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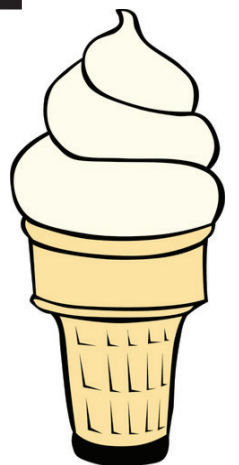
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

### Covid-19: Uncharted Waters



I think this last month has been the longest ever on the one hand, but also a whirlwind on the other. Connecticut continues to physically distance, and we are clearly having a positive impact on the infection rates of Covid-19. Our hospitalization rate is less than half of what was projected. As we navigate this storm, I want residents to know that I am available by phone

or email to answer any questions, [vincent.candelora@cga.ct.gov](mailto:vincent.candelora@cga.ct.gov), especially regarding all of our government programs. You can also find summaries on [repcandelora.com](http://repcandelora.com).

While agencies are working overtime to process SBA loans and unemployment, they cannot possibly work fast enough. I think our children seem to be adapting the best, but when the warm weather moves in, it will be difficult keeping them apart. Our hospitals are doing an amazing job, and we have a new challenge in our nursing homes. A group of us have teamed up with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven to acquire and distribute PPEs to all of our healthcare facilities and first responders. The need is great, and the state supply is low. If anyone would like to donate you can go to [masksforheroesct.org](http://masksforheroesct.org).

I am concerned about the Governor's latest order on April 9th closing nonessential business and schools until May 20. I received some criticism, some praise for my comments. To make myself clear, I don't think we should be reopening the state. I believe we need to figure out how to live with this virus. Government has not begun the conversation, and I think it's a mistake. This virus is going to be here for another year and is expected to resurge in the fall. Is shutting the schools and businesses down again a viable option in the fall? Distance learning is limited, and I'm concerned about our special needs children. I receive reports from around the state of children not reporting in to their classes. Children whose only safe haven was their school are quarantined to homes with physical, mental and sexual abuse. DCF only make emergency calls now, and I'm hearing from teachers who are going into these homes to check in on their students. Some of our most vulnerable populations, whether it be mental health, addiction, or physical health, are faced with very difficult challenges. Our state has become so hyper-focused on the virus, I fear we have forgotten about those who should never be forgotten.

So as we enter the Pentacost season and complete Passover, let's try to keep the spirit of these holidays alive and watch out for your neighbors and communities and if you can, donate to our food pantries. We have to rise out of this crisis with a renewed spirit. Stay well, healthy and safe.

## Let's Be "Frank"

There are several words to describe this Easter. However, the one that keeps coming to mind is, "unique". With all the Church ceremonies canceled, I was personally silenced. I missed singing all the special hymns my second sister and I are use to doing. I missed the processions and ceremonies I am accustomed to but I did not miss the incense and long winded homilies. I watched it on TV but it just wasn't the same as it was when I was an active part of the service.

The meal was healthier. Although SueAnn tried to match the usual feast, it's different when you're cooking for half the norm. My legendary (self proclaimed) antipasto was simply caprese salad, a few stuffed peppers and some homemade pickled eggplants garnished with a few olives.

Andrea Bocellis' half hour "prayer" from Il Duomo in Milan did set the mood and the dozens of texts and phone calls made us remember the reason for the day.

On a happier note, the North Branford Board of Education voted unanimously to proceed to the Town Council with a proposal for a new high school. My kids are out of the school for a good number of years and my association with the high school is dwindling. But for this not to pass would be a sin. The high school is more than sixty years old and it is beyond repair.

A new high school would keep people in our town, give people and incentive to move into our town, and eventually save money on utilities as they have to fight with old heating, plumbing and electric systems which can be costlier to run. Our utilities will also have less area to cover as the proposal is for a slightly smaller school.

Some of the arguments against a new school are almost laughable.

**1. With only 500 students why don't we ship the kids to other schools.** Firstly, that would be a nightmare logistic wise and an absurd expense for bus transportation. Also, if people wanted to send their kids to Wallingford, Branford, East Haven or North Haven, they would have purchased homes there.

