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North Branford rotarians and winners of Service Above Self awards in 2021. Judy Bannon, Victoria Lanzo, and Laura Burich.

North Branford Rotary seeking Nominations for 2022 Community Service Award

As we come out of two difficult years that presented several obstacles surrounding the pandemic, the North Branford Rotary Club is preparing to recognize individuals who have made a difference to the North Branford community. The club is requesting nominations from individuals in town who know someone deserving of the Service Above Self Award. The award represents individuals in our community who actively help others, demonstrate meaningful humanitarian service, and have made an impact to the community as a result of their efforts. While volunteer efforts are preferred, recognition for paid employees for outstanding achievement for the benefit of the community will be considered. The club also welcomes posthumous nominations to be recognized.

The club recognized three distinguished North Branford residents last year. Judy Bannon, Laura Burich, and Victoria Lanza were presented with the Service Above Self award at the well-attended annual event.

Club President Melinda Fonda commented with, "Last year the club decided there's no better way to say thank you to distinguished individuals in our town than to recognize them with an award that symbolizes dedication, compassion and generosity. We intend to bring out the best of our community with these awards. I believe we were successful in achieving that last year and we look forward to doing it again this year."

The club will be holding the event this year on Thursday June 23, 2022 at the Mill Pond Tavern. Individual nominations can be made by going to the North Branford Rotary website or Facebook page where a nomination form can be submitted online. The form will ask for basic information of the individual being nominated and require specific details as to why the individual being nominated exemplifies Service Above Self in order to be considered for the award. The club asks to include specific details and be thorough in explaining times when the individual has displayed "Service Above Self." The deadline to submit a nomination is April 15th, 2022. So

act fast and send nominations promptly!

For questions about the award or nomination process you may reach out to NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com, the Committee Chair Alex Casella at 203-433-3415, or Club President Melinda Fonda at 203-988-0883. The club is looking forward to learning about individuals from this magnificent town who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make the Town of North Branford, and the world, a better place!

2022 Service Above Self Award Nomination Requirements and Award Details

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominee must be at least 18 years of age.
- Nominee must reside or work in the Town of North Branford, Connecticut.
- Nominations may be made posthumously.

Selection Criteria:

- The North Branford Rotary Service Above Self Award is awarded to an individual who fosters impactful and meaningful humanitarian service, and actively helps others in our community. While volunteer efforts are preferred, recognition for paid employees for outstanding achievement for the benefit of the community will be also be considered.

Specific Nomination Entry Details:

- Submit Nomination Form to North Branford Rotary
- Provide details as to why you think the person you're nominating represents the Service Above Self Award. Please provide information about the nominee's contribution to community service. We'd like to hear a story or time(s) where the nominee has made an impact to the community through humanitarian service. We welcome newspaper articles or other testimonials that refer to a time(s) when the nominee has exemplified Service Above Self in the community. ▪ Include a photo of the person being nominated with the form.

Selection & Recognition:

- Award recipients will be selected by the North Branford Rotary and will be recognized on June 10th at the Service Above Self Recognition Event, held at Woodwinds of Branford.

Deadline for Submission:

- The submission deadline to be considered for recognition is April 1st.

If you have any additional documentation you'd like to submit supporting this nomination, please send to NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com

NB Schools raise \$63,000 for Heart Association.

Collectively, PreK-5 students and families have raised over \$63,000 for the American Heart Association through the Kids Heart Challenge Program. Through this program, students worked in their community to spread awareness about leading a heart healthy lifestyle by spreading awareness about the benefits of regular exercise and physical activity. They also seek to fundraise for the American Heart Association to provide for research for heart surgery, heart transplants, and advancing the lives of those impacted with a variety of heart defects. Lastly, they attained individual and school recognitions for meeting personal, family and school physical activity challenges.

The success of this campaign in North Branford was made possible by our two physical education teachers. First, Dave Carpenter - PE Teacher at Totoket Valley Elementary School, has been successfully running the Kids Heart Challenge at his school for 14 years, and he has led efforts to raise over \$200,000 for the American Heart Association in that time..

