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## We All Scream for Ice Cream

Owner Leigh Dwyer (center) cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Cone Corral soft serve ice cream, located in the Rte 22 Chat - N - Chew Restaurant. At the grand opening, Leigh also released a new and extensive 8 page menu. Ice cream will be served from noon to 8:00 every day.

*Pictured above is Leigh with employees, members of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, members of the Economic Development Commission and a few friends.*

## August Issue of the Totoket Times

Next Issue 8-23-19      Deadline 8-16-19

*We will resume normal publication dates and deadlines in September with Publication dates being September 6th & September 20th and the deadlines being 7 days prior to the publication date.*

## Benches Awarded from Plastic Film Recycling Program

Two benches were earned by NB from the Trex Company as part of the Plastic Film Recycling Program. These are the fourth and fifth benches NB has earned in the two and a half years of the programs existence. We have surpassed the 10,000 pound mark of plastic film collected and recycled. WOW!!!

The fourth bench was awarded, earlier this year, to Atwater Library for the six-month period from July 2018 through December 2018.

The Town's fifth bench was earned by Town Hall for the first half of 2019. They quickly donated it to the Park and Rec and Senior Center, so they will now have a bench for each of their two bocce courts.

Even though plastic shopping bags are being banned in many towns or there will now be a charge, for getting them from the store, there is still enough plastic film to make the program sustainable.

In the last six months or so, Guilford Fence has joined the program, as we have been collecting the plastic film their fencing is shipped in.

Thanks to everyone who participates in the Plastic Film Recycling Program and please continue to be diligent in placing only acceptable items in the collection bins. That will help greatly when sorting the material.

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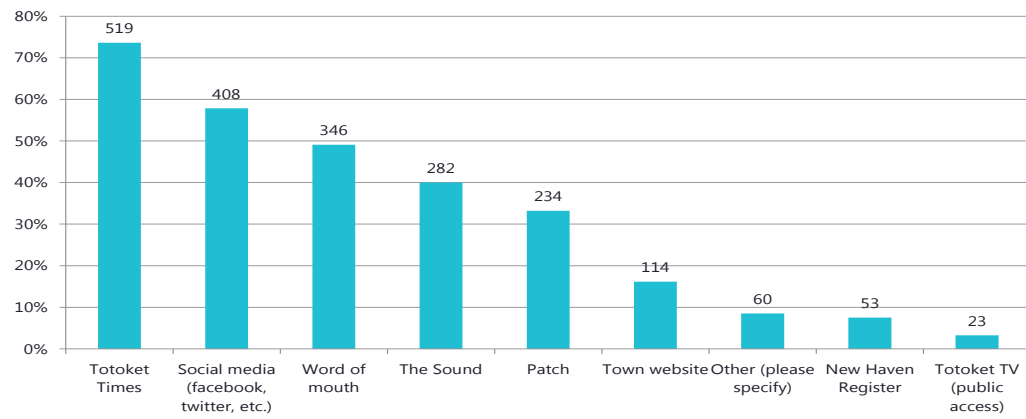
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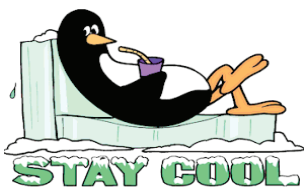
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Breaking Down the Plastic Bag Tax



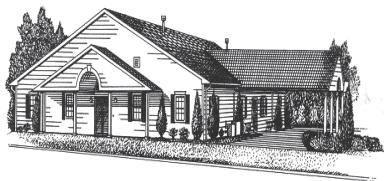
Public Acts 19-117, Section 355, which goes into effect on August 1, 2019, creates a statewide plastic bag fee of .10 cents per “single-use checkout bag” that must be collected by retailers making sales in Connecticut. The collectors of this fee include a “store” defined as any retailer who is registered for Connecticut sales tax that

sells goods directly to the public and maintains a retail location in Connecticut that provides to its customers a plastic bag with a thickness of less than four mils that is provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. These bags do not include re-useable plastic bags, bags on a continuous, perforated roll that are used to contain meat, seafood, loose produce or other unwrapped food items, newspaper bags, or laundry or dry cleaning bags. If a store charges for paper bags, they may keep those fees. Only a .10 cent fee for plastic bags is remitted to the state, and those charges will appear separately on a sales receipt. If there is no sale to the customer, the fee does not need to be collected so bags for promotional materials or unrelated to the sale are free.

The law gets confusing because on July 1, 2021, single-use plastic checkout bags are scheduled to be banned in the state; however, in addition to the tax for the next two years, municipalities may enact bans of plastic bags prior to that date. Municipalities also may enact or enforce an ordinance concerning single-use plastic checkout bags, provided the ordinance is as restrictive or more restrictive as the state legislation. In addition, municipalities may enact or enforce an ordinance concerning paper checkout bags, including, but not limited to, enabling each store to charge a fee for any such bag distributed to a customer. Any municipal that charges for a bag are subject to sales tax. If a municipality were to charge its own plastic bag fee, it would be in addition to the state plastic bag fee.

I believe the legislature should not have granted this extra authority to towns. Allowing them to ban bags in a town might not be a problem, but permitting them to create different and additional taxing schemes is cumbersome for businesses and creates a nuisance for them with little value. Legislators always fail to put themselves in the position of businesses to understand how they are impacted. Customers will likely get annoyed with a store if they cannot purchase a bag in Branford, but can do so in Guilford, or if a customer gets charged .20 cents for a plastic bag in North Branford and .10 cents for a paper bag in North Haven. The retail employees must now be equipped to explain why each town may have different laws pertaining to plastic and paper bags. The legislature should have applied this public policy universally throughout the state in consideration of the impact to

our retail market. Sadly, however, as usually, our business community was not taken into consideration. I hope, therefore, most communities will not attempt to create its own policies and allow for the ban to go into effect on a statewide basis.



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## Let's Be “Frank”

Congratulations my man. It looks like you have another tenant on your side of town. It was with great sadness that I read the news about the death of Joe DaCosta. I know you knew Joe and I know you guys are probably already talking about the rules of the game.