**2. What will that do to my taxes?** For years our taxes have been slowly increasing (cost of doing business) and we have had very few increases in our services. Also, we would not hit the increase in one year. It would be spread out through many years through an entire town and I don't think it would be astronomical.

**3. We need a new police station.** My kids both needed a visit to the doctor but I only had enough money to take one. I had to be creative and figure out how to get both of their needs taken care of. With a resourceful Town Council, I'm sure they could put politics aside and get the job done. It's time for this group more than ever before to step up and be there heroes of our community.

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## Another Side to the Same Old Story

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of the Times, I wrote a letter that looked at one side of the impeachment issue. This letter looks at another side of the same issue. The Constitution authorizes Congress to impeach and remove from office the President, the Vice President and all Civil Officers for Treason, Bribery and other High Crimes and misdemeanors.

The Constitution does not define who Civil Officers were. The Framers of the Constitution finally agreed that the impeachment process would only apply to those individuals that could exert significant influence on the outcome of an issue. The Executive and Judicial branches of the government were thought to hold the most influence and impeachment would only apply to those two branches of our government. In the Executive branch only the President's appointees, except Officers in the Army and Navy were Civil Officers. In the Judicial branch, only Judges were Civil Officers.

Since individual Senators and Representatives could not exert significant influence on the outcome of an issue, they would not be considered Civil Officers. Article 1, Section 5, Clause 2, were included in the Constitution that gave each Chamber in Congress the authority to determine the rules of its proceedings and to punish a member for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of 2/3 of the full Chamber, expel, not impeach, a member.

Let's now look at what happened during President Trump's trial in the Senate.

53 Republican Senators barred additional witnesses from testifying and barred additional documents from being reviewed for the purpose of evasion, and then voted to acquit him on both Articles of Impeachment. They violated their oath of office and their oath to render impartial justice. It is an established fact that violating an oath of office and/or an oath to render impartial justice is disorderly behavior, subject to expulsion. Using the Constitution's method to expel Senators, none of them could be expelled if 2/3 of the Senate is required.

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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately I have been fielding lots of questions from anxious clients. The state of the world has everyone on edge including my usually unflappable younger clients; especially those who are parents of minor children. The advice below is geared toward this segment of the population.

If you have minor children it is important to name a Guardian for your child(ren) in your estate planning documents. Parents of minor children face many difficult questions when creating their estate plan, but the toughest question by far usually is, “Who will care for my children should I pass away or become incapacitated?” This might be an easy choice for some, but for many choosing a Guardian proves to be quite difficult. It’s helpful to keep in mind when you are thinking about a Guardian that there is no perfect choice. YOU are the perfect choice. Think of the Guardian as a “runner-up.”

When selecting a Guardian, you should cast a wide net. Make a list of ALL the people you think could be good Guardians. Include siblings, parents, extended family members, and even friends. Friends can make terrific Guardians. Next, focus on “the love.” Consider whether the potential Guardian has the capacity to love your children as you do. Think about their values and philosophies as well. Good candidates will share your values and philosophies on life, child rearing, religion and education.

Sometimes parents might not consider a person as a potential Guardian due to their financial circumstances. My advice regarding this is simple: don’t worry too much about the Guardian’s finances. And don’t eliminate a person because you think they don’t have a high enough net-worth. It’s your job to financially plan for your children, not the Guardian’s. You can provide the necessary funds for your children through proper estate planning.

Finally, parents should consider some of the practical factors associated with Guardianship. How would raising your children fit into the potential Guardian’s lifestyle? Do they have the necessary health and stamina to raise your kids? Does the potential Guardian have other children? If so, do they get along with your children?

I could go on (and on) but I think you get the point. Choosing a Guardian is not easy, and there are many important considerations. But don’t overthink it too much. Look for the love first, and *then* address the practical factors of whether or not someone could handle the incredibly important job of raising your child(ren).

I encourage you to reach out with any questions, and I hope that you are all staying safe during this uncertain time. Our offices are open and fully functioning, and we are here to assist you with your estate planning needs. We are available in-person by appointment only, over the phone, and through video conferencing. Please call our office at 203-234-7400 with any questions. We are all in this together. Please take care of yourself, and let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at [marc@guertinlaw.net](mailto:marc@guertinlaw.net).

