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Destination: North Branford



WeeCare Nursery students and teachers helped pack seeds

Money may not grow on trees, but economic and community development is growing fast from the seeds of sunflowers for the Town of North Branford.

The Sunflower Project started as a seed of the Economic Development Commission last year, and it has rapidly captured the imagination and focus of people of all ages in North Branford and beyond. The program is called *Destination North Branford: The Sunflower Project*.

The goals of the project are to harness North Branford's cultural and economic roots in agriculture, including its growing cache of farms, wineries, breweries, nature-based businesses and expansive sunflower fields, to elevate agri-tourism, lure more consumers to the region, entice native pollinators to promote sustainability and to beautify our town by expanding North Branford's sunflower presence to more homes and businesses.

Thousands of donated sunflower seeds, including towering plants and dwarf sunflowers, have been divided into more than 4,000 seed packets that have just been distributed to locations across town for residents to pick up at no charge.

A growing coalition of volunteers is the engine behind The Sunflower Project, in coordination with the town's economic development coordinator and commission, including children from the Wee Care preschool and seniors at Evergreen Woods, in other words, 3 year olds to 98 year olds! Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops filled as many seed packets as were available. The little ones from Wee Care also wanted to fill more packets and could not wait to plant their sunflowers.

It was truly heartwarming to see students more interested in getting involved in their community than their devices. Girl Scouts reflected, "but we can do more! Can we help plant the flowers around North Branford? We want to help. We love this idea!"

Here are some key updates and events to take note of with regard to Destination North Branford: The Sunflower Project:

Volunteers, including children from Wee Care, Girl and Boy Scouts and many others have successfully filled over 4,000 sunflower seed packets for distribution.

- Seeds are available at now Atwater Library, Edward Smith Library, the Community Center and North Branford Town Hall. Get them now! Remember not to plant them until Mid-May.



NB Police Department Lip Sync Honors

Many of us enjoyed the lip sync phenomenon of last summer but, for North Branford, the excitement continues. CBS is in the process of producing a show titled "Lip Sync To The Rescue". North Branford Police Department's video was chosen for inclusion in the voting phase along with 29 others from across the country. This summer, the top ten vote getters will be featured on the special hosted by Cedric The Entertainer where one winner will be selected via an interactive audience vote. Please celebrate our police officers by supporting them with your votes. Please visit <https://www.cbs.com/shows/lip-sync-to-the-rescue/vote/?fbclid=IwAR0XTPOT39W-pDpJcySrZr9zXairlQ-Moyuf5ZCLR-fwrRwOVNBpAdQ80eXE> to cast your vote. Vote as many times as you can as there is no limit. Please help put North Branford in the top ten where we can continue to showcase our amazing town!

Submitted by Judy Bannon

- The project has its own website at destinationnorthbranford.com/the-sunflower-project/ and its own Facebook page at Destination North Branford: The Sunflower Project. Visit and like the page to keep track of any project updates.
- The project's official launch event will be April 27, tied into Earth Day activities at Totoket Valley Park from 9-2.
- To learn how you might be able to contribute to or participate in The Sunflower Project, please call Economic Development Coordinator Roger Salway at 203-484-1034 or email him at edc@townofnorthbranfordct.com.

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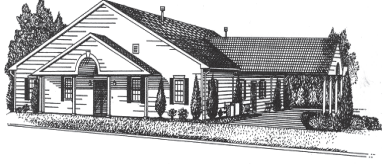
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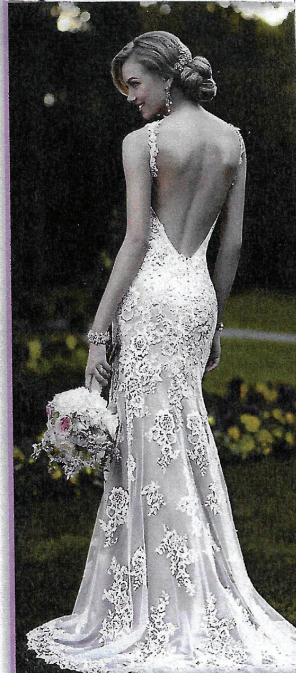


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State Representative Vincent Candelora The Forgotten Middle Class



In his first one hundred days in office, Governor Lamont has defined his priorities and while he holds a similar battle cry as Governor Malloy for taxes and tolls, the specifics are very different. Unlike Governor Malloy, this governor has embraced Connecticut's one percent with policies that will shield them from tax increases, but at the expense of our working class. For example, Governor Lamont has proposed to eliminate the gift tax creating millions in savings for our wealthy and at the same time, he eliminates the recently adopted income tax exemption on pensions and social security. It is no coincidence that a billionaire has stepped up offering \$100 million in order to help our underprivileged and high risk students and has called on other billionaires to match his grant. Governor Lamont has embraced private partnerships, but only if they are wealthy, and has left the working class to pay bills with tolls and taxes.

The first signs of spring are now apparent all around us. While families save and put aside money to cover the added expense of sports, camp, amusement and recreational activities like mini golf, bowling or go carts. Governor Lamont wants to tax it. His proposed expansion of the sales tax will impact working families and seniors when they get a haircut, bring their dog to the veterinarian, play a sport, rent a campground, hire an accountant or lawyer, or purchase a bike helmet. Add tolls to the mix, and families will be paying about \$1,500 per vehicle per year to travel around the state. Essentially, these tolls will become a surcharge on your trips to the movies, sporting events or work. These tax policies are far more impactful for the middle class than the wealthy.

Ideas like these prove that people who control the agenda in Hartford are out of touch with the financial struggles faced by families and working parents. Let's consider families that have not one, but multiple children signed up for Little League this spring, these families are already struggling to make ends meet without taking into account the cost of clothing, equipment, travel or food. The ideas from Governor Lamont would essentially make all these things more expensive for families, whether through an additional tax, getting rid of the annual sales tax free week in August, or something as debilitating as 53 toll gantries throughout the state or family medical leave which imposes a payroll tax on your paycheck. Because people are living paycheck to paycheck, all of these user fees are impactful on a fixed budget. Once the state's forced retirement savings plan and Paid Family Medical Leave kick in, you will be seeing an additional 3.5% taken from your paycheck in addition to all these new sales taxes.

