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Happy Anniversary to Me!

This marks the nineteenth anniversary of my ownership of the Totoket Times. I am pictured above with founders Bert Bunnell and Anthony Esposito. It's been a great ride and the future is ours to see. Thanks for the love.

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North Branford has always been a community that is there for its neighbors. This week has seen a few tragedies and go fundme accounts have been set up to help our neighbors. Here is the information if anyone wishes to help:

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Lucia Russo has raised three kids in town, one who has suffered with cerebral palsy and later a brain tumor and he requires 24/7 care which Lucia was providing until her recent sudden death. Anyone wishing to help can go to: https://www.gofundme.com/f/jqqrapp-russo-family?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

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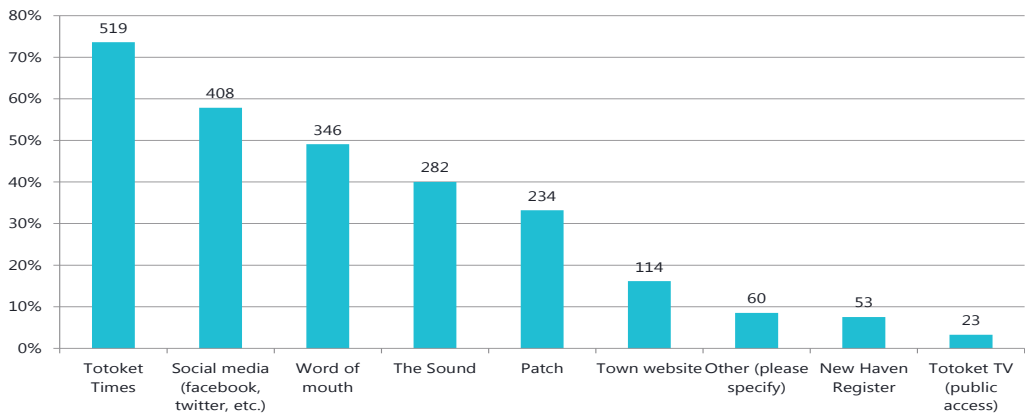
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State Representative Vincent Candelora The Legislature Can't Solve Problems if Lawmakers Avoid Talking About them



Connecticut faces considerable fiscal and economic problems, and majority lawmakers in Hartford don't want to talk about them. They're more interested in *"changing the narrative."*

Their resistance to discussing the state's biggest challenges is understandable. After all, that conversation would quickly lead back to a decade of tax increases and missed opportunities to do

something—anything—to rehabilitate our state's frail economy. All too often, my colleagues complain that they wish people would be more positive about Connecticut, and this failure to recognize the cause and effect of these bad tax and spend policies is frustrating at best.

That resistance was on full display recently during a "Young Earners Prosperity" forum organized by majority Democrats who, fresh off imposing far-reaching tax hikes and business mandates, want to know what it will take to get young people to grow roots here. Early on in the two-and-a-half-hour forum, a young woman expressed the type of concern I hear often from residents of all stripes: *"I think Connecticut needs to be a place where the average middle class resident isn't finding themselves paying an arm and a leg to pay their taxes."* Aside from our state's economic development commissioner promising Connecticut won't *"be the high cost, high tax state indefinitely,"* that was the last of the revenue talk. No legislator acknowledged the tax on meals, Netflix and Spotify, or even the insidious levy on in-app purchases.

Instead, legislators steered conversation on topics such as social justice and climate change, *"the existential threat to our continued existence."* College debt, too, though nothing about what's driving the increasing costs of attending our flagship university and schools within in our state university system. One lawmaker explained *"the biggest structural change"* he would make in state government is pushing young people to vote. It wasn't clear where Connecticut's massive unfunded pension problems ranked on that senator's priority list.

Talk about phytoplankton got more time in this forum.

In fact, it wasn't until 15 minutes before the session ended that Connecticut's pension crunch came up. A brave young soul showed concern about the burden placed upon future generations. Naturally, a seasoned legislator challenged the invited panelist on information he used to describe the indisputable crisis before ignoring the issue altogether. These days, that's standard legislative fare. If you talk about Connecticut's troubles, the people behind the wheel—even when you're invited—make you look like a wet blanket. Legislators engage in deflection and misdirection, but people aren't buying these well-worn tricks. Until we practice honesty and come clean with the public on these important fiscal issues plaguing our state, the public disdain for politicians will only worsen.

Yes, we know Connecticut has great qualities. As a couple of lawmakers from our region reminded, we've got beautiful state parks and beaches, and our location between Boston and New York carries potential. That's the *"narrative"* we should sell, and to do otherwise blocks recovery.