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February	25	March	4
March	11	March	18
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April	9	April	16
April	23	April	30
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Days On Market
141 days compared
to 59 in December 2020 **+139.0%**

Active Inventory
6 homes for sale
compared to 16 in
December 2020 **-62.5%**

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State Representative Vincent Candelora
Budget Conversation About the State Budget
is Just Getting Started



On the opening day of the 2022 legislative session, Gov. Lamont paid a customary visit to the House chamber to unveil his plan to adjust the second year of the two-year budget that was adopted last spring. His speech included this nugget:
“For decades, governor after governor has increased taxes and fees; in the land of steady habits, it seemed inevitable. But, it was a habit I was hell-bent on breaking. For three years, we’ve held the line against broad-based tax increases.”

It’s a sentiment that the governor often expresses these days, giving the impression that he’s played no role in the escalating cost of living here.
But Connecticut residents won’t have to look back that far to find evidence to the contrary. The 2019 budget signed by Gov. Lamont carried \$1.9 billion in tax hikes, including a digital downloads tax, a levy on meals and beverages, a tax on parking, and a tax on dry cleaning. Of course, I could go on.
So, it would be hard to blame any taxpayer who watched the governor’s speech—perhaps more accurately, campaign speech—with a dose of skepticism.
Naturally, the governor’s top line talking points focus on tax relief. By now, you’ve no doubt read about a couple of his plans. With that in mind, I’ll tell you about points you might not have read about. His proposed adjustment to the second year (FY23) of the two-year budget comes with a 2.4 percent increase, and it would be an 8 percent increase over the first year (FY22) of spending.
As concerning, the governor has proposed moving already-budgeted federal pandemic aid outside of the state budget, giving him more discretionary spending in an election year. On politics, the governor’s plan includes some of his favored feel-good media staples—a \$42 million earned income tax enhancement, \$27 million for free museum passes, and \$5 million for free summer bus service.
As one newspaper headline framed it, *“Lamont goes big with re-election budget.”*
Thankfully, his speech to members of the General Assembly was just the start of the conversation. As legislators, our primary task this session is to make budget those budget adjustments. I’ll share more as the conversation picks up speed.
Hopefully, the net result will be a Connecticut that’s a little more affordable.

Rep. Vincent Candelora

LET’S BE “FRANK”

The holiday season is behind us it’s a lifetime before high school baseball starts in mid March. For me this is the worst time of the year as I suffer from boredom. Also with many events being canceled because of Covid (there’s that nasty word again) these two months are quite depressing.
Many of my friends have spoken to me about getting a hobby so I decided to take them up on it. The goal was to occupy my time and develop a healthy mind.
A friend of mine paints for a hobby. So I decided that might be a good idea. When I told him my back and shoulders were killing me, he couldn’t figure out how that would happen from painting a simple portrait. Well, I don’t have anything new to hang up on the wall, but the bathroom looks great.
Someone else mentioned puzzles. I dug an old puzzle out of my grandson’s toy box, and after an hour, I was disappointed to find that there were two pieces missing from the ten piece puzzle and Donald Duck was missing an ear.
I then decided to sit down and write about my life. Kids don’t believe I had no bathtub or hot water for the first five years of my life (15 for you) or the heat was distributed by a small oil burning stove which had to be filled twice a day. As I started jotting down my notes, I realized how boring my life has really been so that hobby ended almost as quickly as it started.
I wanted to update the Totoket Times Facebook page and website, and I almost erased the entire site. It took me longer to fix it than it did to update it. It was a time consuming project and it did occupy a good part of my week but nothing was gained.
So now totally depressed and tired of Matlock, Monk, Bonanza, the Rifleman and Vegas reruns I am still bored and I am done with manufacturing hobbies I am not cut out for.
Although I don’t really watch pro football much anymore I did get interested in the playoffs and decided to watch the Super Bowl to pass the time. The ads were really not as good as the hype all week and I read some where they were at least three million dollars for each one.
I know I’m getting old but what was the halftime show all about? Was it the NFL’s way of rectifying the lack of head coaches of color? I didn’t understand one word they were saying. At one point I thought they were speaking a different language but my wife and daughter said it was English. Also, why did both men and women have to constantly grab their private parts. Are they checking to see if they are still there or are they trying to reach a new falsetto voice during a particular part of the song. More depression and more boredom.
Well, the good news is that Saturday it was sixty degrees and thoughts of the baseball season danced into my head. If I can get through these next four weeks I think I’ll be OK.
Take care my brother and I’ll see you soon.