I hear from constituents constantly about how hard it is for them to afford living in this state, which is usually followed up by the question, "Where is all the money going?" Taxpayers can't understand the state's perpetual fiscal crisis. Recently, the legislature, mainly along party lines, voted on yet another union contract that would require \$6 million in wage increases over the next two and a half years for Public Defenders and Judicial Professional Employees. All employees in these unions will receive at 3.5 percent, which includes bonuses, annual increments, lump sums, and longevity pay. Since January, these contract votes have added another \$12 million of expenses for the state.

Governor Lamont has never been part of the middle class so I don't fault him for his lack of appreciation of living from paycheck to paycheck. It will be up to the legislature to remind him of these struggles because our middle class has no safety net and should not need to choose between little league baseball or taxes.

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It's About the Land

In the early part of the 20th century, New Haven Water Company's attention was drawn to the town of North Branford. Why? The town was a farming community. It did not adjoin New Haven. Had the town been closer to New Haven, farming would have given way to development and the company would have had an opportunity to sell more water. The City of New Haven was rapidly growing in population, businesses, and industry as the 19th century turned into the 20th. At the time the population of New Haven had reached approximately 108,000, about the same population as Los Angeles, California. Estimates of population growth by some city promoters projected that the population of New Haven would grow to almost a million. Besides the resident population of the city, industry needed water, public buildings, schools, hospitals, and Yale University also needed water. Industrialists wanted adequate supplies of water for stationary steam engines to operate heavy machinery. And the public works department needed water to clean the streets while fire departments needed assurance that the supply of water would be adequate to fight fires. Entire city blocks had burned when there was no public water system extending to factories and tenement buildings prior to 1862.

And compared to some cities and states in other parts of the country, New Haven and the state of Connecticut had well-organized city and state public health departments. These regulatory agencies, acting to protect public health, demanded water that was safe to drink. Wells used by the general public had become polluted and were a recognized source of disease. In fact an outbreak of typhoid fever in the city in 1901 killed at least 50 people and sickened hundreds more. The disease was traced to a farmer's family living on the watershed of a reservoir in Woodbridge. However, a Yale scientist in the University's public health department was of the opinion that the disease could also have originated in polluted wells used by the public in the Westville section of the city.

A drought at the beginning of the 20th century was so severe that annual precipitation failed to replenish New Haven Water Company reservoirs while demand for drinking water, other domestic uses, and water for new and growing industries in the New Haven Water Company's service areas grew at unpredicted rates. Large numbers of European immigrants settled in New Haven and found work in factories such as the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. They also established commercial businesses. A consulting engineer, A. B. Hill, formerly city engineer for New Haven, now employed by the New Haven Water Company, had advised the company that it would soon face a crisis if new sources of supply were not developed in the near future. Hill had reviewed the relatively new U. S. Coast and Geodetic topographic survey maps of land east of New Haven and identified a location where a large reservoir could be developed. It was in the town of North Branford. The reservoir would be so large that it could never be filled by tributary streams such as Crooked Brook. However, land further east of the proposed reservoir was of higher elevation with several streams and a river which produced adequate volumes of virtually pristine water. These streams and a river flowed to Long Island Sound. By proposing to build a tunnel that would extend from North Branford through Guilford and Madison, the flow of water in these streams and rivers could be diverted to the proposed tunnel to the reservoir, all by gravity. By this plan, the North Branford reservoir would be filled.

Next month; events and obstacles preceding implementation of New Haven Water Company's North Branford Development project.

Otto Schaefer, Member, North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

May 14th Fundraiser at Giovanni's

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 14th and come enjoy a night out without cooking! The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC in conjunction with Giovanni's Pizzeria & Ristorante, 855 Forest Road, Northford are holding a fundraiser. For every purchase made, eat-in or take-out, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the Women's Club charity budget. Just mention the Northford-North Branford Women's Club when ordering. The charity budget is used to support local projects in our town and surrounding areas. For more information about the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, contact Stephanie Thaller at StephanieThaller@gmail.com, visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

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Economic Development Commission - Hard at Work

Dear Editor:

The residents and business in North Branford know our town’s greatness as a place to work, live and play. Our focus this first year is to leverage our strengths – our quality of life, natural beauty, and our thriving agri-economy – to inspire broader community engagement and to put the rest of the state on notice that North Branford is the place to be. Those initiatives have included the 3E program (Engage, Educate and Entertain) Winter library speaker series , the POCD, The Sunflower Project (fueled by a growing coalition of volunteers) and the recent growth of participants in the North Branford Land and Conservation Trust (NBLCT) programs. These efforts are already paying dividends, including approximately 300 new jobs in the past year alone including the transfer of a business unit to Honeywell in Northford.

Rather than putting all our emphasis on attracting new business to come here, our strategy is to firmly brand our town as a destination where families and businesses *choose* to be here for our thriving economy and quality of life. We’re doing this through a diversified network of media outlets, digital media, community ambassadors and collaboratives.

In the past several weeks alone we have been featured on statewide and local media for these economic development initiatives and regional business leaders are taking note, including those at Honeywell, ESI and RWA and NBLCT who have confirmed this is exactly what we need to retain and attract employees, and entice new families to join the community. These projects have the potential to drive business to our existing employers, which will in turn inspire other businesses to establish here.

At the end of the day, growing population is the key to sustainability – they pay property and vehicle taxes, buy/rent houses, shop at our stores and enjoy our recreational facilities, and can reverse the loss of students in our schools.

Attracting new business investment requires that Town assets get the visibility they deserve. We now have the attention of CERC, USDA, SBA and manufacturing associations, and we are engaging with several new business location opportunities. Our limited commercial site inventory is a challenge; however, it is only a matter of time before we have a good fit to the limited sites we have available.

Significant academic research across the country has shown that a majority of businesses that have added agri-tourism activities have experienced at least some increase in profits and nearly a quarter report a two-fold or more profit increase (Barbieri and Tew, 2010). The launch of Destination North Branford Sunflower Project (www.destinationnorthbranford.com) should add visitors for the town’s existing and growing wineries, breweries, farms, farm stands, stables and nature-based businesses that have plenty of untapped potential.

North Branford’s rural character and culture and the fast sale of new housing inventory, as an example the Bridgewater housing development in Northford of 26 homes sold 24 very quickly, **and new housing plans are in process elsewhere in the Town**, is an encouraging sign that commercial and industrial businesses are hiring and expanding because they recognize the quality of our community life.

Sincerely, Roger Salway
Economic Development Coordinator, Town of North Branford

Finally Early Voting has a Chance

Dear Editor:Finally, early voting has a chance to become reality in Connecticut. Bill HJR-161, “An Act Establishing Early Voting in Connecticut,” is currently being considered in the legislature.