Yet *"changing the narrative,"* as they suggested, is to ignore things critical to that recovery. People and organizations that create jobs want to know that Connecticut's budget is stable, and that lawmakers are serious about creating a welcoming tax and regulatory landscape.

Democrats' raid of \$170 million in special transportation funds to fill a budget hole as the governor promoted highway tolls? That reeked of instability.

At one point in the forum, a lawmaker explained that it's time to *"find a way to embrace change"* while *"confronting our fear of doing things a little differently."* Doing things *"differently,"* though, isn't so scary if you start small. Majority legislators could begin by finally embracing proposals to strip lawmakers' mileage payments from pension calculations and block state employees from conducting union business on the taxpayer dime.

That's the overdue *"narrative"* we should broadcast to employers, investors and entrepreneurs—that state government is at last willing to install a bit of private sector sensibility.

Prosperity for our state's young people depends on it.

Voter Registration Sessions - North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct one more Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019:

Monday, November 4, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Electors may also register with the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-484-6015.

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Let's Be "Frank"

I know you have been disappointed in me for years for going against the family. "Our family members have always been democrats," you would insist. "How can you be the first registered Independent?" You would add for emphasis.

As you know brother, I have always been independent (pun intended). Always been there, for the family while marching to my own beat. I can still hear you yelling at me and telling me that a real newspaper should endorse candidates. I never felt it was my place and I still don't. But after nineteen years with the Totoket Times, I have decided to finally quiet that ringing in my ears and do it any way. Still not claiming to be a real newspaper.

In a small town I never thought (call me naive) that party politics was important. We are all neighbors and I vote my heart. I served on two town boards and we seldom knew who was from what party, nor did we care. That had nothing to do with how we voted on issues. More than several of our candidates this year have served on both parties. So I continue to have no ties to either party (in past years I have been asked to run for both and I have been accused of being a member of both). My support goes to individuals whom I have spoken to and whom I have watched for years. I don't care about the majority party. If the right people are in office, it does not matter who the majority party is. It makes me laugh when I read about this party did this and that party did that, especially when close to 100% of the votes carry a unanimous vote by both the council and BOE.

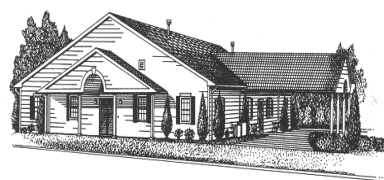
So here are my thoughts: For Board of Ed, I have watched these meetings on TV and sometimes some of the things I hear are scary. I find myself asking, "Did they really say that?" I have watched Jana Balsamo and Vincent Mase and I like their style. They seem to tell it like it is, good or bad and they don't seem to have a party mentality. It's what is best for our kids. Not seeing her in action, I spoke to Tara Downes at length and I think she will bring a fresh perspective to a somewhat stale board. Again, it's time to stop playing the power games, let the Superintendent do his job, always keep the kids first and these are the people I think can do it.

Town council is difficult because I know all the members work hard for our community. Again, I don't go to meetings but I do watch them thanks to Totoket TV, and I know most of the players involved on a personal level. Joe Faughnan and Marie Diamond are super intelligent and they seldom seem to lose their cool at meetings. I like that. They know the ropes and their experience will lead us. I think Bob Viglione and Tom Zampano are fair and to date I have seen no hidden agenda. I don't know why Dan Armin or Lou Paternoster want such a headache, but they have been tireless workers for our community, and they deserve my, and our support. Lou is sometimes too honest but you will always know where he is coming from and although you might not agree with him, he is the definition of transparent. You can't go to many events in town without seeing these two guys in attendance (usually working) and that's when they aren't looking for votes.

I also will add Walter Goad to the mix. I don't know much about his politics

but I coached his sons and I've always known him to be a positive and rational guy. Finally my friend from church whom I have been to "wars" with and whose wisdom I respect 100%, tells me Ron Pelleccia is the real deal so he gets the nod as well.

I thought this out very seriously and I think this group will help us to turn the corner that we have been stuck on for 30 years. I hope I didn't stir up too much trouble and I close with a quote from you. "Whether you agree with me or not get out and vote and be a part of the solution".



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The Editor

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Election Tampering

A pattern and practice of election tampering - in league with foreign nations - has been used to investigate and spy on a presidential candidate! This revelation comes from the report of a correspondence dated 11/17/16 from UK’s Director of GCHQ, Robert Hannigan, to the UK Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs addressing the request from US National Security Advisor Susan Rice for the **renewal** of the UK’s surveillance of 725 5th Avenue, NY, 5th and 26th floors (Trump’s campaign HQ and residence). The implications of this letter are profound.