I worked on and off the field with Joe for many years and he was a special guy. As the umpire and chief of our Little League Board of Directors, Joe was always at Wall Field. We would meet on Saturday morning when there was inclement weather (which seemed like most Saturdays), to see if the fields were playable. As I would drag my butt out of my car, Joe would pop out of his car with his usual trifecta. His dog under his arm, a beer in the other hand and that ever present smile. He would walk the field, give me the thumbs up or down and I would call the coaches.

As the president of the league and a fellow umpire, I would attend Joe's classes for training the younger umpires. He would always tell them to respect the game, the coaches and the players. Always do your best. We all make mistakes. But most of all, know the rule book. “You can never get in trouble if you use the book. But you have to know it to use it successfully”, I can still hear his instruction. Also, always maintain your composure.

Later, I probably did more than 100 Babe Ruth, AAU and high school baseball games with Joe. He was a bit younger than me but he was my mentor on the field as my umpiring career started much later in life than his. Between innings we'd talk about positioning, the strike zone and the pain in the ass coach or parent that happened to be giving one of us grief.

I particularly remember one guy giving him a hard time from the first pitch. Joe remained quiet until he called a player safe and the coach ran out to disagree. Before he got two feet out of the dugout, Joe turned and calmly explained, “Sir, it's 95 degrees out and I have three games today. I would like to get off the field as soon as possible and you don't do that by calling guys safe. So if I called him safe, you can bet he was safe”. We never heard another word from that coach not only that game but every game we had him after that. Remember, always maintain your composure.

After your death, whenever I had a rules question I would call Joe. I had him on speed dial before speed dial was popular. He wouldn't only give me the rule but he would explain why, so I would know it for next time.

He was one of a kind. He always had the kids best interest at heart whether it was as young player or a young umpire. He didn't care what the outcome was as long as the kids were being treated fairly.

He once called me and asked me to pick a certain kid in the draft. My first question was about the talent level of this particular kid. “I'll be honest with you,” he said. “He's not that good. He's shy and quiet but he's a great kid and he loves baseball. I'm afraid if someone else picks him he'll get lost in the shuffle and he won't have a good year.”

In my younger days I was always about wins and losses, but I picked that kid as a favor to my friend. He was right. We didn't win any championship that year but at the end of the season when the young man thanked me for picking him and told me he had a great time, it made me happy that I made that decision and it was a great coaching lesson. I mentioned it to Joe every time I saw him and he would just give me that usual grin.

Joe was what youth sports should be about and more people like him are needed in this area. I learned more from him than any umpire I had the pleasure of being on the field with. On days when I was ailing, he would always “take the dish” and tell me to take a break. He always had my back on and off the field and when he told me he was taking a break as the Little League Umpire and Chief, that was the year I decided to move on and apss the torch.

Except for a few minutes running into him around town, I hadn't spent much time with Joe in the past few years and I regret that. We always talked about a reunion of the old Little League group but it never came to fruition, I regret that as well.

This world was a better place because of Joe DaCosta and your world will be better as well, my brother.

Whenever I left Joe, he would always depart with the same comment. “Take care and I'll see you on the ballfield”.

So today brother I will say to my friend Joe and to you as well, “Take care. I'll see you on the ballfield. And to Joe, “Rest in Peace my friend”.

### Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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## 13 Stars and Stripes – a Symbol of Oppression?

On 9/15/16 the Washington Post reported that a Michigan school district superintendent declared that our first flag – Betsy Ross’s 13-circular-star flag – is offensive and a symbol of exclusion and hatred, reasoning that it should be banned from football games because it was flown during times of slavery and adopted by white supremacists. Colin Kaepernick and others perpetuate this sentiment. Can we please awaken from this horrible distortion of our heritage?

Betsy Ross was a Quaker Abolitionist! Her flag was first flown in a battle at Cooch’s Bridge, Maryland on September 3, 1777. Free African Americans were among the Continental Army in these battles for independence. Yes, free African Americans supported their state’s separation from British rule. The Continental Congress integrated blacks into most of its military units. Crispus Attucks, the first to be killed at the Boston massacre, was an African American. Peter Salem, from Farmington, CT, joined his local militia and served for seven years. Free African Americans served as soldiers, guides, messengers, and even spies. Their combined man-hours were as much as 25% of the Patriots’ strength.

Jefferson’s original draft of our Declaration expressed Abolitionist motivations. He accused the British King of “[waging] *cruel war against human nature itself, violating it’s most sacred rights of life & liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating & carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither. And determined to keep open a market where MEN should be bought & sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce.*” Though this language was excised by the vote of Southern states, it reveals a distinctly non-racist mindset.

True to Jefferson’s sentiment, the northern states abolished slavery – by law in their new constitutions – within two decades of the Revolution’s end. By 1810, 75% of all African Americans in the North were free and by 1840, virtually all were free. Those who voted for this emancipation were all white Christian men!

Our Stars and Stripes is a symbol of the freedoms these people sought. It is distinctly NOT a symbol of the slavery and oppression that our Declaration, Constitution and Bill of Rights eradicated. The principals of the Stars and Stripes are those that ended slavery, emancipated blacks and women and continues to this day to put a stop to discrimination and the oppression of minorities.

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## DTC Submits Candidates for Election

Democratic Town Committee Chairperson Marcey Onofrio has submitted the democratic nominees for the 2019 Municipal election.

The democrats are currently the minority part holding three of the 9 seats. Incumbents Joseph Faughnan and Marie Diamond will seek re-election as George Miller has decided not to run. Other nominees will be former councilor Dan Armin, Brenda Schuler, Joseph Martin and former Board of Education Chairman Lou Paternoster.

For the BOE they have endorsed Vincent J. Mase Sr, and Jana Balsamo, present BOE members and Robert Mullins.