I’d like to point out two good reasons why Connecticut should join the other 39 states that allow early voting, and debunk the main arguments used by some to oppose it.

1. November Weather. A snow or ice storm on Election Day could cut voter turnout in half, keeping thousands of voters from both parties from exercising their right to vote, and making the election results questionable. A weather-related turnout disaster is just waiting to happen here. If we had Early Voting, people who vote on Election Day could go early if a storm were forecast.

We had a heavy rainstorm on Election Day, 2018. What if it had been ice? And we had a crippling snowstorm just 10 days after the election, on November 16th.

2. Tuesday is a Workday for most voters. Many people have long commutes on either end of the workday, leaving little time to vote. Most of us would welcome being able to vote early on a Saturday.

Most people trapped in today’s low-wage service economy have to work twojobs to survive. They’re not going to vote if they have to lose pay to do it. The same goes for working single parents. Lack of early voting robs some of our hardest workers of their voice in our democracy. And seniors are often dependent on their working children to drive them to the polls.

Like any other popular legislation, there are those who want to block Early Voting. These politicians oppose early voting on a partisan basis because they fear it will increase voter turnout, and higher turnout will likely favor the other party. But they have to find other “reasons” to oppose it. Here are their main claims:

1. Expense. They claim “we can’t afford the increased costs of early voting.” Is it that expensive to open our two North Branford grade school polling sites on 1-2 weekends before Election Day and allow poll workers (mostly volunteers) to set up shop? Consider the benefit/cost ratio. Early voting is a pretty cheap benefit.

2. They claim “early voting will increase voter fraud.” How?You can’t votetwice, whether you try it on Election Day, or on different early voting days. You’ll be checked against the same registry list, and can only be admitted once.

Voter fraud is virtually nonexistent. Claims of “voter fraud” are a bogus excuse for voter suppression tactics. Even Trump’s “Voter Fraud Commission,” established specifically to “prove” there’s widespread fraud, was disbanded after failing to find any.

3. “What if you vote early for a candidate, and he commits a crime before Election Day. Now you’re stuck with your vote, and can’t change it.” A local politician actually used this one in an interview. The response is “I voted for Candidate X on Election Day, and two days later he committed a crime. Now I’m stuck with my vote, and can’t change it.”

One thing we can change this year is the archaic practice of forcing everyone to vote on the same day, a workday during a month noted for fickle weather.

Please email or phone Rep. Candelora’s office and ask him to support HJR-161.

Sincerely,
Robert Dean

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

Two to four million women and children are kidnapped and sold into the sex trade or forced labor each year. (UN Office on Drugs and Crime). The monsters that feed on human kind in this way necessarily do so under our radar. They stalk their prey in secret, safe and efficient ways, targeting the defenseless in unguarded places.

The Netflix series “The Disappearance of Madeleine McCann” points out that borderless Europe gives human traffickers the opportunity to harvest, transport and trade their product. It documents how a Portuguese beach town resort served as the conduit for traffickers to gain their foothold in Europe and then move their product freely throughout the continent. Their evil motive merged with even greater opportunity where their prey gathered in the large numbers of unwitting holiday travelers.

A similar and far greater opportunity for human traffickers is the hunting ground that is the 1700-mile migrant route from Central America, across Mexico to our southern border. Lured by an easy crossing or the promise of asylum, 100,000 and more continue to attempt this trek each year. Uncounted scores of them join the missing millions along the way.

In 2014, Obama called this an “actual humanitarian crisis on the border.” His administration tried to deter Central American migration through what it called a “high bond/no bond” policy that purposefully separated child from parent/adult. While the administration’s lawyers justified the policy in the name of “national security,” its “humanitarian” purpose was to persuade Central American families to simply avoid the dangerous journey north.

Under the high bond/no bond policy children whose parents couldn’t make bail were categorized as “unaccompanied minors” if no other family member claimed them. The numbers of unaccompanied minors from Central America increased from 4,000 in 2011 to 52,000 in 2014. (per US Customs and Border Protection statistics, 1/20/17). These children were often released into the hands of strangers in the United States, and many disappeared into the matrix of “sponsors” who volunteered to take them. By 2015, the Senate was investigating how this system had allowed human traffickers to sponsor children and put them into slave labor camps (Carolyn Kaster, Associated Press).

Those who trade in human flesh are certainly in favor of the continued mass migration of undocumented women and children across unenforced borders. But why would anyone else promote this in light of these dangers? Do they do so in willful disregard of the danger? Are they simply ignorant of it? Or, do they believe law enforcement can protect migrants along the way while at the same time calling for the abolition of ICE? In a very real way, the net effect of “open borders” is a conduit for the free flow of this flesh trade.

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Are they consumed by hatred...

Dear Editor:

As we all know the Democrats were taken a back by Trump winning the 2016 election. Even before he won , which they thought would never happen ,they were planning to discredit him. They devised an elaborate plan of destruction .

First they brought in Stormy Daniels, then Micheal Cohen, and Paul Manaforte. When this failed they put all their eggs in one basket, Bob Muller. They could not praise him enough saying he would get Trump.

Now the Muller report shows there was no “collusion” or obstruction, firing Comey was not obstruction, the Democrats are now focusing their hatred on Muller and Attorney General Barr.The worm has turned.

These people are supposed to be the leaders of our country . Do they not care about the American people or are they so consumed by hatred and disappointment they have forgotten their responsibilities? What about our military, health care, jobs, our homeless, infrastructure and immigration? Also, world peace. Trump has made great strides in all these areas in spite of opposition from his own party as well as the Democrats.

Is Trump, in their eyes, the only problem facing the United States? If so they all should resign and go home . Although they might find “collusion “ doing this; may be obstruction.

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM
MAY 14, 2019

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

“Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$53,983,433 which will require a mill rate of 33.46 mills, be adopted?”