To begin with, in concert with its reference to “renewal,” the fact that this letter was sent only ten days after the election proves that the UK had been spying for Obama during the election. It shows that the inner circle of Obama’s administration conspired with a foreign nation to spy on at least one candidate during the 2016 election cycle. And it shows that the most powerful executive in the world used foreign assets to spy on both an election rival as well as the duly elected President’s incoming administration. We now know there was no probable cause for this spying because the underlying reasons for it were disproven after years of investigation by Mueller’s hostile hive of investigators.

We also know that – both before and after this – the Obama administration employed a variety of other countries to do its bidding. In addition to the UK, Obama’s administration also conspired with Australia, Ukraine, Russia and others by using the FBI, CIA and other assets in various “intelligence” operations. In “Operation Crossfire Hurricane” Obama sent federal agents overseas to work secretly with foreign powers to infiltrate Trump’s campaign. In one instance Australian diplomat Alexander Downer was sent to London as “counterintelligence” to frame Trump campaign personnel for Russian collusion. Working in league with Five Eyes countries, Obama spied on Trump’s campaign and leaked disinformation by using the FBI in league with British agent Christopher Steele as well as Russian and Ukrainian agents, including Vyacheslav Trubniko, (former Director of Russian Foreign Intelligence) to produce dirt on Trump.

This unprecedented process of meddling in our elections using foreign assets is quite troubling, most particularly in conjunction with lame efforts to blame the Trump administration for doing exactly what we know the Obama administration did. To our horror, this treachery is now playing out in our legislature as House Democrats prosecute Trump with anonymous sources in league with Ukrainian assets that seek so sabotage our 2020 election. If this succeeds it will be used again and again.

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“Consider Voting for our Team”

Dear Editor

On November 5th our town’s residents will go to the polls to elect our Town Council and Board of Education. Town Democrats are telling voters they are ready for a “change” from our Republican majority. I don’t see that; mainly because a mere two years ago North Branford voters already chose change - from a Democratic majority that raised their taxes a whopping 7.8%, equal to 2.43 Mills.

Since then our Republican team has been hard at work, reining in local government taxes and spending, developing a comprehensive capital spending plan across all town departments, and restoring fiscal stability. That team, including Council incumbents Rose Angeloni, Mike Doody, Bob Viglione and Tom Zampano are joined this year by long time residents Ron Pelliccia and Walter Goad, who will bring common sense and conservative financial approach while making the critical investments we need for the future of this town. On the Board of Education front incumbent Cynthia Rice has been a part of the Republican team that eliminated the Democrat majority’s “pay to play” sports and restored foreign language study to our middle schools.

I would ask that voters consider voting for our team on Row B this Election Day, November 5th, so our team of neighbors serving neighbors can continue working for all of us.

Sincerely,

Michael Downes, Chairman, NB Republican Town Committee

WARNING OF ELECTION

The electors of the Town of North Branford are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said Town on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for Town Council and Board of Education.

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

District 1: **Jerome Harrison Elementary School**, 335 Foxon Road – Route 80

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

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o’clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut, this 10th day of October, 2019.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC

North Branford Town Clerk

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Lately, the same question has been posed to me by several of my clients “What is the difference between and Irrevocable Trust and a Revocable Trust?” On a base level the answer to the question is easy, one trust is revocable and the other is not. But that does not quite answer the question my clients are really asking. What they really want to know is what type of trust is right for my situation?

In many ways revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts are similar. All trusts act like a “legal container” that holds property for the benefit of the “beneficiary” of the trust. The beneficiary can be an individual, an institution or a charity. Trusts are legal agreements between three different parties: The Grantor, who establishes the trust, the Trustee, who administrates the trust, and the beneficiary, who receives some sort of benefit from the trust.

Imagine that a trust acts like a cardboard box that holds your assets. Revocable Trusts are an “open box trust.” You can put assets into the box and you can take assets out of the box. The box is an alter ego for yourself. You have total control. On the other hand, Irrevocable Trusts function like a “closed box trust.” You can put assets into the trust, you just cannot get them out. Your trustee controls the assets inside the Irrevocable Trust, not you.

Revocable Trusts are very good at avoiding the probate process (although not necessarily the probate fees charged by the state of Connecticut). They are also very good at avoiding or minimizing estate taxes, and are beneficial in many other ways. What a Revocable Trust will not do is protect assets against the high cost of nursing home/skilled nursing care.