## NORTH BRANFORD GOP ENDORSES 2019 SLATE

### *Town Council and Board of Education selected*

NORTH BRANFORD – The North Branford Republican Town Committee met this past week, endorsing candidates to run in this year’s municipal election. Republicans currently hold the maximum majority on the Town Council allowed by the Charter by 6-3. Four Republican incumbents will seek re-election, and two new candidates will be on the ballot.

The Town Committee endorsed incumbents Michael Doody, Rose Angeloni, Tom Zampano, and Bob Viglione for a return to the Town Council, and two new candidates – Ron Pelliccia and Walter Goad to join them. Incumbent Councilors Al Rose and Anthony Candelora chose not to run for reelection this year. The Committee also endorsed incumbent Board of Education member Cynthia Rice for reelection.

“We have a great team of seasoned incumbents as well as some excellent new candidates this year,” said Republican Town Committee Chairman Michael Downes. “Our team will continue working hard to hold the line on taxes, ensure our school system has the resources it needs, and keep North Branford a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

The municipal election will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Many of my clients have what I would call an “If I die” attitude (at least in the beginning of our relationship). They plan or don’t plan based on the fact that they “might” die (that’s where the “if” comes in). The conversation typically goes something like this: “Well, if I die I would like my house to go to my daughter.” I chuckle a little bit and usually say something like, “If you die... Oh, you are going to die!!”

In a way we are no different than a carton of milk in that we all have an “expiration date.” Ironically, many people plan more for the expiring carton of milk than for their own expiration date. I have a few clients who honestly believe they are not going to die at all. They seem to be quite rational in all other ways but on the question of death they are swimming in denial. My question to them usually is “If you are immortal, why have you chosen New Haven county to live... forever?”

Death should not be dealt with as a distant abstract possibility, a dark horse candidate or a long shot. Your estate plan should reflect what happens when you die, not if you die.

So... what happens if you like swimming in denial and you don’t make a plan? Fear not, the State of Connecticut has a plan for you. Because you left no direction, the State’s intestacy laws will dictate where your assets go; and your assets may not go to who you think they would.

Assuming that you do not want the State of Connecticut to do the planning for you, a properly drafted Last Will and Testament or a Trust will ensure that your final wishes (regarding what happens to all of your stuff) are honored. It is important to acknowledge that you have a finite amount of time in this world and to plan accordingly.

A well-crafted estate plan contemplates more than you dying. It also contemplates what happens if you don’t die and are just incapacitated. In the absence of a plan, it becomes very costly and time consuming to gain the legal power to help someone who is incapacitated. However, a well-prepared estate plan plans for these events, which makes it easier and more cost effective for all.

Looking for a way to get started? Call our office and set up a no cost consultation. You can come in for an hour and we can help you get started. Please call my office (203) 234-7400 to schedule your appointment!

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## *Some Say North Branford Is not a Rural Community*

In January, at the urging of the State Director of Rural Development for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, North Branford Economic Development Coordinator Roger Salway applied for a State Grant. The grant was a \$14,300 grant which would match funds invested by the Town, to build agri-tourism in our rural community.

As Mr. Salway explained, “one of our goals is to attract visitors to our farm stands through a program to build a pollinator pathway by organizing a sunflower seed planting project which has attractant interest along Central Connecticut Corridor.” In addition, the grant included funding for producing and distributing a destination North Branford video which focuses on our rural community. 50.9% of the total land in North Branford is Open spaces, including more than 40 active farms.

With further suggestion from the District Director, Mr. Salway spent 3 days with the help of an intern and time taken by town Manager Mike Paulhus to fill out a dozen forms for this application.

On July 5th, the town was send a letter of “Not Selected”. The letter explained that the “Rural Business Development Grant funds must be used for projects benefitting rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more.” It was determined that North Branford is not an eligible area making the application ineligible. Apparently North Branford is too close to New Haven, indicating it is not a rural community.

In an attempt to get clarification, The Totoket Times called and received a voice message and a website to visit, explaining why we do not qualify. This is still under investigation and Mr. Salway is continuing to attempt to change this and the Times will continue to investigate it to see if this can have any effect on future grant applications.



Lauren Munro is Moving On

After more than 20 years with our town’s Parks & Recreation & Senior Center, Lauren Munro is starting a new phase in her life. Although excited about her future. Following the resignation of two members of her commis-sion, Lauren resigned from her position as she felt that other comissioners were acting inappropriately as well as council/commission liaison. She didn’t feel she could do her job to the ability that was required. A followup investigation by the town came to the “conclusion there was insufficient evidence of inappropriate behavior in meetings and outside of meetings”.

Lauren leaves her position as Recreation Director with some sadness. “It was a pleasure doing a job which I never really viewed as a job. I wanted to give the best we could to the residents of this town. In doing so, I think I gave it my utmost attention, dedication and committment. My position was rewarding as I watched the Department grow and expand during my tenure and I was proud of what we accomplished,” Lauren explained.

“There is not enough time or space to thank everyone who touched my life/heart over the past years. I owe thanks to so many including: my staff, my commission, the many festival supervisors and volunteers, Public Works Director Fran Merola, Other Town Departments, all our senior family at the community center and all who participated in all we provided.”

Howevrn, Lauren will just be going across town and staying involved in the community as she will be the North Branford Intermediate School Student Success Liason. Her duties will involve the following:

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- Maintain communication with teaching staff regarding student academic and social/emotional progress of students in the school’s Open Choice Program;
- Perform administrative tasks (e.g. student hall, lunch/bus duties, etc.) as determined by the administration;
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“The North Branford Public School System is thrilled to have someone with her broad experience and passion for working with people,” explained Superintendent of schools Scott Schoonmaker. “It will make her a great fit for our school population”.

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ATWATER  
LIBRARY

How to Pay for College. Couldn't make it to our July session? Finance professionals from Valark Financial Services return to Atwater to provide information on how to approach the college payment process

AUG 29

1:00PM  
ATWATER  
LIBRARY

Pat's Picks Movie Club. Atwater's film club, presented by Patricia Cochrane, kicks off the season with a showing of, Tea with Mussolini, a 1999 Anglo-Italian Film. Snacks and drinks provided!