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## We Need Improvements in Vaccine Safety

Dear Patriots:

At a time like this it is unfortunate that vaccine manufacturers have done so little to improve vaccine safety and efficacy. Proponents say vaccines are 99.99 percent safe and side effects are rare. If that is true than why not repeal the National Vaccine Injury Act that shields vaccine makers from all liability?

Public vaccine programs are facing a fall in pubic trust in the USA which mandates double the number of vaccines of other developed nations by mandating 72 doses per child with hundreds more in the pipeline. Educated consumers are discovering that there are many toxic adjuvants such as aluminum have been linked to A.S.I.A (Autoimmune Syndrome Induced by Adjuvants) and that injected aluminum in vaccines as greatly exceeds safety limits for tiny infants as almost 100% percent is absorbed (versus ingested which is only .03%).

At the recent annual Global Vaccine Safety Summit the World Health Organization chief scientist Dr. Swaminathan said the evidence to verify vaccine safety is not nearly rigorous enough. Since vaccines are classified as biologics rather than drugs they are not as rigorously tested by subjecting them to double blind placebo testing. Even though 4 billion (funded by the US taxpayer) has been paid out for vaccine injuries or death the US Department of Health and Human Services has stated that fewer than 1% of vaccine injuries are reported.

It is important that CT not allow the mandating of vaccines without repealing the Vaccine Injury Act if we are to expect improvements in safety and testing and to make sure that the CDC expands their definition of contraindications. Currently only anaphylaxis, with little exception, is considered a valid reason for omitting a vaccine. If your child has a seizure, breaks out in head to toe eczema or collapses after a vaccine that is now considered normal.

With emerging viruses in our future it is imperative that we insist our legislators uphold their constitutional oath to serve the best interests of the people and not bow to the those legislators whose apparent allegiance is to pharmaceutical

## A Quarantined Coronavirus Timeline

During my time in Coronavirus isolation – with Internet access – curiosity provokes constant investigation of today’s turbulent issues. Here’s my timeline of the Coronavirus pandemic as resourced from Internet posts by: The WHO; Politico; 1/31/20 Whitehouse Proclamation; The New York Times; The Washington Post; Vox; Johns Hopkins; Verge and; BuzzFeed: **12/10/19 – China:** Earliest known case of Coronavirus illness.

**12/27/19 – China:** Wuhan health officials warn of “Coronavirus” causing illness.

**12/31/19 – China:** China reports Coronavirus to the World Health Organization (WHO?).

**1/9/20 - China:** China announces it’s mapping of Coronavirus genome.

**1/13/20 – Thailand:** First known case outside China.

**1/14/20 WHO:** “no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission” of CV-19.

**1/20/20 – China:** Doctor announces the virus can be passed between people.

**1/20/20 – US:** “Patient Zero?” A Seattle man is isolated in a bio-containment ward. +/-60 of his contacts monitored through end of February all cleared of virus; Seattle man is deemed fully recovered and all seems peachy.

**1/22/20 – China:** Authorities announce lock down of all travel in + out of Wuhan.

**1/22/20- Europe:** (Geneva, SW) WHO director general announces Coronavirus NOT an international health emergency; no reported Coronavirus deaths reported yet.

**1/24/20 – France:** Government confirms three cases of coronavirus in Europe.

**1/27/20 – Italy:** Investigation of “Patient Zero” reveals that Italy’s Coronavirus outbreak may have started on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

**1/27/20 – Germany:** The president of Germany’s center for disease control announces “low danger” from the Coronavirus.

**1/31/20 US:** White House declares “public health emergency,” imposes travel ban to/from China, orders quarantine of all from China’s area of disease origin, requires testing at 7 major airports and self-quarantine of all travelers from any part of China.

Director of CDC (Robert Redfield) declares “risk to American public is low.”

Washington Post: “The number of those infected has surpassed the SARS 2003 outbreak, but the new coronavirus appears to be less deadly;”

“experts” claim administration actions are “extreme;” White House action disregards “WHO recommendation against travel restrictions.”

Joe Biden, calls Trump’s travel ban “hysteria, xenophobia and fear-mongering” during a campaign rally in Fort Madison, Iowa.