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Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

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District 2 Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at twelve noon (12:00 p.m.) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

In accordance with section C8-5 of the North Branford Charter, only registered voters are eligible to vote at the Budget Referendum.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC
North Branford Town Clerk

Robert Colangelo Promoted



Robert Colangelo, a lifelong first responder, was officially sworn in Jan. 30 as the Wallingford Fire Department’s newest Battalion Chief, replacing Jim Duffy, who has retired. Colangelo’s career began in 1986 at the age of 15 with the North Branford Junior Volunteer Fire Department, Company 1. Colangelo later went on to become an EMT, MRT, firefighter and paramedic, lieutenant, and in 2005 Colangelo was appointed Deputy Chief Training Officer for the town of North Branford. In 1997, Colangelo became a career firefighter and paramedic for the town of Wallingford, where he was promoted to lieutenant before earning his current rank. He has received numerous

awards and recognitions throughout his career as a first responder including, among others, the American Red Cross 911 Response Award, Heroes of New Haven County in 2002 and Official Citations from the State of Connecticut General Assembly in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Colangelo also served after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City in 2001.

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2007 Toyota Highlander Limited	\$8,495
2008 Lexus IS 250 4DR Sport AWD	\$8,995
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2007 Toyota Highlander V6 Limited	\$9,995
2007 Lexus RX 350 AWD 4DR	\$9,995
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Rain Date :Sunday, June 2nd

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1 pm Blessing

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR								
Budget Referendum Question: "Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$53,983,433, which will require a mill rate of 33.46 mills, be adopted?"								
2016-17 ACTUAL	2017-18 ACTUAL	2018-19 BUDGET	@ 1/31/19 ACTUAL	2018-2019 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2019-2020 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2019-2020 MANAGER PROPOSED	2019-2020 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$39,411,884	\$41,260,119	\$41,599,701	\$38,889,497	\$41,040,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$43,199,561	\$42,876,841	\$42,283,146
\$346,267	\$218,139	\$204,200	\$112,539	\$203,000	FEES	\$229,200	\$229,200	\$229,200
\$313,572	\$149,640	\$85,000	\$119,836	\$130,000	OTHER TAXES	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
\$1,115,676	\$1,186,552	\$1,091,823	\$1,151,823	\$1,180,033	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,522,499	\$1,522,499	\$1,501,277
\$46,837	\$91,641	\$150,000	\$174,644	\$180,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
\$222,653	\$240,675	\$151,350	\$168,953	\$283,450	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$201,050	\$201,050	\$201,050
\$126,048	\$124,408	\$110,400	\$76,154	\$88,081	CURRENT SERVICES	\$86,725	\$86,725	\$86,725
\$133,175	\$23,521	\$154,688	\$18,748	\$148,822	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$145,303	\$145,303	\$145,303
\$8,210,129	\$7,284,891	\$7,605,127	\$3,802,564	\$7,601,032	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$7,127,311	\$7,127,311	\$7,252,311
\$347,419	\$408,417	\$89,319	\$158,950	\$160,678	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$158,978	\$158,978	\$158,978
\$47,814	\$41,178	\$31,500	\$17,873	\$48,650	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$35,500	\$35,500	\$35,500
\$154,449	\$335,661	\$32,130	\$124,691	\$147,005	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$62,170	\$62,170	\$62,170
\$0	\$0	\$499,122	\$0	\$899,122	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$651,975
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$143,455	\$66,236	\$65,017	\$35,017	\$65,017	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$63,798	\$63,798	\$63,798
<u>\$50,619,377</u>	<u>\$51,431,080</u>	<u>\$51,869,377</u>	<u>\$44,851,289</u>	<u>\$52,174,890</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$53,472,095</u>	<u>\$53,149,375</u>	<u>\$52,961,433</u>
\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$1,022,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE BOE APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>\$50,619,377</u>	<u>\$51,431,080</u>	<u>\$52,269,377</u>	<u>\$44,851,289</u>	<u>\$52,174,890</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$55,522,095</u>	<u>\$55,199,375</u>	<u>\$53,983,433</u>
\$63,097	\$65,249	\$65,834	\$56,319	\$64,594	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$65,334	\$65,334	\$65,334
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$215,304	\$217,938	\$222,611	\$123,468	\$221,882	TOWN MANAGER	\$224,884	\$224,884	\$224,884
\$372,727	\$371,810	\$339,852	\$222,532	\$331,541	FINANCE	\$344,813	\$344,813	\$344,813
\$172,681	\$160,616	\$176,531	\$90,818	\$173,606	TAX COLLECTOR	\$177,580	\$177,580	\$177,580
\$159,993	\$167,782	\$170,178	\$101,653	\$170,223	ASSESSOR	\$184,234	\$184,234	\$184,234
\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$257,401	\$256,848	\$289,026	\$172,261	\$276,395	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$293,232	\$293,232	\$293,232
\$187,291	\$188,379	\$196,550	\$107,513	\$194,408	TOWN CLERK	\$205,275	\$205,275	\$205,275
\$44,124	\$38,697	\$59,506	\$49,601	\$63,141	ELECTIONS	\$51,516	\$51,516	\$51,516
\$82,173	\$111,265	\$110,100	\$94,445	\$110,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$137,600	\$137,600	\$112,600
\$203	\$0	\$1,293	\$107	\$459	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$1,487	\$1,487	\$1,487
\$25,684	\$33,218	\$41,451	\$29,246	\$39,000	TECHNOLOGY	\$46,451	\$46,451	\$46,451
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,582,177	\$1,613,303	\$1,674,632	\$1,047,964	\$1,646,949	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,734,106	\$1,734,106	\$1,709,106
\$3,175,564	\$3,159,180	\$3,467,108	\$1,848,639	\$3,365,086	POLICE	\$3,599,779	\$3,599,779	\$3,602,472
\$642,810	\$720,281	\$760,788	\$543,779	\$761,875	FIRE	\$918,293	\$817,956	\$808,880
\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	AMBULANCE	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$150,000
\$233,101	\$236,911	\$238,452	\$238,000	\$238,452	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$253,944	\$253,944	\$253,944
\$470,381	\$477,896	\$557,329	\$302,953	\$542,967	COMMUNICATIONS	\$562,068	\$562,068	\$566,530
\$22,793	\$17,262	\$20,330	\$13,726	\$19,323	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$20,330	\$20,330	\$20,330
\$111,062	\$121,827	\$117,812	\$117,704	\$117,812	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$117,812	\$117,812	\$117,812
\$4,655,711	\$4,733,356	\$5,311,819	\$3,064,801	\$5,195,515	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$5,672,226	\$5,571,889	\$5,519,968
\$900,107	\$952,359	\$947,830	\$877,567	\$947,830	REFUSE REMOVAL	\$1,035,820	\$1,035,820	\$979,120
\$1,928,953	\$1,996,856	\$2,012,458	\$1,256,757	\$1,991,411	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,230,355	\$2,067,660	\$2,172,484
\$139,205	\$149,375	\$135,914	\$54,300	\$120,000	STREET LIGHTING	\$117,383	\$117,383	\$117,383
\$2,968,265	\$3,098,590	\$3,096,202	\$2,188,624	\$3,059,241	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,383,558	\$3,220,863	\$3,268,987
\$459,340	\$500,349	\$579,168	\$315,689	\$576,093	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$597,891	\$597,891	\$595,479
\$5,561	\$9,687	\$9,650	\$0	\$9,650	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,650	\$9,650	\$9,650
\$25,500	\$25,500	\$26,100	\$26,100	\$26,100	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
\$438	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
\$678,420	\$699,569	\$684,946	\$368,299	\$684,810	LIBRARY	\$741,646	\$740,086	\$740,190
\$1,169,259	\$1,235,105	\$1,300,864	\$710,088	\$1,297,653	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,377,687	\$1,376,127	\$1,373,819
\$115,979	\$120,397	\$124,404	\$124,404	\$124,404	HEALTH	\$130,750	\$128,750	\$128,750
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$69,500	\$68,357	\$96,647	\$38,657	\$76,117	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$113,805	\$98,423	\$98,423
\$5,965	\$5,821	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	PROBATE COURT	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$14,923	\$15,992	\$21,389	\$20,388	\$20,829	HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$24,663	\$24,663	\$24,663
\$206,367	\$210,566	\$247,440	\$183,448	\$226,350	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$274,218	\$256,836	\$256,836
\$101,373	\$100,875	\$105,148	\$56,666	\$105,148	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$107,712	\$107,712	\$107,712
\$40,222	\$42,295	\$46,314	\$22,168	\$46,314	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$46,999	\$46,499	\$46,499
\$1,355	\$1,094	\$2,713	\$906	\$1,560	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,417	\$2,417	\$2,417
\$6,659	\$12,696	\$36,605	\$18,269	\$39,205	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$53,610	\$53,610	\$37,140
\$122,310	\$131,449	\$99,748	\$78,831	\$99,427	ENGINEERING	\$102,142	\$102,142	\$102,142
\$2,971	\$3,766	\$4,057	\$3,019	\$4,107	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,107	\$4,107	\$4,107
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$770	\$0	\$1,527	\$0	\$1,176	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$131,268	\$128,674	\$141,199	\$78,554	\$141,199	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$184,329	\$144,082	\$144,082
\$406,929	\$420,849	\$437,411	\$258,413	\$438,236	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION	\$502,943	\$462,196	\$445,726
\$20,183	\$146,602	\$243,023	\$11,106	\$225,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$253,445
\$278,943	\$196,755	\$239,135	\$220,288	\$238,810	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$256,352	\$256,352	\$256,352
\$2,084,274	\$2,305,860	\$2,739,055	\$1,254,296	\$2,435,048	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,398,143	\$2,398,143	\$2,404,331
\$2,383,400	\$2,649,217	\$3,221,213	\$1,485,690	\$2,898,858	TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE & OTHER	\$2,829,495	\$2,829,495	\$2,914,128
<u>\$569,316</u>	<u>\$650,901</u>	<u>\$557,245</u>	<u>\$1,213,146</u>	<u>\$823,146</u>	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
\$13,941,425	\$14,611,888	\$15,846,826	\$10,152,174	\$15,585,948	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$15,924,232	\$15,601,511	\$15,638,570
\$30,601,906	\$30,962,422	\$31,647,175	\$16,328,381	\$31,647,175	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$32,419,225	\$32,419,225	\$32,269,225
\$0	\$0	\$705,000	\$430,000	\$390,000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,237,300	\$1,237,300	\$1,162,300
<u>\$5,763,672</u>	<u>\$4,371,129</u>	<u>\$4,070,376</u>	<u>\$3,913,131</u>	<u>\$3,982,273</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$3,891,338</u>	<u>\$3,891,338</u>	<u>\$3,891,338</u>
\$50,307,003	\$49,945,440	\$52,269,377	\$30,823,686	\$51,605,396	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$53,472,095	\$53,149,374	\$52,961,433
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$1,022,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>\$50,307,003</u>	<u>\$49,945,440</u>	<u>\$52,269,377</u>	<u>\$30,823,686</u>	<u>\$51,605,396</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$55,522,095</u>	<u>\$55,199,374</u>	<u>\$53,983,433</u>