AUG 9

9:30AM  
ATWATER  
11:00AM  
SMITH

KIDS! Bubbleology. See science in action! Learn about the physical properties of bubbles then create your own and watch them float away! For kindergarten and up

AUG 12

4:00PM  
SMITH  
LIBRARY

KIDS! Make & Take STEAM Lab: science-based projects. Come explore the physics of energy, friction and forces by making your own Lego fidget spinner. Please bring your own Legos

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10:30 M, TH  
4:30 WED  
ATWATER  
LIBRARY

KIDS! WeeRock Toddler Time. Join Miss Donna for a playful 30-minute session of music and movement, fingerplays, songs and stories! For ages 6 months-5 years. No registration

TUESDAYS

10:15AM  
SMITH  
LIBRARY

KIDS! Tots and Tunes with Mrs Debbie and Miss Erin. Books, songs and playtime for toddlers 18 months and up. No registration





### NBFD Participates in Local Heroes Day at Atwater Library

Members of the North Branford Fire Department visited Atwater Library for the Local Heroes Day Children’s event recently. The children learned about fire safety inside and then went outside where they toured fire apparatus, explored an ambulance and got to spray water like firefighters through a fire hose. The North Branford Police Department joined in the event and gave tours of a police cruiser.

Photo by Richard Castiglione

### NEWS RELEASE

### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A one day program of freshman orientation, **THE FRESHMAN CONNECTION**, will be held on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-noon. All activities are held at North Branford High School. This important program is intended to better acquaint your son/daughter with the many opportunities at the high school, to provide necessary information about the start of the school year, to promote class unity, and to help your child make a successful transition to the high school. **We urge you to have your child attend; there is no cost to you.** For those students participating, we plan to distribute schedules. Those students unable to attend will receive their schedules the first day of school.

In addition, we are offering a parent orientation from 11:00-11:30 where parents are invited to join school staff as they review relevant school policies, discuss various support systems in place, and participate in a questions and answers session. Parents are invited to join their son/daughter immediately after for lunch.

#### Tentative Schedule:

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**AUDITORIUM LOBBY AREA**

8:45 a.m. Check in- Lobby of auditorium.

#### AUDITORIUM

9:00-9:30	Welcome/School Promotional Video
9:40-10:15	NBHS Student Panel- Discuss various areas of school life, opportunity for questions
10:20-11:20	Meet with student mentors, distribution of schedules with room numbers/teachers, tour school & assistance with high school layout, PBIS and bullying prevention
11:00-11:30	<i>Parent Orientation- review of pertinent school policies, support staff, communication. In auditorium</i>
11:30-noon	Lunch- Hamburgers/Beverages provided for Students AND Parents Pick-up at the Auditorium entrance area

All parents/guardians of incoming freshman students will be mailed additional information.

### Sabrina Kovalik Gets Honors

MIDDLEFIELD, CT – The Independent Day School in Middlefield is proud to recognize eighth grader Sabina Kovalik of North Branford for achieving honor roll status in the third trimester of the 2018-19 academic year.

The Independent Day School is a coeducational private school for students in preschool, elementary and middle school. Located on 33 acres, IDS provides families of diverse racial, religious and social backgrounds from over 25 surrounding communities with a challenging curriculum in a warm, supportive environment.

### THEY MAKE US PROUD

Marisssa Bale graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, ME with a degree in Environmental Studies.

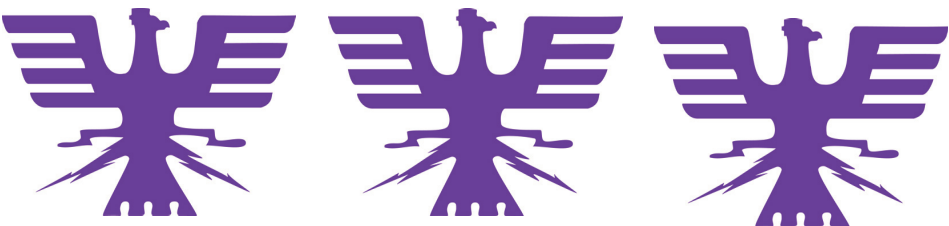
Stephanie Hogan was inducted into Kappa Mu Epsilon at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Sarah Calamita was named to the Dean’s List atLoyola University in Maryland.

### North Branford Public Schools

Confidential records of former students who received Special Education services from North Branford Public Schools who have a birth date between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1991, will have their confidential records destroyed on August 30th, 2019.

Former students who wish to pick up these records may contact the Special Services Office at 203-484-1230, to make arrangements, before August 15, 2019. Destruction of these records is permitted in accordance with Section 7-109, of the Conencticut General Statutes.



**NORTH BRANFORD**  
**BARBERSHOP**

**HAIR CUTS**  
MEN \$12.00  
SENIOR & KIDS UNDER 10 \$10.00

TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30  
THUR. 8:30 - 5:30. FRI. 8:30-5:30  
SAT. 8:30-3:30 CLOSED SUN. & MON.

~ WALK-INS ONLY ~

OWNER- ROBERT VIGLIONE  
1179 FOXON RD, NORTH BRANFORD | (203) 484-6789

**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

**Openings currently available.**

1680 Foxon Road (Rt. 80)  
North Branford, CT  
203-481-3909  
[www.weecarenb.com](http://www.weecarenb.com)



## Knights of Columbus Council 6801



### Mets vs Nationals

Sunday August 11, 2019.

Leaving at 10:30am, game starts at 1:10pm.

Tickets are \$72.00, included is bus transportation.

For tickets or questions please call:

Wayne – 203-410-3885 or Damian – 203-215-7699

## It's Tee Time at Twin Lakes

Twin Lakes Golf Course might be the best kept secret in town. The nine hole course surrounded by 44 condominium units is in jeopardy of ending its game.

Presently the residents are keeping the place open while they are trying to lease the course. The course which was built prior to the condos must remain a golf course or some type of open space. The nine hole links has been around for fifty years and it has been a great place for up and coming golfers as well as golfers in need of a "short game" tune up. Golfers from five to one hundred have enjoyed this pleasant setting nestled in a rural community to either learn or improve their game..