**1/31/20 – Europe:** Italy bans travel to/from China along with European airlines and some other EU members.

**2/13/20 – Belgium:** ECDC director says Europe has adequate lab capacity and EU’s containment strategy is working.

**2/25/20 – Europe:** Austrian, Italian, French, Slovenian, Swiss, German and Croatian health ministers meet in Rome and agree that big events shouldn’t be automatically canceled and closing borders would be “disproportionate and ineffective at this time.”

**2/28/20 – US:** An elderly patient at Life Care Center nursing home in Seattle tests positive for Coronavirus and dies the next day as 50 more people associated with the home test positive.

**3/9/20 – US:** Bernie Sanders says he wouldn’t close U.S. border to prevent the spread of coronavirus and condemns president’s xenophobia.

**3/11/20 WHO:** WHO characterizes COVID-19 a “pandemic.”

**3/13/20 – US:** Stamford/UAB researchers show HCQS has strong potential against CV-19.

**3/19/20 – US:** Trump excoriated saying HCQS “very encouraging early results” against Coronavirus.

**3/20/20 – France:** French clinical study finds 100% of patients treated with a combination of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin virologically cured after 6 days.

**3/24/20 New York:** Governor Cuomo scoffs at the prospect of 400 ventilators provided to NY by FEMA, saying, “Four hundred ventilators? I need 30,000 ventilators.”

**3/27/20 – New York:** Governor Cuomo admits stockpiling ventilators because they don’t need them yet.

**4/3/20 – US:** Joe Biden announces he supports the president’s travel ban to and from China.

**4/9/20 D. Kirt Westfall**

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Farnsworth





## Local Student Making a Difference

Marissa Czarnecki an Endicott College Nursing Student is currently working in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) at a Boston hospital. Her immersive experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic have been impactful to those around her—and to herself.

School of Nursing Dean Nancy Meedzan received a report from the field from nursing student Marissa Czarnecki, who is currently working in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) at a Boston hospital. “We have all been impacted in many ways by what is going on in the world, and in these past two weeks I have been greatly awakened to how impactful my role as a nurse is going to be one day. I currently work in the PACU at [a Boston hospital] where surgeries, although starting to be reduced, are still being done; and we are all still being subjected to COVID-19. I have been witness to countless nurses dedicating their time to COVID-19 patients. Most recently I have seen nurses being called out of their jobs in the PACU to care for patients in a new COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) as if they are being called to war. It is truly shocking to me and really inspirational to see how professional these nurses are. Although we are all scared, I would not choose to change my position for one minute. I truly believe that, although I am at great risk going to work each day, I will be a better nurse from all that I am learning and seeing in the field.”

Even though Czarnecki recognizes and appreciates the effort from faculty in providing virtual clinicals for senior nursing students so that they are able to successfully complete the academic requirements of the program, she prefers to remain on-site at a hospital. “...the 30 hours a week I spend working at the hospital will likely become 40 and 50 as the need for care of patients increases. That being said, I feel as though for my learning, and for my experience, I am much more likely to improve and perfect my clinical skills while I am working [on-site], not while I am filling out clinical paperwork or case studies online. There truly is nothing like direct patient care, and I am one of the lucky ones who still has a job to do so. I do not want to lose that, or reduce my hours to be online for class during certain periods of the day.” Czarnecki then shared a powerful and personal experience to Dean Meedzan, one that she said will forever change the way she practices nursing. “On Monday a patient with a brain tumor scheduled for surgery presented

with a cough and a fever. They decided they were going to test for COVID-19, VRE, and MRSA. The only thing I could hear was, ‘COVID.’ Everything went to white noise, once I heard ‘COVID,’ as the nurse caring for the patient continued to talk to me explaining how the patient needed to be transferred to the unit with my help. I felt completely numb. Tears were in my eyes. In that moment I wanted to walk out of the hospital. I selfishly did not want to be the one in direct contact with this patient. I wanted to do anything else but help this nurse. So, truthfully, I went to the bathroom, cried a minute, and texted my mom to tell her how scared I was and how I did not think I could do this. But then something hit me. I stepped back, looked at myself in the mirror with my mask near suffocating me, and I thought about how calm, cool, and determined the nurse caring for this patient was. She wasn’t tearful; she wasn’t showing fear; she wasn’t questioning her duty or her desire to care for this patient. And then I thought about the patient. How dare I think so selfishly about transferring this patient when he is likely terrified, fighting for his life, wondering will this brain tumor be removed—or will COVID get me first. I then walked out and did what was asked of me, with the upmost precaution...in the end I felt like I wanted to do it 100 more times for any patient that needed it. This is an emotional experience I will never forget and can never be replicated.”