Ed Foundation Sending Honor Society to Camp

The North Branford Education Foundation has sponsored a grant that will send the members of the High School Honor Society to camp Hazen in Cheshire. The current seniors and newly initiated junior members will participate in leadership training activities. The program will have the outgoing and incoming group to work together and gain insights as to what it means to be a National Honor Society member. Sixty students will have the opportunity thanks to the Ed Foundation.



Sacred Heart Academy
SCC Scholar Leaders

The Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) recently hosted its 26th Scholar Leader Banquet. Two students from each member school were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the classroom, in their school, on the field, and in their local communities. **Claire Lagarde '19** and **Vivian Wang '19** were selected to represent Sacred Heart Academy (Hamden) .
Left to Right: Vivian Wang '19 (North Branford), Dean of Student Activities/New Teacher Mentor Sr. Judith Musco, ASCJ, '61 (Hamden) and Claire Lagarde '19 (Milford)

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Mark DiLauro was named to the 2018-2019 LEC Winter All Academic Team as a basketball player at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH.
Marissa Bale completed her Environmental Capstone project at Bates College in Lewiston, ME.
Sabina Kovalik was named to the Honor Roll at the Independent Day School in Middlefield, CT.



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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Boys LAX Wins Back To Back Games

The North Branford boys lacrosse team won their past two games handily defeating Cromwell 12-3 and Old Saybrook 13-1. The T-Birds played well on both offense and defense scoring 25 goals while allowing only four. Pictured right shows four T-Bird defenders surrounding a Old Saybrook player trying to bring the ball into their zone. Also, Jacob Montanaro (40) and Tyler Dinapoli (4) scoring goals for the Thunderbirds.

Photos compliments of William O'Brien.

At press time the boys were 4-3, girls lacrosse was 7-0, boys baseball was 7-2 and girls softball was 6-3.



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

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.

NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 5/30

WHY WAIT ORDER TODAY!!!