The course is open seven days a week from 9:00am to 6:00pm and golfers who wish to get an earlier start, or finish out their day after hours are welcome to use the honor system box to pay their greens fees.

The Association is looking for an operator to lease the course so they can keep this hidden jewel in operation for years to come as it continues to be a valuable asset to the community.

Lease inquiries should be made to Property Manager,

Doug Newman, CPE Property Management Solutions at 203-295-7701.

Until then, enjoy the summer and enjoy this gorgeous recreational facility.



**WANT TO SHARPEN UP YOUR  
SHORT GAME?**

**GIVE TWIN LAKES 9 HOLE GOLF  
COURSE A TRY**

**241 TWIN LAKES ROAD**

**NORTH BRANFORD**

**Greens Fee is \$10.00 every day**

**and \$5.00 for children under 12.**

## North Branford Youth Field Hockey Camp



*For all girls in  
grades 3 through 8!*  
Have fun at this 5 day  
field hockey camp at  
North Branford High  
School

On August 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:15 to 7:15pm!

Cost is \$ 100 for 5 days or \$ 20 per night  
*Make checks payable to NB Field Hockey and send  
with permission/waiver form to:*

Amy Norton, 7 Fawn Meadow Lane, North Branford  
06471

**Sticks will be provided. *Shin guards and  
molded mouth guards are mandatory.***

**Tee shirts for all participants who register by  
August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Coach Babby Nuhn 203- 484-1465

or Amy Norton 203-214-9198

[bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org)

or [amynorton7@comcast.net](mailto:amynorton7@comcast.net)

## NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

The North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducting five former exceptional athletes as well as one coach and one team, on Sunday, August 18th from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm at WoodWinds in Branford.

The five outstanding athletes are: Gary Potter (1969), Kathy Halligan (1983), Tricia GaNun (1993), Robbie Lasko (2005) and Kellie Walker (2010). Coach John McGuirk will be honored for his contributions to the North Branford High School softball program and the 2003 Boys Soccer Team which was the first to win both the Shoreline Conference and Class "M" titles while compiling a record of 21 wins, no losses and 1 tie.

The form for reservations can be obtained by contacting Chris Webster via e-mail at: [cwebster@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:cwebster@northbranfordschools.org).



## Connecticut Sportsplex

### LASER TAG

### "BATTLE ROYALE TOURNAMENT"

**AUGUST 14**

**Cash Prizes for Top 3 Players**

**\$25.00 per person!!**

Registration Opens at 6pm and Closes at 6:45pm

**Tournament begins at 7pm**

**COME PLAY AND MAYBE WIN SOME MONEY!**

For more information

Call 203-484-4383 or visit [www.ctsportsplex.com](http://www.ctsportsplex.com)



## Registration at the race is Welcome



**CP CROSSPOINT**  
Federal Credit Union

**& the PoCo Festival present  
2019 Floyd's 5K**

**Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019**

**1m Tator Trot Fun Run (12 & under) 9:00 a.m.**

**5k Cross Country Race 9:30 a.m.**

**5k Fitness Walk 9:30 a.m.**

**Register before Aug. 1 for discount rates:**

**5k run & walk \$25 ~ Fun Run \$15**

**For information, visit nbpotatofest.com  
Register online at runsignup.com/floyds5K  
203-484-6017**



## Taking Carre of your Sunflowers

Many of you have joined us in planting sunflowers. We wanted to extend a little ongoing advice in caring for them.

If your sunflowers are planted closer together than 1 foot apart, they will probably not grow as tall. Sunflowers grow best when they don't have competition for nutrients and space.

Mother Nature has been kind to us with all this rain. If it gets hot and dry, the plants will need a deep watering every few days. If you planted your sunflowers in a pot, they will need more water than those seeded directly in the ground. If possible, mulch your sunflowers to keep the soil moist. The mulch should not touch the stem to prevent rot.

It is a good idea to fertilize during the season, but they don't need very much. Any flower fertilizer will do, just read the package to see how much and how to apply. Too much fertilizer or not enough sun might create weak stems.

If the area where the sunflowers are is windy, it could be a good idea to stake them. The seed heads can get very heavy. When tying the sunflowers to a stake, keep the string a little loose to allow for the stalk to grow. The stalk of the large sunflowers can become the size of your wrist. If your sunflowers have already leaned over, don't try to straighten them too much or you will weaken the stem.

I have noticed that the Japanese beetles like sunflower leaves. Unless they eat all the leaves or the flower head, the plant should be fine. I don't have any good advice against other critters.

The varieties of our sunflowers are: Dwarf Sunflower- Sunspot, tall Sunflower - Mammoth Gray Stripe.

We will be posting photos of growing sunflowers on our web page at destinationnorthbranford.com and there will be a photo exhibition in the fall. So take plenty of pictures along the way.

*Information submitted by Lorin Liesenfelt*



# Don't miss the North Branford Potato & Corn Festival this weekend!

**Check out these new additions:**

**NEW Carnival Rides by Fiesta Shows, Kid Crafters, Non-Profit night, Kent Family Circus**



Returning favorites include family fun contests & games, entertainment all weekend, petting zoo, free shuttles, Floyd's 5K, the car & motorcycle show, food, craft & business vendors, fireworks, and more!



**Friday, Aug. 2: 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 4: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**[www.nbpotatofest.com](http://www.nbpotatofest.com)**





# North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford  
www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017  
Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation



## SAIL AWAY ARGIA Monday, August 12th

Cost: \$110 resident / \$115 non-resident



Board the 81 foot Schooner Argia for a narrated sightseeing cruise. You will hear about the rich maritime history of the area. After the cruise enjoy lunch at Steak Loft then have some time on your own in Olde Mistick Village. Please give your meal choice at time of registration.