If my clients are concerned about the costs associated with spending time in an nursing home we usually discuss the power of an Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable Trusts are a legal entity separate from the person who creates it. As a “closed box trust,” irrevocable trusts insulate the assets inside the trust from things like the cost of nursing home care. In order for an Irrevocable Trust to work it must be set up well in advance of anticipated nursing home care.

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Public Hearing on Property Maintenance Standards (PMS)

& Blight Abatement-- Oct 15, 2019

Dear Editor:

At the Town Council Meeting. On Oct 15 2019-residents of North Branford were heard at Public Hearing with their concerns for PMS & introduced a draft Ordinance for discussion with the Town Council

The Council previously approved a Blight comm. consisting of residents—members of the town Council , P& Z comm & the Town Attorney , to draft the Ordinance.

The PMS draft & other material can be viewed on the town web site—www.townofnorthbranfordct.com under Agendas—Oct 15 2019 & we encourage you to view that meeting & the initial P&Z meeting.Nov1 2018 (1 year ago). Both can be viewed on Totoket TV –You Tube videos.

The mission of the committee was to draft & define terms & conditions & enhance already existing Codes & Ordinances in a manner to encompass all possible violations & bring much needed awareness to the community.

It must be noted that this draft excludes all Agricultural (Farms) –town owned open space & land trust properties but concentrates on residential, commercial, Industrial & foreclosed properties.

We have a Beautiful Farming Community & in no way will this ordinance jeopardize anyone’s rights to enjoy living in North Branford but we do need to bring the PMS up-to-date & although they are not meant to be Punitive, an abatement process is needed for Blight & Nuisance issues. It is important to note also, that All Potential Violations can be considered open to discussion & discretion before an abatement process is considered

We have also asked the Council to reinstate the All-Volunteer Public Safety & Communication Commission to include Welfare. This Committee can be helpful where there may be concerns for families or residents that are in need of help—such as seniors on a fixed income or simply residents in need of help.

It is important to note that all towns around us & most towns in Connecticut have a Blight Ordinance & a Public Safety Communications Welfare Committee.

The PMS will be on the Agenda for discussion by the council at the meeting on Nov.19th 2019 7:00 PM & although it won’t be a Public Hearing, residents can be heard at Citizens Statements.

If you would like to be heard on this issue or any issue, please be there & express your concerns.

This November meeting will be the First Town Council meeting with the newly elected Councilors. Let’s Welcome the New Council, share your concerns & be part of the Business Of The Community.

Sincerely,

Bill Savastano, Chris Kranick, Frank Brigano, Virginia Fallon & Marge Healy

NORTH BRANFORD DEMOCRATIC TEAM

TOWN COUNCIL



Daniel Armin

- Economic Development Commission since 2011
- Town Council 2015-17
- Community Dining Room Board
- Host, "I Wanna Know," Totoket TV



Marie Diamond

- Town Council since 2013
- Retired education administrator and teacher
- Montgomery Village Condo Assn. President since 2008
- North Branford Education Foundation past president



Joseph Faughnan

- Town Council since 2007
- Attorney, Partner - Sussman, Duffy & Segaloff since 1981
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 1988-2008



Joseph Martin, Jr.

- Branford H.S. Educator 1966-1998
- Adjunct professor, Univ. of New Haven & Albertus Magnus College
- Former owner, Dairy Queen of North Branford
- Former president, North Branford Business Owners Assn.



Lou Paternoster

- Former Board of Education Chairman
- North Branford Youth Basketball, Soccer, Little League
- Potato and Corn Festival since '09
- Shining Star Award recipient, 2018



Brenda Shuler

- Owner, Nursing Concepts and Academy of Cosmetology
- North Branford Library Board since 2018
- TVES PTO, Past President
- Parents Supporting Education Excellence Coordinator

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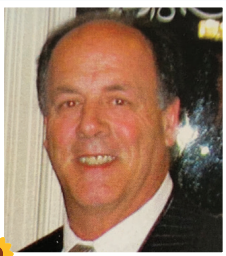
Jana Balsamo

- Board of Education since 2017
- ACES Board, 2018-Present
- Fairfield Museum & History Center, 2013-15



Tara Downes

- Director of Communications, Office of the State Comptroller
- Co-Founder of Horses to Homecoming equestrian program for children of deployed soldiers
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Vincent J. Mase, Sr.

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—Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.

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VOTE ROW A

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NOV 14

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NOV 17

1:30PM

ATWATER LIBRARY

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WEDS

10-12

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THURS

10-11AM

SMITH LIBRARY

KIDS! Library Playdate. A magical world of play and learning on Thursday mornings with hands-on, open-ended activities. For ages 0-3 years old. Siblings welcome!