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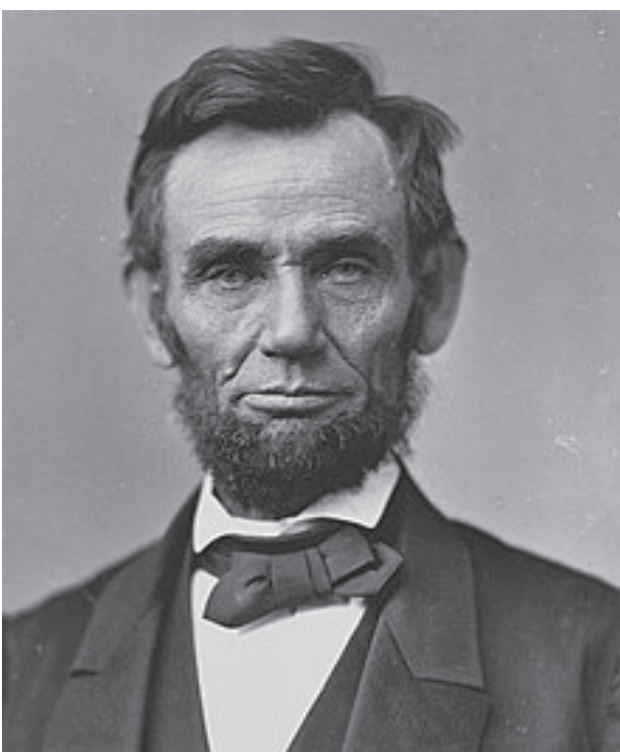
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Praise to the Community

The Office of Social Service would like to extend thanks and praise to all the community members that generously participated as donors during the holiday program.

These donors were not solicited. Each called and wanted to participate, each person chose to do this because they wanted to. This office is grateful and appreciates your generosity and thoughtfulness. This is a giving community that has historically and continue to embrace the community with time, effort, generosity and grace.

In addition to donors, this office would like to thank Carolyn Falcigno and Caitlin Roshka, educator with North Branford High School Life Skills Program and the students for setting up the Christmas tree.

The North Branford Police Department Staff for allowing the site to be a drop off for Toys for Tots.

Craig Paulson for volunteering his time to pick up and drop off toys.

The Public Works Staff for setting up signs for Toys for Tots picking up new bicycles for the program from Wishing Wheels Bike Program.

The young ladies that set up the toys for the Toys for Tots Program, Maureen Stevens, Jean Salzo and Edie Deloughery.

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Sincerely,

Luisa Breen

Office of Social Services, Town of North Branford

"I would like to thank all..."

Dear Editor,

Recently, my husband Loren Lehr passed away.

His final journey started with a call to 911. The Fire Department first responders and the EMTs treated Loren with concern, care, compassion and respect.

He was transported from home to Yale emergency in Guilford and then admitted to St. Raphael's in New Haven.

At St. Raphael's he received excellent care from all involved during his stay. All of the nurses, doctors, and aides tried to make him as comfortable as possible.

When it was determined that any further treatment would be too painful and would not allow him to live a normal life he was moved to Hospice to live to the end of his journey. The care he received at Connecticut Hospice in Branford was the best there could be from the time he entered to the time he passed away.

I would like to thank all from beginning to end for treating him with kindness, respect and comfort.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Lehr

North Branford Scholarship Association

Accepting Applications

Applications for the NBSA scholarship awards can usually be picked up at the Atwater and Smith Libraries in town beginning March 1st. This year because of covid the libraries may not be open. If they are not open please call Lars Selander at (203) 483-1311 and leave your name and mailing address and we will mail you an application.