### ACTIVITIES

#### KIDS HULA HOOP STAR

**Who:** Ages 6 - 12  
**When:** August 5 - August 25  
**Time:** Monday, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$60 res / \$65 non-res (*Hoops are provided*)  
**Instructor:** Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla  
**Description:** Join Kailey for an exciting hula hoop class! We will explore the world of hooping through play and movement. Learn how to hoop, play interactive games, and have fun. This class will foster creativity, improve balance, social skills, motor skills, and coordination.

#### ADULT HOOP DANCE FIT

**Who:** Ages 13+  
**When:** August 5 - August 25  
**Time:** Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$60 res / \$65 non-res (*Hoops are provided*)  
**Instructor:** Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla  
**Description:** Hoop dance is a fun low impact, total body workout and anyone can do it! Not to mention you burn 7 calories per minute. We will focus on the basics of hula hooping through mix of fitness and dance. No experience is needed.

#### SELF DEFENSE TRAINING - KRAV KEMPO-JITSU

Students will be taught modern self-defense techniques and will work fun fitness and coordination drills in this well rounded martial arts program of Krav Kempo Jitsu. Classes are professionally taught in a friendly environment and strive to instill respect and determination.

PRE SCHOOL KKI	CHILD KKI	YOUTH KKI
<b>Who:</b> Ages 3-4	<b>Who:</b> Ages 5 - 6	<b>Who:</b> Ages 7 - 12
<b>When:</b> August 15 - Sept 5	<b>When:</b> August 10 - August 31	<b>When:</b> August 10 - August 31
<b>Time:</b> Thurs. 3:00 - 3:30	<b>Time:</b> Saturday 12:30 - 1:00	<b>Time:</b> Saturday 10:50 - 11:30
<b>Fee:</b> \$45 res	<b>Fee:</b> \$45 res	<b>Fee:</b> \$45 res

#### BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a style of martial arts that focuses on grappling and ground fighting. Students will learn this style in a safe and supportive environment which fosters respect for self and others. Brazilian JiuJitsu is not solely a martial art, it is also a sport; a method for promoting physical fitness, building character, and a way of life.

YOUTH BRAZILIAN JIUJITSU	ADULT BRAZILIAN JIUJITSU
<b>When:</b> August 14 - September 4	<b>Who:</b> Ages 16+
<b>Who:</b> Ages 7 - 9	<b>When:</b> August 13 - September 5
<b>Time:</b> Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:10	<b>Time:</b> Tuesday, 8:05 - 9:15
<b>Who:</b> Ages 10 - 15	<b>OR</b> Thursday, 7:00 - 8:15
<b>Time:</b> Wednesday, 5:10 - 5:50	<b>Fee:</b> \$45 res
<b>Fee:</b> \$45 res	

#### T'AI CHI CH'UAN - QIGONG

**Who:** Ages 18+  
**When:** August 27 - October 15  
**Time:** Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$70 res / \$75 non-res (*Hoops are provided*)  
**Instructor:** Richard Dicine  
**Description:** Bring balance and harmony to your life while you strengthen your body in this traditional T'ai Chi Ch'uan class. Taught by an instructor with 30 years of martial arts experience and a Gold Medal Winner of the T'ai Chi Ch'uan nationals. Students practice relaxation, balance and flexibility while learning to understand the body/mind relationship.

### North Branford Senior Center

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

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



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

**Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Pirate Adventure Cruise/Lenny and Joe's, Wednesday, August 7, Departs 8 :15 a.m. \$35 res / \$40 nr**

Hop on board The Essex Steam Train as it heads to Deep River Landing to Meet the riverboat, Becky Thatcher. The commander of the “ship” Captain Molly Bones - known as the gem of the high seas - will take you on a fully immersive, one-of-a-kind Treasure Hunt on the Connecticut River! We will then head to Lenny and Joe's for lunch on your own.

**Aqua Turf/Song, Dance & Romance, August 13, Departs 10:30 a.m. \$45 res / \$50 nr**

- A musical journey of great songs all designed with the dancing romantic in mind! Richie and hos entourage will bring the songs from yester-year as well as favorites from today. Your meal will be salad. Pasta ala Norma, chicken Kathryn, sliced roast pork loin, vegetable, potato and dessert.

**Harkness Park & Lunch, Frlday, September 6, Departs 10:30 a.m. FREE**

Enjoy the panoramic views of Long Island Sound, the sweeping lawns, the stately trees and spectacular gardens set on over 230 seaside acres. Includes a stop at the fabulous Captain Scott's Lobster Dock for lunch on your own.

### ACTIVITIES

**Dollar Tree, Monday, August 5, 12:30pm, FREE**

Get your dollar items at the Dollar Tree in North Haven!

**Ice Cream at the Cone Corral, Wednesday, August 7, 12:30pm**

Let's check out the new Cone Corral at Chat n' Chew for a cool treat with friends!

**Summertime Supper Club, Thursday, August 8, 4:30pm**

Enjoy dinner on your own at Rossitto's in Branford and the company of friends! A special menu has been prepared by Chef Lou. Kindly sign up by Tuesday, August 6th as we must make a reservation.

**Walmart in Branford, Friday, August 9, 12:30pm, FREE**

Catch a ride on the van to the Branford Walmart for some general shopping!

**ABC Senlor Services, Monday, August 12, 10:30am**

Join Linda Craig from ABC Senior Services for an informational session on aging in place.

**\*NEW\* - Open Bocce!**

On the second and fourth Tuesday (8/13 & 8/27) at 10:30am. Let's check out our new Bocce courts!

**Healthy Conversations, Wednesday, August 21, 1:00pm, FREE**

Men and women are invited to join the East Shore Nurse Educators as they facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics.



## FALL/WINTER 2019 BROCHURE

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY GET YOUR BUSINESS SEEN BY THOUSANDS!

Our brochure gets mailed to **5,500** homes and businesses in North Branford and Northford with additional copies to be distributed to the Town Hall, our public libraries and more. We also display the brochure on our website, so your ad would be included on our site for 6 months! If you are interested, please get back to me as soon as possible, as we are presently working on the layout.