MONDAYS

4:30-5:30

ATWATER LIBRARY

KIDS! Chess Club for Kids! Whether a beginner or intermediate player, learn the strategies that will make you a better chess player. Ages 7-11. Register at 203-315-6020

Recycling News

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall:

November 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Ewaste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection: Saturday Nov 2nd- 9 until Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

*****Mattress and Box Spring collection & recycling by the Mattress Recycling Council*****

Drop off your old mattresses and box springs for **free**; items should not be wet or excessively soiled.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane tanks*, tires (**size-based fee charged**), uncontaminated waste oil, vehicle batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Propane Tank Fees*	
1 lb (camping), 5 lb, 20 lb (std gas grill)	\$2
10 lb	\$5
30 lb	\$8
40 lb	\$10

We can no longer accept fire extinguishers, helium or 100lb propane tanks. These items should go out with your scrap metal pickup when emptied.

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup: Nov 4th thru Nov 8th

The fall scrap metal pickup is scheduled for the first full week in November. Scrap metal will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal should be put out at curbside up to a week prior to pickup dates.

More info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program

Starting in North Branford November 11th

Look for your Simple Recycling pink bags and program info in the mail in early November

Please save the pink bags and fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more in the Simple Recycling bags.

Place bags next to your recycling bin on your regular trash pickup day.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags and leave new bags.

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.


Now That's Simple Recycling!

KAYAKS AND PADDLEBOARDS


Eileen Martin, owner of Branford River Paddlesports, will be making a presentation about self-propelled watercraft and how to enjoy them safely. She will bring a paddleboard, kayak, and related gear to the meeting for your inspection. Her discussion will include anecdotal accounts of the smart and not so smart things she has seen over the years of renting watercraft to the public. Thurs., Nov. 14, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 presentation, Pompeo's Restaurant, 485 West Main St., Branford, \$18 includes buffet dinner, cash bar. Reservations required: contact Mike Drozd at michaeldrozd@att.net or 203-389-4692. Hosted by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club®, at their monthly meeting. The public is invited.

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203 - 484 - 7371

See  & Pictures online at Leejsautos.com

This Week's




No Dealer Fees!

No Waiting at DMV.

We have Plates Here!

2000 Toyota Corolla 4DR SDN	\$3,595
1998 BMW 7 Series 4DR SDN	\$4,995
2008 Honda Fit 5DR HB Auto	\$4,995
2007 Toyota Corolla Auto S	\$4,995
2007 Honda Accord SDN. 4DR I4 AT	\$4,995
2006 Honda Civic SDN EX AT	\$5,495
2006 Honda CR-V 4WD LX AT	\$5,495
2010 Honda Accord SDN 4 DR I4 EX-L	\$5,995
2008 Dodge RAM 1 500 4WD QUAD	\$7,995
2011 Honda Civic S 4DR Auto D	\$7,995
2008 Honda CRV 4WD 5DR EXL	\$7,995
2010 Honda Pilot 4WD 4DR LX	\$7,995
2009 Honda CR-V 4WD 5 DR EX	\$7,995
2012 Honda Civic LX 4DR	\$7,995
2004 Ford Ranger Super Cab 4.0L XLT	\$7,995
2012 Honda Civic SDN 4 DR Auto	\$8,495
2010 Toyota RAV 4 4WD 4 DR 4 SPD.	\$8,495
2009 Honda CR-V 4WD 4DR	\$8,495
2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD	\$11,500
2004 Lexus LS 430	\$10,995
2015 KIA Optima 4 DR SD EX	\$11,995
2008 Ford 150 4x4 quad Cab 119K	\$10,995
2011 Ram 1500 4WD Quad Cab 140.5"	\$11,995
2013 Lexus ES 350 4 DR SDN	\$12,995



I purchased a Toyota Sienna from Lee J's on 10/19/18 and I am very pleased with it. The car is as advertised/described, and I was able to drive it off the lot with full registration the same day. I would recommend this smaller dealership if you need a car in a more affordable price range and you need to know the price up front rather than having fee after fee tacked on as other places commonly do. I was allowed to bring my mechanic in to verify the car before purchasing, and that was important to me. I look forward to many years driving my sweet minivan, and will send my friends and family to Lee J's if they need a quality used car. Therese Dillon.