Dean Meedzan, and the entire School of Nursing, applauds Czarnecki for sharing such a personal and honest story—a story that will help other nursing students who are struggling with similar thoughts and emotions—and perhaps most importantly, a story that shows the value of on-site, hands-on learning, because these experiences allow for personal and professional growth like no other.

*This story was reprinted in parts from the Endicott College Website.*

## North Branford

### BOE VOTES FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Voting from their home offices, carrying on for the good of our town and maintaining social distancing, the Board of Education Unanimously voted to build a new high school. The proposal will now be turned over to the Town Council for their decision.

In the proposal, the Board is suggesting a smaller size than the present area, to be fiscally responsible. The plans will cover all the needs of our children but will address the diminishing enrollment. The downsizing of an estimated 20,000 square feet will be a great cut in cost of utilities.

The new school will have a covered walkway from the high school to the auditorium which will not be considered in the square footage, maintaining the requirements for State grants.

The proposal also is suggesting a gable roof. Although this is a larger expense, it should help eliminate the leaking problems the town has experienced in previous new school projects which went with a less expensive flat roof.

Superintendent of schools Scott Schoonmaker reported he has been in contact with town Anthony Esposito and the expenses will be spread across several years and although the tax increase cannot be predicted it should not be a large burden to our taxpayers.

“It’s a good time to do this” suggested Schoonmaker. “In this economy construction bids will be lower which might not be the case if we wait. The present structure is more than sixty years old and we are throwing money to delay problems that will continue to come back. Our students, faculty and community need a building that will be efficient and financially responsible. People have created many memories in the old structure and now it’s time to created new memories,” added Schoonmaker.



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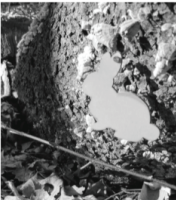
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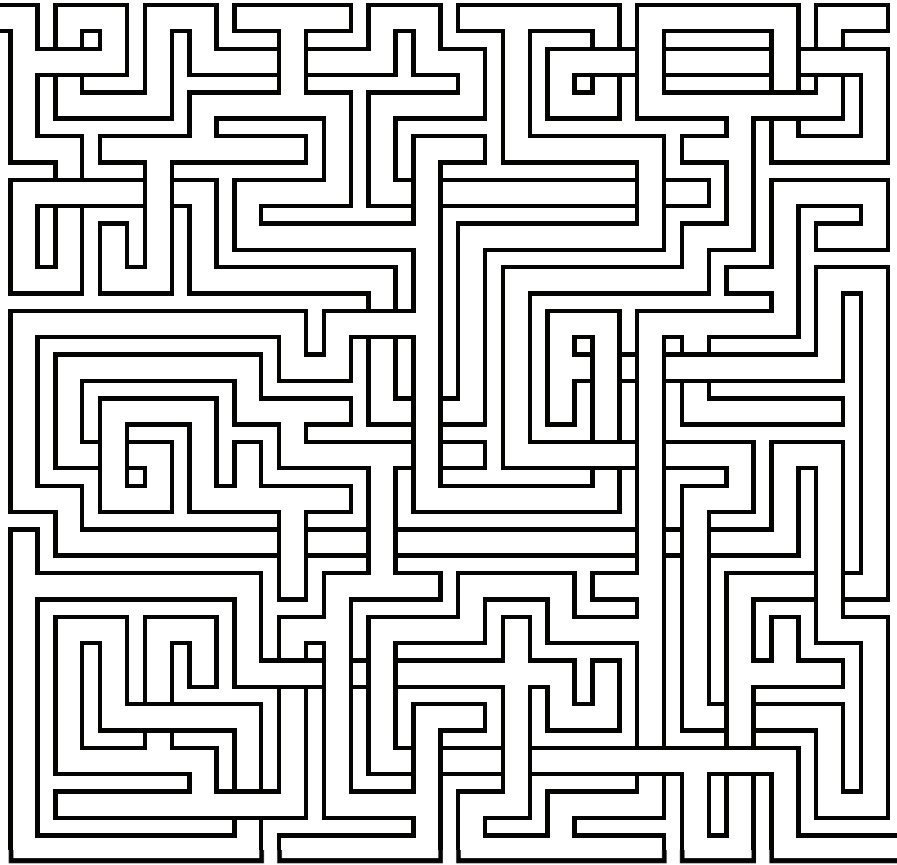
Trails are found at the far end of the parking lot. Enter here and take the white trail to the left. Follow this until you see the two kissing bunnies. Turn around and see if you find more!