**ADS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 12, 2019**

Please submit to Jess Cave  
[recreationsecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:recreationsecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com)

## SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 21st, 12:00 noon

STW Community Center

For those 55 and over, join us for a luncheon to say **THANK YOU** for all you do and bring to our community. Enjoy a delicious meal with friends and entertainment.

This event fills quickly

**Please register by Wednesday, August 14th**



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

**Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). 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 now through August at 9:00am. 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.

### Ice Cream Social at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, continues to celebrate summer with their final Ice Cream Socials. Come join us to make your own sundaes and visit with friends. We have many, many flavors of ice cream, and an enormous variety of toppings.

Wednesday August 21. 6 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Any questions please call Nan Monde at 203-710-70.

### Evergreen Woods Annual Holiday Fair

Evergreen Woods will hold their 25th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9am to 2pm. This fair is one of the most popular fairs on the shoreline, featuring works of aspiring artists and local craftsmen. It is a great place to do all your holiday shopping. All proceeds this year from the vendor registration fees, raffles, food court, cookie walk and white elephant sale will go to Colin's Crew and The Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet! Evergreen Woods is located at 88 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. If you are an interested vendor please contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 483.3231 or email [jmartinelli@evergreen-woods.com](mailto:jmartinelli@evergreen-woods.com)

**Send Church notices to  
[totokettimes@comcast.net](mailto:totokettimes@comcast.net)**

## Northford Congregational Church Activities

### COLLECTION TO HELP RE-SETTLE MIGRANT CHILDREN

Northford Congregational Church has connected with an organization in New York that helps children who have come through the admission process at our border. There is an immediate need for twin bed sheet sets and for towels (new or very gently used only). We will be collecting these items through August 11 and then sending them along. You can drop off donations at the church during our Community Workshop, every Thursday from 4 - 6 pm. or Sunday morning from 9 am - 11:30 am. Contact Nancy Tipping for questions or pick up of items at other times. E-mail Nancy at [nancy.tipping@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.tipping@gmail.com).

### SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY AT OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," invites everyone to stop in at either the Edward Smith or Atwater Library and write a short message of thanks and support to the 643rd CT National Guard Company we have adopted. So far our church has sent two boxes of letters to the soldiers and twenty-eight handmade blankets to the children they have left behind. We will be sending the cards collected at the libraries at the end of the summer. If you sew, knit, crochet or quilt, and want to send a blanket to a child left behind, you can leave them at the church during our Community Workshop, every Thursday from 4 - 6 pm or Sunday morning from 9 am - 11:30 am.

### FOOD AND FIREWOOD BOX

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," has put a food box and a firewood stand in front of the church to help people in need. Non-perishable food is in the food box and firewood is on racks in the stand. 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: [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Like us on Facebook.

## DEATH NOTICES



**Doris Fair Olovson, 84**, of North Branford, beloved wife of the late Carl O. Olovson, died on July 18, 2019 at Branford Hospice. Doris was born in New Haven on February 4, 1935, daughter of the late Charles E. Fair and Mary C. Fair. She was raised in North Branford and was a 1953 Branford High School graduate. She briefly worked for Liberty Mutual after graduating. Carl and Doris were married in 1957 and had 6 children. She was a member of the North Branford Garden Club and in later years, was employed as a floral designer. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching, bowling and trips to the casino. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. Doris is survived by 5 children, Gayle McKernan, Erik Olovson, Kristen Smith (Richard), Mark Olovson, all of North Branford and Todd Olovson (Denise) of Manzanola, CO. Also, 13 grandchildren, Kevin McKernan, Kelly Beem (Dan), and Kasey Cappiello (Ralph), Kendra Wells (Ian), Kyle Olovson and Nicholas Olovson, Kirsten and Cameron Smith, Austin, Ariel, Cadence and Hayleigh Olovson and Kaiya Olovson. Doris also has 3 great grandchildren, Emma Wells, Harper Cappiello and August Beem. "Aunt Doris" to nieces and nephew, Linda Packard, Kathy Galuski (Ed), Tracy Merola (Fran), Susan Campbell (Brian) and Thomas Fair, nieces and nephew Jennifer and Jason Olovson and Laura Bergeron. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Olovson, her son, Paul Olovson, her great grandson, Nolan Cappiello and her brother, Thomas Fair. A special Thank You to Joan DeFelippo, care giver extraordinaire and everyone at Branford Hospice for taking such wonderful care of Doris.

Donations can be made to The Connecticut Hospice, Inc, Homeport Cove, 100 Double Beach Rd, Branford CT 06405-4906 or [www.hospice.com/donations](http://www.hospice.com/donations).



**Jeanne H. Bright-Panczak**, age 89, passed away on July 3, 2019 at Connecticut Hospice surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert E. Bright and Edward J. Panczak. Jeanne was born in Hartford, Connecticut on December 5, 1929 to the late Orrell Gerald Hodge and Lillian Frances Hodge. Jeanne was employed by SNET and was President of Wallingford Printing. She was a founding member and President of the North Branford Women's Club and North Branford Scholarship Association, as well as a member of the Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club and an active member of Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford. She enjoyed spending winters at The Villages in Florida. Jeanne liked golf, bowling, dancing, playing bridge and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her six children, Lynn (Mac) Plant of North Branford, Janet (Claus) Krogler of Germany, Deborah (Kyle) Stevens of Germany, Thomas (Jennifer) Bright of Guilford, Edward Panczak, Jr. (Lorey) of Guilford, Robert Panczak of Branford, thirteen grandchildren, Ryan Rauscher, Melanie Rauscher, Robert Zizza, Gregory Zizza, Christopher (Lauren) Zizza, Merrill Plant, Robert Bright, James Bright, Brendan (Stacy) O'Neill, Brianna (Steve) Cataldo, Michael (Catherine) O'Neill, Joshua Panczak and Sydney Panczak and six great-grandchildren She was the sister of the late Arthur Hodge and survived by her sister Connie Kiley of Florida. Jeanne is predeceased by one daughter, Barbara Jeanne Bright.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 19th at 10:30am Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road.. Interment to follow at Branford Center Cemetery, Branford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. To leave an online condolence or tribute, please visit [www.keenanfuneralhome.com](http://www.keenanfuneralhome.com)



## Children and Smoke Alarms

Sleeping children don’t always awake when a smoke alarm activates. Children, ages 6 thru 10 seem to be most affected. While these dramatic facts are worrisome, we shouldn’t allow them to obscure the fact that smoke alarms are highly effective at reducing fire deaths and injuries. Roughly 70% of deaths occur from fires in homes without smoke alarms or disabled smoke alarms.