These awards are for students who live in town and graduating from high schools in surrounding towns as well as in town. Your high school 3 1/2 transcript must accompany your completed application. Applications must be returned by April 1st.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Logan Frandsen was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in MA.

Megan McMillen was named to the Dean's List at Emmanuel College in Boston, MA.

Jared Jamieson was named to the Dean's List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

Jacob Montanaro was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

Noah Ackerman, Ethan Despres, Summer Evans, Candice Opie, Brianna Asnnunziato and Rachel Buffone were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford in Hartford, CT.

Sydney Senerchia was named to the Dean's List at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City New Jersey.

Rachel Vitarisi and Daniel McCormack were named to the Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

BOAT HANDLING COURSE

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An in-person class offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, starts Wed., Mar. 9, for seven weeks. Register online by Mar. 2 at Shoreline Adult Education, www.shorelineadulted.org or by phone during business hours at 203-488-5693. Location: Branford High School, 185 East Main St., Branford. When: Wednesday's, March 9 thru April 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$181. The non-member price includes a one-year membership in New Haven Sail and Power Squadron. For questions, contact: Past Commander Peter DePascale 203-671-2420 or email bathworksinc@gmail.com.

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Dave's leadership and efforts have inspired Brent Ramsey - PE Teacher at Jerome Harrison Elementary to get involved with this cause, and Brent has done so with outstanding enthusiasm and success. Under his leadership Jerome Harrison has been participating for 5 years and in a short time has raised approximately \$100,000.

As a reward for student participation, both teachers have agreed to go in a dunk tank this spring and allow all participating students to dunk them in addition to personal school rewards/recognitions. They also have worked collaboratively with the American Heart Association to share videos of inspiration from actual young people benefiting from this fundraising, that were a personalized thank you to the Jerome Harrison and Totoket Valley school communities.

These messages really helped to continue to inspire our students and families by helping them see the direct impact of their work.

Respectfully submitted, Carter Welch -

**Principal of Totoket Valley Elementary School
and District Wellness Coordinator**



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NBIS PERIOD II HONORS

Grade 8 High Honors

Aiken, Bree Addyson
Albrecht, Danielle
Bliven, Alyssa Jean
Bliven, Gary Taylor
Burke, Madelyn
Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Riley
Connelly, Tyler John
Cucchiarelli, Jack
DePino, Payton Hope
Dodge, Tyler Daniel
Evans, Ariana Ann
Falcigno, Nico
Gwiazda, Austin
Haeckel, Jason
Heffernan, Tyler
Kuczynski, Madison
Lacroix, Cameron
Marino, Alyssa
O'Brien, Charles
Papa, Samantha Marie
Pienkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob Logan
Preiss, Emma Louise
Sargent, Brock Keith
Saulino, Luca Aniello
Schreiner, Jakub
Sherman, Aiden
Sigel, Anthony Joseph
Sorrell, Sophia Marie
Sudusky, Kyle Joseph
Tang, Meghan
Venturini, Leo Patrick
Vitarisi, Lauren
Westefeld, John David

Grade 7 High Honors

Ahmed, Afran
Anderson, Matteo
Antonucci, Isabella
Aucapina, Isabella
Caffalette, Talan
Carbone, Armani
Chasanoff, Ella Rose
DeWitt, Charlotte
Dolzani, Steven Natale
Dowson, Marina
Forgione, Matthew