Sender Name and Email
Address _____

Sender Phone # _____

Graduate's Full Name _____

Check off which grade – Senior _____ 8th Grader _____
Donation _____

Graduates Address – Street and Zip Code _____

Note to Graduate (limit 3 lines) _____

Total Balloons Ordered _____ Total Due (# of Balloons x \$5.00) _____

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North Branford Soccer Club

SPRING 2019 In-House Starts Saturday 4/27

*****CORRECTION IN FILED LOCATIONS*****

SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC

TINY FEET JR & TINY FEET SR

8 CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS 4/27-6/15

EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM

NORTHFORD PARK RT 17 BACK FIELD

IN-HOUSE PROGRAM

JUNIORS & SENIORS

8 CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS 4/27-6/15

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM

NORTHFORD PARK RT 17 BACK FIELD

7 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS 5/2-6/13

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION

THURSDAY: 5:30PM-7:30PM

JUNIORS 5:30PM-6:30PM | SENIORS 6:30PM-7:30PM

NORTHFORD PARK RT 17 BACK FIELD

North Branford Soccer Club starts it's new season on Saturday, April 27th

With the New Season Under Way We are Looking For Parents to Volunteer in the Several Open Positions to Help Carry the NBSC into the Future

Contact NBSC's President Al Johnson @ president@nbsoccer.com for volunteering opportunities

"Never Go Through Life Without Goals"

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nbsoccer> | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

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North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

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BUS TRIPS

FROZEN ON BROADWAY

When: Wednesday, June 26th
Cost: \$120
Description: Frozen is the timeless tale of two sisters, pulled apart by a mysterious secret. As one young woman struggles to find her voice and harness her powers within, the other embarks on an epic adventure to bring her family together once and for all. Come see the magic of the Disney film brought to life on stage.



ACTIVITIES

CUPCAKE & CANVAS PAINT NIGHT

Who: Ages 8 - Adult
When: May 3
Time: Friday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55 includes materials
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: A creative night out to spend with that special child in your life! In this 2 hour session, our professional artist leads class brushstroke by brushstroke to create a unique canvas painting. In addition cupcakes and bottled water are provided to indulge in. No experience necessary.

RECHARGE YOGA

Who: Ages 13+
When: April 29 – June 24 (skip 5/27)
Time: Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will use yoga poses, breathing techniques and meditation to help students build a strong flexible body while creating a platform for balanced energy throughout the day. Appropriate for all ages and levels.

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Who: Ages 13+
When: May 2 – June 20
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: Appropriate for all ages and levels. A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. All classes will be specifically designed to the students’ needs who are attending.

BALLET & TAP

Who: Ages 3 - 6
When: May 4 - June 15 (skip 5/25)
Time: Saturday, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.
Where: STW Gym
Fee: \$45
Instructor: Brittni D’Urso, Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance
Description: Learn the basic techniques and fundamentals of both ballet and tap as well as the vocabulary of each style. There will be creative movement along with learning basic skills. Wear dance-able clothing, appropriate shoes and bring water. Children learning to dance while having fun is a plus.

SAFE BOATING/PERSONAL WATERCRAFT CLASS

Who: Ages 12+
When: May 7, 9 & 14th
Time: TU, TH & TU, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$20
Instructor: DEEP
Description: A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in three evenings. With successful completion of this basic safe boating class students will be able to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, enabling them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length, including Jet Skis. State-certified instructors go over topics such as: choosing the right boat, equipment requirements, state boating laws, safety regulations, navigation rules, buoy systems, trailering, safe fueling, weather, accident prevention, special topics and much more. All students receive an official diploma and state certificate application upon successful completion of the course. Students must obtain a CT Conservation number before attending. See ct.gov/deep.

North Branford Senior Center

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

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.
Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com



Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am

Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.



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

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents
Please call by 9am

BUS TRIPS

Mohegan Sun - Wednesday, May 15, 8:00am, \$15

Enjoy a day at the casino, shopping, gambling, and eating! Receive a free \$15 bet and a \$15 food voucher. Reserve your seat today.

Stew Leonard’s Newington- Friday, May 17, 10:30, FREE

Let’s shop for some delicious deals at one of the most renowned grocery stores and then stay for a buffet lunch!

Mystic Village, Friday, June 7, Departs 10:30 a.m., \$3 res/ \$5 nr

Spend a casual day of shopping and enjoy lunch with friends. Once we are at the Village this trip is on your own. We will provide a list of eateries and stores for you to enjoy.

Aqua Turf/Celebrate Italla, Tuesday, July 16, Departs 10:30 a.m.

\$45 res / \$50 nr - Sophisticated, versatile and polished; FIRST KISS ORCHESTRA will be the perfect fit to celebrate Italia! Your meal will be salad, penne ala norm, chicken parmesan, veal & peppers, vegetables, potato and spumoni.

Norman Rockwell Museum, Friday, July 26, Departs 9:30 a.m.

\$20 res / \$25 nr- Founded in 1969 with the help of Norman and Molly Rockwell, the Norman Rockwell Museum with 998 original paintings and drawings is dedicated to the enjoyment and study of Rockwell’s work and his contributions to society, popular culture and social commentary. Lunch on your own at the museum’s Terrace Café.

CLASSES

Healthy Conversations

Who: Adults
When: Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Description: Explore healthy aging topics such as understanding body language inside and out: foods, water and digestion as we age; keeping our mind sharp, signs your loved one may need help, and more.

AAA Driving Improvement Course

Who: Drivers 50 and over
When: Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free—bring driver’s license to class
Description: Classroom instruction teaching preventative measures to use when driving. Learn how aging affects reaction time, hear tips to sharpen driving skills, review the new state laws and regulations, refine existing skills, and develop safe defensive driving techniques that save lives. *Pre-registration is required. You will be eligible for insurance discount after completion.*

Companionship & Intimacy

Who: Adults
When: Friday, May 24 , 11:00 a.m..
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: Free
Instructor: Beverly Kidder - Agency on Aging
Description: For an aging population, intimacy and companionship bring new adventures, problems and possibilities. Join us for this interactive and relevant conversation. *The first 10 registrations will receive free lunch that day!*

Community wide Tag Sale

**JUNK
IN YOUR
TRUNK**

**Saturday May 4th
9 am - 1 pm**

Rain Date May 5th

**Sell your tag sale items from
the trunk of your car!**

**Register in advance
\$10 per parking space**

**BYOT - Bring Your Own Table
To display your goods**

STW Community Center Parking Lot

**TOUCH-A-
TRUCK**

**Sunday, May 19th
11:30am-1:30pm**

Quiet Time 1-1:30pm

Come touch, climb, explore and experience the excitement of many interesting & unique vehicles!