Students Participate in Music Festival

Recently, 17 students from NBHS participated in the 2019 Shoreline Music Festival at Coginchaug High School in Durham, CT! Throughout the two day event, students gathered to rehearse music in the Shoreline Festival Band and Choir, comprised of students from all 12 school districts in the Shoreline Conference. The festival ended with a fantastic public performance at Coginchaug.

The 17 NBHS Musicians included: Nina Annunziato, Jennifer Cirivello, Marisa Helff, Marlena Karsmarski, Katherine Klemme, Emily McCormack, Gabriella Pinto, Benjamin Reynolds, Christina Riggione, Ethan Sabetta, Kara Schimelfanick, Emma Schreiber, Alexander Shadman, Caroline Shadman, Alexis Sorrell, Christian Tomaso, Allison Wang
photos provided by: Katie Trainer 9-12 Band Director

Sacred Heart Academy Entrance Exam

The Sacred Heart Academy Entrance Exam will take place on Saturday, November 2 from 8 am until noon on the school's campus located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden. All students applying for grades 9 and 10 are required to take the entrance exam. To register for the exam, candidates for admission must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org with the \$60.00 fee by October 30. For further information or to arrange an interview or "shadow day," contact Director of Admissions Elaine Lamboley at 288-2309, x307.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12 founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. More than 400 students,

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hailing from 60 towns and 80 feeder schools in Connecticut, are enrolled. Visit www.sacredhearthamden.org to learn more.



TVES Celebrates Veterans Day

TVES recently held their 5th annual Care Package Drive to honor our veterans. Elyse Mortensen, Art Teacher at Totoket Valley Elementary School, started this project at TVES as a way to help out a family member who was stationed in Kuwait. Elyse's Aunt, Karen Mortensen Cote, is the coordinator of the statewide drive called Hero Boxes, and each year she is in contact with the specific unit who will receive our donated items in time for the winter holidays.



Over the last five years, The number of care packages, or Hero Boxes, sent overseas has grown tremendously. This year more than 500 care packages will be sent to Afghanistan and about 50 are going to a very remote location in Jordan.

Anyone wishing to help assemble the boxes, gift wrap a few items, and write a card to a member of the armed services is invited to the New Britain VFW, 41 Veteran's Drive in New Britain on November 9th from 11-2pm. You can also "like" Hero Boxes on Facebook to see soldiers of the week and view pictures of troops who receive the care packages, or visit Heroboxes.org.

The entire TVES staff is very appreciative and thankful for the generous families in North Branford who have contributed to our fundraiser and for the work-21 program who shopped with monetary donations.

The Northford Women's Club Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a Bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2020.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women's Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, contact Mary Connolly at 203-484-0722.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Jordan Regan and Julianna Cosenza were recognized for their commitment to "Making a Difference" at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education (ERACE) offers free classes for residents of Branford, North Branford, Clinton & Guilford. Opportunities for high school diploma include teacher led classes, online learning and one to one programs. We also have day and evening classes for students wanting to improve their English. Contact 203 488-5693. Visit www.erace.adult.org. Info sessions at 6:30 every Tuesday at Branford High School. 185 East Main St., Branford. Info sessions also on Nov. 7 & Dec. 5 at Jared Elliot Middle School in Clinton at 6:00.

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





NBIS Field Hockey 7-0

North Branford Intermediate School is off to an undefeated 7-0 record under coach Danielle Pannone



High scorer Keana Criscuolo leads the team with 11 goals.



Mikella O'Brien stops a Walsh player in her tracks

NBHS Football Moves to 4-2

The T-birds have won two in a row to bring their record to 4-2. Against Old Saybrook/Westbrook, NB scored 22 in the second quarter to go on to a 48 -14 win. Junior quarterback Brandon Fratta set a school record by throwing for 404 yards and five touchdowns with a 15-21 completion mark. His favorite target was junior Alex Clinton whom he hooked up with five times for 169 yards and senior Nate Raymond who pulled in 4 for 137. Both had two touchdowns. Senior Tyler DiNapoli had 9 carries for 60 yards. On defense, senior Xavior Cognata had 13 tackles, DiNapoli added 11 and sophomore Ryan Vaspasiano had 10. Junior Efsthathios Gianniotis added 8 and his classmate Jamison O'Brien added 6. See game photos below.



Raymond leading the pack on one of his catches.



Fratta setting up for one of his completions.



Clinton pulls away from a host of defenders.