Francisco, Connor
Frost, Adrienne Olivia
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden
Gauvin, Cameron
Gierla, Gavin
Graham, James
Guerrero, Gabriel
Harper, Mia Katherine
Johnson, Samantha
Keil, Brianna Rae
Kleckner, Kayla Anne
Kundrath, Brianna
LeBeau, Autumn Rae
LeMay, Peyton
Magazzi, Marcus
Martin, Jake Tyler
Martone, Alia Jo-Ann
McCullough, Joseph
Meizies, Tyler James
Miller, Craig Clyde
Montero, Justin Joel
Page, Ava Leigh
Paolini, Natalia Faith
Park, Adam Jong
Patel, Vedi Nilesh
Pearson, Luciano
Podzikowski, Siena
Ramage, Mae
Rish, Aesop Orion
Seward, Madelynn
Sheridan, Evan
Sigal, Alexandra
Sigal, Michael
Small, William
Stewart, Savanah Rae
Troqe, Iris Arjeta
Urbano, Mario
Wang, Natalee
Weld, Aubrey Drew
Wojciechowski, Emma
Yarnall, Dylan Parker
Zulawski, Katheryn

Grade 6 High Honors

Acampora, Justin
Adinolfi, Ava Marie
Allan, Taylor Susan
Altland, Gabriel
Baker, Leann Joyce

Behrens, GretA
Beisaw, Mia Jeanette
Biolzi, Sadie Rose
Brennan, Dalton
Brindisi, Nadia Elle
Brockett, Emma
Budd, Ellie Catherine
Caffalette, Matthew
Camarco, Logan
Cantore, Nicholas
Caporale, Kaydence
Cappetta, Donato
Castro, Lance Angelo
Cereni, Mariela
Chittenden, Shelby
Connelly, Kylie Ann
Cook, Quinn Mitchell
Cronan, Alexander
Cuozzo, Nicholas
DeFelice, Louie
DeFrancesco, Ava
DeLieto, Melanie
DiStefano, Mason
Fekieta, Justyna
Flynn, Siena Frances
Gambardella, Lilah
Getman, Lyllianah Joy
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Pacelli, Luca Vincent

Parisi, Francesca
Paul, Liam David
Pavic, Marin
Pearson, Antonio
Pelczar, Carson
Prato, Emilia Lyn
Redman, Colby Paul
Rivellini, Joseph
Rodican, Natalie Ann
Sickinger, Ryan
Smith, Broden Joseph
Taylor, Quincy Huston
Traill, Ian Leland
Vander Wyk, Noah
Virginelli, Sophia
Walston, Joshua
Wyatt, Adilyn Marie
Young, Caden Calvin

Grade 8 Honor

Apuzzo, Joseph Frank
Brockett, Jack
Budd, Michael
DeFelice, Madelyn
Foley, Caden Joseph
Iamunno, Benicio
Johnson, Aiden Javier
Knowlton, Jack Wyatt

Pereira, Alexander
Peterson, Leif Morgan
Plano, Matteo
Salvati, Nicolas
Spinelli, Valentina
Trudeau, Camden
Wright, Carly
Wright, Christian

Grade 6 Honors

Abanoz, Eda
Biron, Isabella Luisa
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Durkin, Alexa Grace
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Finkle, Kylie Noel
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Grade 7 Honors

Balliu, Jayden
Becker, Jake
Becker, Max
Biehler, Aiden Louis
Brigance, Reese
Cassella, Anthony
Cinquegrana, Jonathan
Duffy, Alana Rose
Duggan, Finn Padraig
Famiglietti, Gabriela
Gildersleeve, Daerik
Harper, Mallory
Ianniello, Dominick
Jara, Javier Allen
Koelle, Adam Peter
Koelle, Alexander
Martone, Santino
Meneo, Makayla



Southern Regional Music Festival

PRESS RELEASE: On Saturday February 5, six students from NBHS participated in the Southern Region Music Festival which took place at Maloney High School in Meriden. Normally, the festival is a two day event in which students spend most of their time rehearsing for the concert on Saturday. Due to the inclement weather however, this event was a one day festival, and all six of these individuals worked at double speed to put on an amazing performance.

Band: Alexander Shadman

Chorus: Aislinn Aiken, Gabriella Pinto, Benjamin Reynolds, Sheyenne Rivera & Emma Yacono

NBHS Music Educators Maria Berte (far left) Nick Filippides (far right) - *photo courtesy NBHS Music Department*.