The Cotton Tail Trail will be open until the end of April. No need to rush. If you see a lot of others on the trail you may decide to choose a different time. Please remember to exercise social-distancing.



How many bunnies can you find?

North Farms Park—251 Branford Road, North Branford, CT 06471



Exercise your mind and relieve stress with  
this coloring book activity!



wildflowers from [dailycoloringpages.com](http://dailycoloringpages.com)

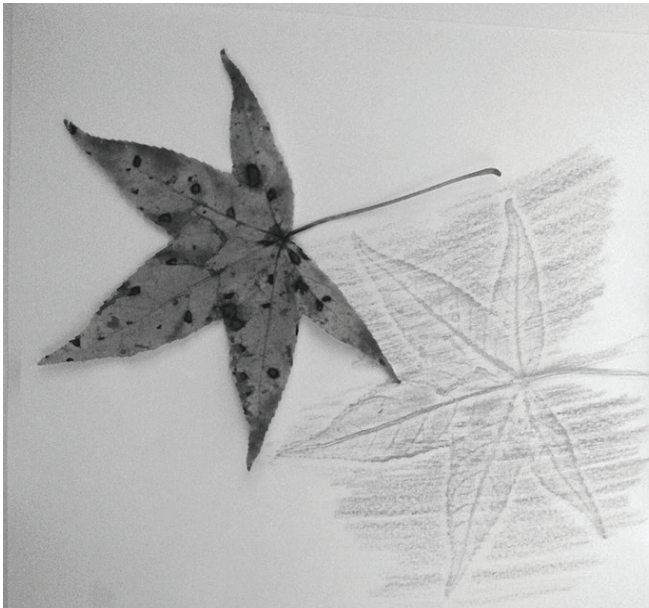
### CRAFT PROJECT IDEA: Leaf Rubbing

**What You Need:**

- Crayons or pencils
- White paper
- Leaves collected from outside

**Instructions:**

1. Collect several leaves of different shapes and sizes to use as patterns for your picture.
2. Put a leaf of your choice underneath the piece of paper.
3. Gently rub a crayon or pencil across the top, and you will see the pattern of the leaf appear!
4. Use different leaves with different shapes and sizes to make a beautiful collage of rubbings, and hang it up somewhere to show off your artwork!



### JOKE CORNER

- Q: When should you buy a bird?  
A: When it's going cheep!  
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- Did you hear the one about the crow and the telephone pole?  
He wanted to make a long distance caw.  
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- Q: What is green and pecks on trees?  
A: Woody the Wood Pickle.  
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- Q: There was a rooster sitting on a top of a barn. If it laid an egg,  
which way would it roll?  
A: Roosters don't lay eggs!



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; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

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

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

“Frank” continued

4. It’s a bad time in light of Covid - 19. I disagree. In a slow economic time builders will be looking for work and cost will be lower. Also, if we fall under 500 students before the bid is submitted, the state requirements are much stricter and our grants would not be as much.

Now is the time. The BOE has done their due diligence. Now it’s time for the Council to do their’s.

Food Box to Help the Needy

In this time of need, please remember that Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” has a food box containing non-perishable food in front of the church to help people in need. People can “take what they need, and leave what they can.” Please do not leave items with expired dates in the box.