In the second victory, North Branford started the game with 3 unanswered touchdowns but Valley came back with two in the second quarter to close the gap to 21-14 at the half. After a scoreless third the T-birds scored first in the fourth quarter and held on to a 35 -28 victory. Brandon Fratta was 14 for 20 and threw for 169 yards. His favorite target was Tyler DiNapoli who had 5 receptions for 80 yards and Alex Clinton had 3 for 40. DiNapoli also ran 17 times for 89 yards. DiNapoli also had 3 touchdowns. On the other side of the ball, junior Marquis McFadden had 11 tackles as did Alex Clinton. Xavior Cognata added 9 with Ryan Vaspasiano adding 8 and senior Alex LeMere chipping in with 6.

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North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

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Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation

NEW YORK GIANTS AT NEW YORK JETS

Sunday, November 10th
Cost: \$150 resident / \$155 non-resident

Travel aboard a motor coach bus to Metlife Stadium to watch the New York Jets host the New York Giants. Seats are in the upper end zone. We will arrive to the stadium around 10:30 for time on your own to explore the stadium or tailgate in the parking lot!

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursday, December 5th
Cost: \$125 resident / \$120 non-resident

Come enjoy the Rockettes and the story of Christmas. Orchestra seats to the 2:00 pm show. Fun for the whole family. See the show and still have time for shopping, the Rockeller Center Tree and so much more.

ACTIVITIES

NEW CRAFTS WITH SYLVIA

Who: Kids (7 and up) & Adults of all ages
**Kids under 12 need an adult present to help during class*
When: November 5th
Seed Frames and Art
Time: Tuesday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$25
Instructor: Sylvia Brewster
Description: Create unique frames and artwork with your own design or provided patterns using seeds and glue.



NEW MARY'S CULINARY CLASSES

Who: Ages 5-14
When: November 19
Turkey Chili and Apple Crisp
Time: Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$40
Instructor: Mary Amter
Description: Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience where children can explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques. From monster meatloaf to hot cocoa cupcakes these exciting new classes will engage children in delicious creations.



ARCHERY GRADES 4 - 8

Who: Grades 4 - 8
When: November 13 - December 18
Time: Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$50
Instructor: Debbie Gibilaro
Description: Learn and hone the basic skills as you develop using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a safe and supportive environment.

ARCHERY GRADES 9 - 12

Who: Grades 9 - 12
When: November 13 - December 18
Time: Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$50
Instructor: Debbie Gibilaro
Description: Learn and hone the basic skills as you develop using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a safe and supportive environment.

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.nbrecreation.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

Christmas Tree Shop/Cracker Barrel, Monday, November 4, Departs 10:30 a.m. - Tribally owned-and-operated since it opened in August of 1998, the Museum brings to life the story of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. The Museum is a 308,000-square-foot complex and serves as a major resource on the histories and cultures of Native Americans in the northeast and on the region's rich natural history. Lunch on your own at the museum's Pequot Café.

Meriden Square, Friday, November 15, Departs 10:30 a.m.
Join us on the senior vans and get some holiday shopping done at the Meriden Mall.

Ivoryton Playhouse, Wednesday, December 18, Departs 11:00 a.m., \$35

An Actor's Carol: Burned out actor Hugh Pendelton, not-so-fresh from playing Scrooge one too many times in the backwater community theatre where his once prmising career has met its unglamorous end, is surprised to encounter three spirits of his own in this quirky and compelling ode to the holiday classic. Lunch stop on your own prior to the show, location TBD.

ACTIVITIES

Veteran's Day Luncheon, Wednesday, November 6, 11:00am, FREE to vets, \$5 for non vets.
Please join the Office of Social Service as they present community education for Veterans. **FREE LUNCH FOR VETERANS**, compliments of the Senior Center (non-veterans,\$5). **Seating is limited!** Please call 203.484.6017 to reserve a seat today!

Big Y Pharmacist , Wednesday, November 13, 11:00am, FREE
Join Big Y Pharmacist, Samantha Petillo, for an informative conversation regarding health & wellness.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, Thursday, November 21, 12:00pm, \$5.00
Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast with your friends at the Senior Center. Kindly register in advance.



Cosponsored by the North Branford Rotary

Join your community on Friday, December 6th for our Annual Tree Lighting

Town owned Augur Property
290 Forest Road, Northford
6:30 - 8:30pm
Rain or shine

Ice Sculpting
Marshmallow
Roasting

Hay Rides
Musical
Entertainment

Hot Chocolate
& Cookies
Petting Zoo



And Santa!

Food Trucks Available:
JJ's Food Truck
Sugar Cupcake Truck



Marshmallow roasting
Sticks provided by:



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, 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. 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.