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Ash Wednesday Liturgies at Zion Episcopal Church

326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford

We will have services of Holy Eucharist (a Mass) with the Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, March 2nd at both 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. Masks must be worn inside the sanctuary.

In addition, Imposition of Ashes will take place in our circular driveway from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for those who might not be comfortable worshipping in the building at this time.

For more information, you may call 203-488-7395, visit our webpage, <http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org>, follow us on Facebook.

DEATH NOTICES



Loren Charles Lehr of North Branford died Monday January 31, 2022 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. He was the beloved husband of Alice Walston Lehr. Loren was born in New Haven April 1, 1930 a son of the late Herman A. and Hazel Blake Lehr. He served in the U. S. Air Force as a 1st Lieutenant during the Korean War. Loren had worked as a claims adjuster for Home Insurance Company and Zurich Insurance Company, and as a litigation specialist for Middlesex Mutual Assurance. He was a member of the North Branford Congregational Church and a very active member for more than 50 years of the Stony Creek Fife and Drum Corps. He was an avid runner, competing in many local road races. When running was no longer possible, he began cycling as a regular form of exercise. He enjoyed traveling with

his grandchildren and children. He visited Ireland with the Drum Corps on several occasions, and once climbed to the top the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

He spent his childhood in Short Beach and loved the shoreline; he told many stories about his boyhood escapades around town; and later as a dad, he spent many happy hours fishing off the dock in Stony Creek with his children, bringing home loads of snapper blues for Alice to cook. (And the occasional eel or sea robin!)

Loren enjoyed snare drumming at local musters in Deep River and Westbrook, among others, and would jam late into the night with other fifers and drummers.

He was known to family and friends as a successful gardener, growing a wide variety of vegetables and herbs which Alice used in her cooking. He was very proud of this, and regularly shared his bounty with others.

Later in life, he enjoyed trips to the casino with Alice and socialized with players and dealers alike at the tables.

He spent as many hours as he could with his grandchildren, serving as a role model and mentor; and was thrilled to become a great-grandfather.

Regardless of a person's circumstance in life, Loren was always able to find conversation and provide support and encouragement. He was interested in people; kind and courteous to all he met. Two quotes speak clearly to the way he lived his life:

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away." Thoreau

"I expect to pass this way but once; any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Etienne De Grellet

Loren, "Pop" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, is also survived by his children, Douglas W (Amy) Lehr of Keene, NH and Jill Loren Lehr Cook of McLean, VA; his grandchildren, Brittany Catherine Lehr, Evan Douglas Lehr (Liz), Victoria Callie Cook Skinner (Tyler)and Myles Blake Cook; step-grandchildren Jen Beaudry, Melissa Greene, and Melanie Greene; great-grandchildren, Hazel Frances Skinner, Sara Fern Skinner, Henry Patrick Lehr and Brooke Elise Lehr, and his brother Blake Lyon Lehr (Lois) of Branford and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in Loren's name to the Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps or the North Branford Congregational Church.



Myron S. Pidskalny, Jr., 66, of North Haven, formerly of Northford, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 7th, 2022 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Born in New Haven on January 18, 1956, he was the son of the late Myron S. Pidskalny, Sr. and Rose Palmieri Pidskalny. Myron attended the University of New Haven, was a graduate of the Police Academy and served as a police officer on the North Branford Police Department. Myron was a real jokester who was an avid pool player, enjoyed camping at Hammonasset State Park, Madison, and most of all, spending

time with his grandchildren who he loved unconditionally. Former husband of Florence Crisci. Father of Christi Pidskalny Sargent (Andrew) and Anthony Pidskalny (Jessica). Grandfather of Raphaella Sargent, Nala Pidskalny, Hazel Sargent and Watson Pidskalny. Brother of Robert W. Pidskalny, Michael F. Pidskalny and Carol L. Coady. Also survived by his puppies Schatzi and Cub. Predeceased by his companion Sylvia Burton.

Private funeral services have been entrusted to The Havens Family, North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 or the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Recycling News

New Members Wanted!