Think about how heavily you or your children sleep. As loud as smoke alarms can be, sometimes children sleep through it. Research has shown that some children don’t wake up from the loud beep of a typical smoke alarm.

There are many new types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on the market today. Some of the new features include:

- Personalized Instructions, which allows you to record customized escape instructions
- Fire Drill Feature, which allows a time delay to simulate an actual fire alarm
- Loud 85 decibel outputs
- 10 year batteries

There have been many advances over the last 10 years in home smoke alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are electrical devices and the do have a life limit. It’s a good idea to replace your detectors every 10 years. We also want to emphasize the need to continue planning and practicing home fire escape plans and to insure everyone in your home can be awakened by the sound of the smoke alarm. We will continue to reinforce the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan during which the smoke alarm is activated so all family members know its sound.

## Sleepover fire safety for kids

Is your child safe staying overnight at a friend’s home?

Think upset tummies and lack of sleep are the biggest risks when your child is spending the night at his or her friend’s house? Before you permit your child to sleep over with a friend, talk to the child’s parents. Depending on what you learn, it can either uncover serious fire dangers or give you peace of mind during your child’s sleepover.

8 out of 10 fire deaths take place in the home, with the majority of home fire deaths occurring late at night. “If you don’t know for certain that the friend’s home is equipped with working smoke alarms, and that the sleepover will be supervised by an adult, don’t take the risk; reverse the invitation and have the sleepover at your own home.

Teach children about the importance of fire escape planning in a positive, non-threatening style. Ideally, your child is already well versed in home fire escape planning and drills in your own home. Before you permit a sleepover at a friend’s, discuss the importance of knowing how to escape from a fire wherever you are, including friends’ homes. Have your children ask friends and their parents about fire safety in their home, and to report to you anything that makes them feel unsafe.

And when it’s your turn to have other children stay overnight in your home, make sure they know what your home’s fire escape plan is.

**NBFD has a limited supply of new battery operated Smoke detectors. If you don’t have a working alarm, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or [deputyfire-marshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfire-marshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)**

## PIZZA SOIRÉE at DUDLEY FARM

August 11, 6pm-8pm

PMHU and The Dudley Farm Museum present a preview of their anticipated upcoming summer festival, Shoreline ChamberFest. The new 4-day Festival of Music and Food, slated for June 2020, will present the world’s finest in chamber, jazz, and folk music amidst the rustic charm and 300-year-old history of one of New England’s most beloved farms. This summer’s “preview concert” on Sunday, August 11th, catered by Frank Andrews Mobile Kitchen pizza truck and the Gold-Medal Winners of the Great American Brew Festival - Melvin Brewing, will feature the internationally-acclaimed Co-Directors of PMHU, violist Molly Carr and cellist Andrew Janss, alongside PMHU’s roster of musicians from the Juilliard School, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, performing Antonin Dvorak’s iconic “American” Quintet. All proceeds directly subsidize Project: Music Heals Us’ regular programming in local nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, homeless shelters, and prisons. PMHU presents interactive classical music performances to diverse audiences by artists of the highest caliber in order to provide encouragement, education and healing, with a focus on elderly, disabled, rehabilitating, incarcerated and homeless populations. Tickets are \$35 pp and available on-line: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4294738>

For more information please visit [www.pmhu.org](http://www.pmhu.org) or email [projectmusichealsus@gmail.com](mailto:projectmusichealsus@gmail.com).

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**Part-time Library Assistant – North Branford, CT.** The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from individuals with strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to public service for the position of part-time Library Assistant to work in the Atwater and Smith Libraries. This position performs all circulation desk duties, works closely with the public by responding to inquiries and assisting with information needs, provides a variety of technology assistance to library patrons and assists users in locating library materials. 12-18 hours per week, including evenings and some weekends. Starting wage is \$13.20 per hour. No benefits.

Applications are available on the Town’s website [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) and at the Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 during regular business hours. Please submit application and other materials in person or by mail (no faxes or emails). Applications are due to the Town Manager’s Office no later than Friday, August 16, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.



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**Pappas Wins New England Camera Club Award**

North Haven Camera Club congratulates fellow member Helen Pappas for winning an Honor Award ribbon in the Black and White open print category at this summer’s New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Annual Conference. Helen submitted a print of her friend’s dog. The conference was held at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Helen’s print will be held by the NECCC for its “Best of the NECCC Print Show” that will be displayed at numerous locations in New England between now and next year’s conference.

North Haven Camera Club meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, September to June, and the next meeting is on September 3, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. For more information, visit the club’s website at [NorthHavenCameraClub.com](http://NorthHavenCameraClub.com).

**Photo by Bob Parisi**

**Camera Club New Season**

North Haven Camera Club’s next meeting will be the new season’s Open House on Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. Meetings are not held in July or August.

North Haven Camera Club offers instructional meetings, workshops and field trips for photographers at all skill levels. For more information, visit the club’s website at [NorthHavenCameraClub.com](http://NorthHavenCameraClub.com).

**Local Musician Gets Magazine Photo**

Gail Vendetto Wysocki, a professional nationally certified musician has taken up photography. Her most recent sunflower photo will be on view in the TAMRON lens magazine Summer 2019 edition. According to a TAMRON press release, gail frequents beaches, woods and waterfalls that are close by, looking for and finding images of God in our every day lives.

TAMRON will be sending Gail to a summit this fall in Sedona Arizona to study photography with professionals.

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