**Dig for treasure in our
EXCAVATION STATION**

FREE ADMISSION

STW Community Center Parking Lot

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: ncchurch@snet.net. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.org.

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

Mother’s Day Weekend Flower Sale

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will have a Mother’s Day weekend flower sale to benefit the church. The flower sale will be held on Sat., May 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

All are welcome to attend Sunday worship on Mother’s Day and every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 3rd at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. CT. Doors open at 6:15 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious desserts, will be served. Entry is \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area. For tickets or more information, contact Elissa at 203-793-7180. Check us out on Facebook: Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

Community Prayer Breakfast

The Churches of North Haven are uniting together to host a Community Prayer breakfast on The National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 2, 2019 (Free of cost to everyone, the churches are sponsoring this)

We will start promptly at 7:30 am at the Best Western Hotel located at 201 Washington Ave, North Haven CT.

We look forward to the opportunity to gather together as a community to ask God’s blessings upon our great town and its dedicated leadership.

On April 7, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Ronald Reagan amended the law in 1988 designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. We are privileged to honor that tradition here in North Haven, with a non-denominational community gathering to lift you up in believing prayer that you might have strength, integrity, wisdom and Divine guidance.

PLEASE RSVP , last year we had more than were registered and we ran out of food! <http://hopeag.com/national-day-of-prayer-20191.html> or call 203-234-7328

The theme for the 2019 National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 is Love One Another. The theme comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.”

May His abundant grace and peace be yours today and everyday throughout 2019.

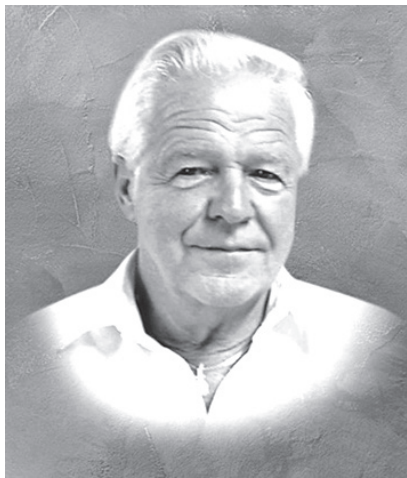
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For more information contact call (203) 234-7328 www.hopeag.com email: office@hopeag.com

See The Passion Play and 10 Day Tour

Come join St Ambrose Parish and Father Turner to see the Passion Play & European Capitals 10 day tour Sept 23, 2020 through October 2, 2020. The Passion Play in Oberammergau happens only once every ten years. This trip includes round trip airfare from New York, first class hotels, daily breakfast and 3 dinners including a special dinner at Oberammergau at the 6 hour Passion Play. This wonderful trip also includes stops in Munich Germany, Innsbruck Austria, Regensburg and Prague in the Czech Republic, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin Germany before returning to the US. Offered at \$4,548 per person, single supplement available for an extra charge.

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday May 5th at 3:30 pm in the St Augustines Parish Center in North Branford. Please call Mary and Jim Lovelace to reserve a spot for this meeting on a once in a lifetime trip from Mount Carmel Travel, at 203-481-6082.



DEATH NOTICE- William Stender,

96, departed this life peacefully in the presence of his family on April 15, 2019 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Eda (Self) Stender for 72 years. He was born in Tunbridge, VT on November 29, 1922 to the late Ernest and Emma (Linde) Stender.

Mr. Stender attended Lyman Hall High School and H.C. Wilcox Technical High School. His very first job was working for the International Silver Factory L before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during the second World War. He was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Ribbon,

European Theatre Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon. After his military service, he began a thirty-eight-year career as a machinist and later became the supervisor, overlooking the entire maintenance department with U.S. Steel until his retirement. As a previous scout himself, William became a boy scout leader, volunteering his time and giving back. He continued working as co-owner of Citgo Gas Station in Northford and was a long-time member of the Northford Congregational Church. He was a member of the VFW and was a Freemason with Compass Lodge #9 in Wallingford. He enjoyed family most and spending his summers at the family cottage on Bashan Lake where he could be found sitting around the campfire with family and friends, singing, storytelling, and blowing the trumpet. He drew the most attention each year on the 4th of July by setting off his homemade cannon for the entire lake to hear. When he was feeling daring, William liked to go fast in his bright yellow dune buggy with his bucket hat on. In his early years, William was an avid league bowler, earning multiple trophies and awards. He was fond of an array of sports, such as golf, snowmobiling, and table pool. UConn Women’s Basketball, the Yankees, and the New York Giants are just a few of his favorite sports teams. At his older age he liked to watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune with his wife every night before bed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children: Dee (Walter) Mansfield and Linda Roberto; loving grandchildren: Michele (Louis) Santoro, Kim Baldini, Jason Iannotti (Sage Vogel), and Christina Roberto and five great-granddaughters: Cassandra, Isabella, Georgia, Berlin, and Mila. He was predeceased by his only sibling, Frieda Stender Trumpold.

William will be remembered in the hearts of his family as well as many loving relatives, nieces, nephews, and friends who meant so much to him. William’s bright spirit will continue to live on in our memories forever.

His family would like to extend its thanks to the VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice for their love, care, and support.

It is suggested that contributions in his memory be directed to Masonic Compass Lodge #9, 50 N. Main St., Wallingford, CT 06492. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com.

“Brunch at the Barn”

You are invited to attend the 5th annual **Brunch at the Barn, Sunday May 19th** from 11 AM to 2PM, celebrating The Dudley Farm Museum’s first 25 years. Catered by The Marketplace at the Guilford Food Center, local farm products from some of the Dudley Farm Farmers’ Market vendors will be featured. Our silent auction will offer the bidder unique local items, and drawings will be held for floral centerpieces provided by Michael Russo of Trout Lily Farm and Janet Dudley. Come listen to The Dudley Farm String Band and enjoy a day “down on the farm.”

A tour and recognition of the barn as part of the State Register of Historic Places of the restored barn complex will follow the brunch. Seating for this special event is limited. Tickets are \$45.00 per person, and must be purchased in advance. For further information please call 203-457-0770 or email director@dudleyfarm.com.



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SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019 10-2pm

All The Kings Horses Equine Rescue is a 501c3 charity located in Northford, CT that is focused on the rescue, rehabilitation and placement of equines in need. Visitors will be able to meet about the horses that currently reside at the rescue barn. We’ll also have information on the other horses that are currently in foster and those that are looking for sponsors. Volunteers will be available to answer any questions.