Become a recycling ambassador for our community. Have an impact by volunteering on the Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee.

Whether you can help out for one event or want to become a permanent member of our town committee, we want you!

Please call the Town Manager or listen in on our next meeting if you think you may be interested. You can see the agenda on the town's website.

March 5th if our next Electronics collection at Public Works from 9am to noon. Take2 will take almost anything that plugs in including TVs, computers and small appliances. They cannot accept A/C's, dehumidifiers or smoke detectors.

We will also be accepting empty propane tanks in reusable condition (small fee), clean and dry mattresses, used waste oil and batteries (all free).

Wood pellet and water softener bags are considered plastic film so you can drop them off at our plastic film collection sites. Most bird seed bags are not so they go into the trash.

The cold months are a good time to unclutter.

Here are a few options for re-homing your items that are still useful. We have a Facebook page in town: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#). You can post items that you want to find a home for or ask for items that you need.

There is also [Freecycle.org](#) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can also look up your item in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**.

It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just search for 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com. They also have an app.

Please do not put Bulky Waste out yet. It won't be picked up for another 3 months! Please call a junk company or bring your bulk waste to a transfer facility.

Keep our town looking clean and inviting.

Do you have your 2022 Recycling/Trash Card?

Please keep this card handy all year. It has important dates and information that you will need about recycling and your trash pickups.

If you misplace your card during the year, there are hardcopies at both town libraries and at Town Hall.

Or you can download it 3 different ways.

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com – see 'Lastest News' - select '2022 Recycling/Trash Information'

www.townofnorthbranfordct.com – select 'Government' – select 'Boards & Commissions' – select 'Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee' – select 'Recycling/Trash Information'

Go to the 'North Branford Community Pride' Facebook page - search for 'Bulk Trash'

Upcoming events

March 5 – Electronics drop off

April 4 – Scrap Metal pick up

April 18 – Bulky Waste pick up

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation.



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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Hosted by Weatherdog Entertainment

Friday, March 4

6:00-8:30pm

STW COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us for a night of fun and games with your friends and family!

Games begin at 6:15pm • Register at nbrecreation.com

\$5/per person Under 18 FREE Compete for prizes!

FEEL FREE TO
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BRING DINNER!



PLEASE
REGISTER
BY 2/28/22

NEW

TEEN MONEY MATTERS

Presented by Jeffrey Hanrahan,
Branch Manager of Guilford Savings Bank.



February 24, 2022

2:30 - 3:30pm • STW Senior Room • FREE

Grade 9+

This course is a basic finance breakdown for the young adult entering into the post high school life. A range of topics consist of the basics of savings, understanding credit, money management, the life cycle of student loans and more.

Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14 • STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Broccoli and Cavatelli and Melted Snowman Cookies

MARCH 8, 2022

Clover Quiche and Mint Chocolate Layered Brownies



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS WITH KARI!

Come join Parks & Recreation staff, Kari Zargo, for after school holiday crafting classes!

Students of TVES will be walked over after school!

Please pack a peanut-free snack.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT

Grades 3-5 \$10/res \$12/nr

March 8—3:00-4:30pm

STW Classroom



YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

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.

Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Ages 16+ STW Classroom

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm March 10 - April 28 \$75 res/\$80 nr

SENIOR CENTER

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Monday, March 21—10:30 am

Let's get together for coffee and conversation.

Come to learn about and discuss upcoming programs and events.



TWOS-DAY

NEW

2-22-2022

1:00 p.m. in the Senior Room

Come have some fun on a Twos-Day!

Pick a friend and dress alike or wear a tutu on Twos-day during our afternoon games for 2!

Please call (203) 484-6017 to register

WATERCOLOR PAINTING WITH KAREN

NEW

MARCH 14, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.

Join Karen Kelly for a FREE St. Patrick's Day themed watercolor painting class

Please register by March 8th

SENIOR T'AI CHI

THURSDAYS MAR 3-APRIL 21

10:00-11:00AM \$40 RES / \$45 NR

Instructor: Marty Reichgut

Marty will use the flowing, meditative movements of this ancient Chinese martial art to improve balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, and memory. He will demonstrate how we can use Tai Chi's self-defense strategies to reduce our stress and protect ourselves from the repeated assaults of everyday life.

