long-lasting impact on quality of life.

- What do we want?
- What will help?
- How can we support each other?

Don't suffer alone.

Facilitator:
Jennifer Vander Wyk RN
jvanderwyk@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 25th
6:30-7:30 pm

Edward Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd.
Northford, CT

All welcome!