Pre-order is strongly recommended as we will only have a few extra plants and donuts available for sale on May 11th.

Please see our Facebook page for the pre-order information and more details.
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Please share with your friends and family as 100% of the profits help the horses!

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VENDORS WANTED/TAG SALES

A Giant Tag & Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Spaces are available outside on the church lawn as well as a limited number of spaces inside the building (first come, first serve). \$25.00 prepaid to reserve a space. No refunds. 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. Ample free parking, handicapped accessible.
TAG SALE, DUDLEY FARM, GUILFORD APRIL 27th, 8:30 TO 2:00 RAIN DATE, MAY 4th Vender space \$20.00. call: 203-457-0770 or 203-457-0047

HELP WANTED



CDL -B License. Clean Record required. Excellent benefits. Call 203-315-3202 or email service@sanitrol.net.

Twin Lake Children’s Center is looking for an infant caregiver. Two positions are available. The first is a morning shift 7-1 and the second is an afternoon shift 12-6. If you love working with little ones, are willing to learn, and want to make a difference in the lives of children, please send your request to Carol8615@sbcglobal.net. TLCC is a smaller more personal center looking for the right person to add to a team of wonderful women.
Driver’s needed for Mother’s Day. Must have own car. Ideal for students or healthy seniors looking to make some money. Apply in person at Petals 2 Go in Central Plaza in North Branford.

North Branford Rotary to Hold Shredding Event
Saturday April 27 9-12 North Branford Town Hall

Do you need to clean out old documents on an annual basis? No matter what volume of paper or material you need destroyed, please come to the North Branford Town Hall and shred your archived files for \$10. a box. All money from this event, goes back to the town in the form of high school scholarships, Clothes for Kids, North Branford Senior Picnic, Christmas Tree Lighting event in December, our new project of a Splash Pad and many other areas of service.

If you have any questions, please email marylougargiulo@yahoo.com or call (203) 927-2030.



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10:00-12:00 Needle Arts Club. Enjoy the friendly camaraderie of your fellow artisans and join us on Wednesday mornings. Beginners welcomed! Knit, crochet, embroider, quilt; all kinds of needle craft

ATWATER
LIBRARY

MAY 8

12:45PM Movie showing of A Star is Born, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. Snacks and light refreshments will be served

SMITH
LIBRARY

MAY 9

6:15PM Understanding Medicare. Learn about your Medicare insurance health plan so you can make the best decision for your situation. Parts A, B, C, D and enrollment will be discussed

ATWATER
LIBRARY

MAY 18

9:00-2:00 Annual Book Sale. Stock up on your favorite authors for summer reading. DVDs and puzzles will also be sold

SMITH
LIBRARY

MONDAYS

4:30-5:30 KIDS! Chess Club for Kids! Whether a beginner or intermediate player, learn the strategies that will make you a better chess player. Starting April 22. Grades 2-6. Register at 203-315-6020

ATWATER
LIBRARY

FRIDAYS

10:00AM KIDS! Tots and Tunes with Miss Erin & Mrs. Debbie Friday mornings at the Smith Library. Books, songs and playtime for toddlers 18 months and up. Registration not required

SMITH
LIBRARY

APR 30

6:30PM KIDS! Fairy Garden Workshop. Bring a container to hold your garden and any small nature/fairy objects, such as moss, acorns, beads, feathers. Potting soil and small plant provided. For ages 5 & up. Register by calling 203-484-0469

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Boy Scouts Build Bridges at Notch Hill Brook Trail



Over the winter, Tommy Candelora and Zachary Abbagnaro, both of North Branford Boy Scout Troop 453, designed, built and installed two cedar and plank bridges on North Branford Land Conservation Trust's (NBLCT) Notch Hill Brook Trail. The construction of the foot bridges was approved by the Boy Scouts of America, Vincent Candelora, the Troop leader, and members of NBLCT stewardship committee for Eagle Projects.

The Eagle Project is a way for a scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his/her community

and is a requirement in order for a Boy Scout to become an Eagle Scout. According to BSA rules, the project must benefit a non-commercial organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.

The bridges were constructed to provide access over the brook in two places on Notch Hill Brook Trail, which is located at 60 Ciro Road in North Branford. NBLCT would like to thank Vinny Candelora and all of the boys who participated in these two projects. It was a great opportunity for NBLCT

to collaborate with the Boy Scouts and a fun learning experience for all. 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 NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. *Re-charge, Explore, Discover!*



Photo: From left to right are Zechariah Ford, Nathan Blythe, Zachary Abbagnaro, Tommy Candelora, Sean Boardman and Chayten Kattermann. Other boys who helped on the project were Chris Candelora, Mike Prodotti, Aricin Colberg, Andrew Selitto and Griffin Geist.

"The Natural Wonders of the Quinnipiac River"

The North Haven Land Trust presents: "The Natural Wonders of the Quinnipiac River". Wednesday May 15, 7:00 pm at the North Haven Library Community Room. Peter Picone, Wildlife Biologist will be presenting a slide show of photos taken by Mike Majesti. Mike has a love of the Quinnipiac River and its environs. He has spent many hours photographing all the wildlife along the River. You will be awed by the beauty of them. This program is both suitable for children and adults.

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April Sewer Use & Assessment Payments Due

A reminder that the second payment for sewer use and assessment for this fiscal year (if applicable) are due in April. Payments must be in or postmarked by April 30, 2019 to be considered timely. If you have any questions, please call the Tax Department at 203-484-6011.

Public Stargazing at Young's Park in Branford

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a stargazing event on Saturday April 27th 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 Mars, the Hercules star cluster and the Beehive star cluster. We will show you how to find these objects when you get home. It will be a dark night so there will be some beautiful deep sky objects to find. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.T

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



K Of C Active in the Community

A Palm Sunday fundraiser was held by the Knights of Columbus Council 6081 in conjunction with the members of St. Ambrose Parish

Our upcoming fundraisers are the Giant Flee Market/Tag Sale on Doody's field located at 465 Foxon Road, North Branford, Saturday June 1st from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

An evening event of wine tasting is being held July 18th at Seasons located at 990 Foxon Road, East Haven, tickets are \$55.00, please contact Wayne Humphrey at 203-410-3885 for additional information or tickets.

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be a representative of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees.

For more information visit the website at: <http://www.narfe.org>