SENIOR CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAYS MAR 8-APRIL 26

10:30-11:30AM \$45 RES / \$50 NR

Instructor: Bhogah Yoga

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is done while sitting and using a chair for support. Chair yoga helps build strength, improve coordination, and promotes relaxation, reduces stress.

MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

Monday, March 28th 2022

8:00am—Depart STW Community Center \$15/res \$15/nr

Space is limited please call early to reserve your seat!

(203) 484-6017

Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and no packages are being issued

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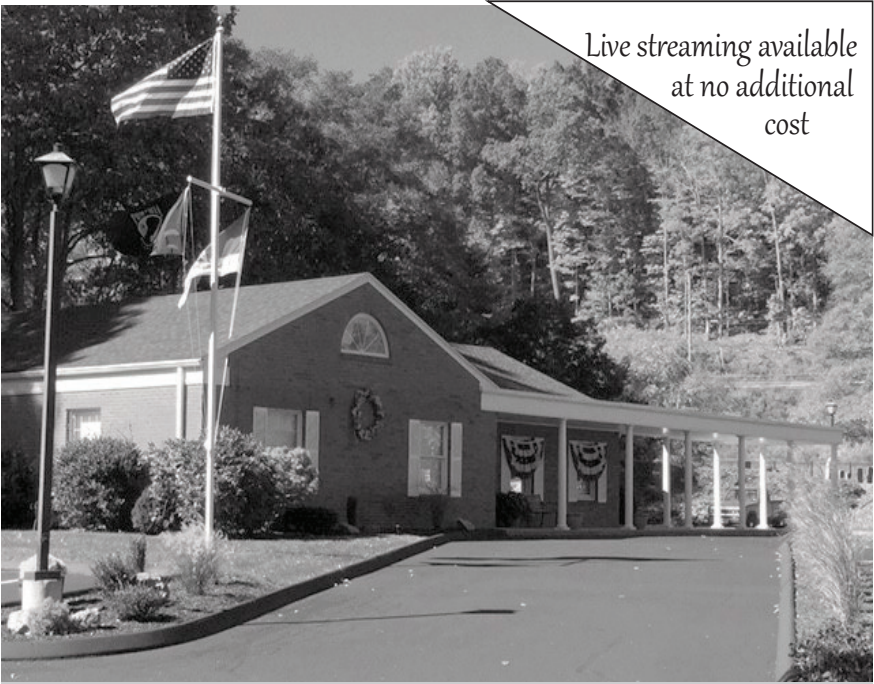
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LABORER I - The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Laborer I in the Public Works Department to perform all types of manual labor related to road and grounds maintenance. Requires High School diploma or GED, one (1) year of experience in construction and/or grounds maintenance or any equivalent combination of experience and training that demonstrates the ability to perform the duties. Minimum CT CDL, Class B, Class A license preferred. Starting wage is **\$18.18/hr.** plus benefits. Applications are available on-line at www.townofnorthbranfordct.com. Please submit application in person or by mail to Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 (no faxes or emails). EEO/AA. The position is open until filled.

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PRESS RELEASE

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICES-LUISA BREEN

KILL – A – WATT

Kill – A- Watt meters available to all North Branford and Northford residents. Measuring your electricity, where is your money going?
Kill – A – Watt meters are now available in both Smith and Atwater Library. Meters identify which items in your home are using the most amount of electricity as well as how much power is used per day, per month, or per year. Once you know the amount of power an item uses you can then determine how much that item costs you in dollars, per day, month, or year. Each meter checked out of the library will also come with the directions. The meter is simple to use. Plug the meter into a wall outlet, plug the appliance into the meter, press the purple button to display kilowatts. At the end of the day you will see a number on the display of the meter, multiply that number by your electric rate. You can find your electric rate on your electric bill.

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