The historic church (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. Church website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). Email: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

Budget Process During COVID 19

The annual budget process will be different this year (like everything else!). The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on the 2020-21 budget on Tuesday April 21 at 7 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting which will be broadcast live on Totoket TV’s Facebook page. There will an opportunity to residents to offer their comments via the following email address:

[public-comments@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:public-comments@townofnorthbranfordct.com) or by leaving a comment at 475-655-0400

The Town Council will then hold their budget deliberations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 & 23 also broadcast live on Totoket TV’s Facebook page.

The Town Council has decided to leave the public hearing open for the entire three-day period to give residents and taxpayers as much time as possible to let their comments be known.

The Proposed Budget will be made available to residents and taxpayers via the Town’s website [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) Copies will be printed and interested parties can use the aforementioned email and phone numbers if you would like a bound copy similar to what has historically be provided.

The Food Pantry of North Branford, Inc.

1382 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT  
(203) 208-2581

WHERE: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (rear) The white church with the red door.

WHO: Any community member needing food assistance.

Registration is required.

WHAT TO BRING: Identification.

WHEN: WED. 4-6:30 PM, FRI. 10:30 AM-1 PM, SAT. 10 AM-12:30 PM

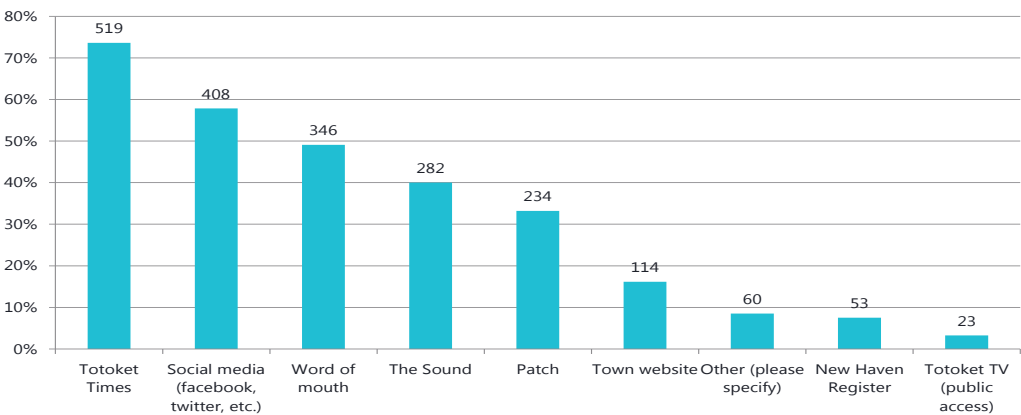
HOW OFTEN: Registered guests may visit once weekly.

\*\*\*Due to precautions being used for the COVID-19 virus, all visitors MUST remain in their cars. No one is allowed in the building. Food will be brought to your vehicle for you to load it.\*\*\*

DONATION DAY is on Tuesdays from 3-6 pm at the FPNB door. Please place all items in new bags. We cannot take reusable bags.

Donated items may also be placed in the wooden box at Big Y.

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COMMUNITY EVENTS?



- Totoket Times is the most popular source for community events
- Respondents also specified school announcements and direct emails

The Economic Development Commission

Survey says most people get community news from the Totoket Times.

It’s time to plan your advertising for Spring & Summer. Call Frank at 203-410-4254

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Recycling News

Due to Health Crisis

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program

is temporarily halting pink bag pickup.

Please continue to save items for when program resumes.

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Plastic Film Drop Off Suspended

Please save plastic film at home until further notice

when program resumes.

Thank You!

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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 3:00pm

on the following Saturdays this Spring:

April 18 and 25. Follow the signs.

Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags

or empty them loose onto the ground.

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at 203-484-4091

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BULKY WASTE PICKUP

(TWICE A YEAR)

Week of April 20th

and November 9th on your scheduled pickup day

\*No home cleanouts\*

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Earth Day 2020

Celebrate Earth Day's 50th anniversary

with individual home

and yard or neighborhood cleanup.

The townwide celebration has been cancelled.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified

1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00

20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,

after 20 words

Lost and Found ..... FREE

Business Classified Ads & Real Estate

3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00

\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words

Payment MUST accompany all ads. The advertiser must notify this

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Send ad along with your check to:

Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472

For more information call 203-410-4254


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get your message out

to your neighbors.

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