DEATH NOTICE Lucia Trumbley Russo, 61, of Madison, formerly of North



Branford passed away peacefully on Monday, October 21, 2019 with her loving family by her side. She was the beloved wife of Anthony Russo III who she started to date at age 14 and he was 16. Lucia was born in New Haven on October 10, 1958 and was the daughter of the late Harvey and Betty Jo Wilson Trumbley. Lucia was dedicated to “her guys”, she loved them all unconditionally and loved to say “Mom and the guys”. Loving mother of Anthony Russo IV, Michael A. and Christopher J. Russo.

Private arrangements have been entrusted to The North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, 06492. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Hope After Loss

Amber Smiley from Hope After Loss will be speaking at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 12th at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. The organization provides free peer bereavement support programs to women and men who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or infant. Their goal is to help on the journey of healing. For more information, their webpage is www.hopeafterloss.org. The event is sponsored by the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC. All attending are welcome to stay for the monthly meeting of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC following the presentation. For women's club membership information, contact Stephanie Thaller at StephanieThaller@gmail.com , visit our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook.

St. Ambrose Holiday Craft Fair

St. Ambrose Parish Ladies Guild will host their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It will take place at St. Monica Church Hall, 1321 Middletown Ave. The fair will feature handcrafted items by local artisans. There will be baked goods, breakfast and lunch, great food, interesting crafters, face painting, raffle and more.

For more information or to rent a table, call Lucille at 203-484-9737.

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

North Branford Congregational Church

Annual Holly Fair

Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come early and shop our tables filled with Handmade Crafts, Better Treasures, Jewelry, Country Kitchen where you can pick up your favorite breads, homemade candy, and other delicious items, Cookie Walk which is always popular, and of course our Basket Raffles.

Please join us once again for our wonderful festive Holly Fair. Any question please contact the church office at 203.488.8456.

The Totoket Historical Society

seeks quality donations for our Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 – 2 p.m. in the historic Reynolds-Beers House at 1740 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. The Totoket Historical Society is seeking quality donations such as small “attic treasures” and decorative items, costume jewelry, handmade articles, linens, baked goods, jams, pickles and condiments. Donations for the sale can be dropped off on Wednesdays from 10 - noon at the Reynolds-Beers House. For large items or to arrange pick up, please call Helen at 203 481-5268 or email to hsg2lib@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the buildings under the Society's care: the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red School House, the Miller Barn and the Little White Gas Station.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Zion Episcopal Church, in partnership with the Food Pantry of North Branford, will host a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th at 1:00 pm. in the parish hall at 326 Notch Hill Rd. North Branford.

All are welcome! If possible, let us know that you will be attending by calling 203-488-7395. We look forward to being with you!

Winter Wonderland and Bazaar

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will be having a Christmas Fair in the social hall on Sat., Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Original handmade ornaments and crafts, books, gently used costume jewelry, and crocheted throws will be featured. Refreshments, lunch items, and baked goods will be available for purchase at this fundraiser for the church. Various gift baskets will be raffled off.

The historic brownstone 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. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Church website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

New England Fair Coming Soon

The Women's Fellowship of the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT, will hold their annual “New England Fair” on Saturday November 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come browse through our “Hand Crafted” items and “Yarn Boutique”. Take the “Cookie Walk”, shop in “Grandma's Kitchen” and “Bakery.” Check out the “Jewelry”, “Accessories”, and “Kitchen Wares”. Look for treasures in “Grandma's Attic”, the “Nearly New” and the “Christmas” rooms. Saturday breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be available. Ample parking available, handicapped accessible. For directions more information call the Church Office at (203) 239-5691.



Getting to know your Evergreen Woods

What better way to spend a beautiful autumn Saturday than to take a ramble through Evergreen Woods? On September 14, Geoff Smith, from the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) led about 25 people, ranging in age from 3-75 over the trails of Evergreen Woods. The mission of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs.

Special Presentation
North Haven Camera Club

Join us on us on November 5th at The North Haven Camera Club for a special presentation on focus stacking by our guest speaker, George Fellner. George is a photographer and architect and is committed to visual discovery and design. He is an expert at optimizing depth of field for tack sharp images and will demonstrate all aspects of the focus stacking process from beginning to end.

The North Haven Camera Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, September to June, at the Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave, North Haven, at 7:00 p.m. Come early at 6:30 p.m. for mentoring or socializing. Lectures and presentations are conducted the first Tuesday of the month and photography competitions are held the third Tuesday of the month.

North Haven Camera Club has workshops, expert guest speakers and field trips throughout the season. Many of the club’s guest speakers have decades of professional experience. The club also conducts monthly competitions for photographers of all skill levels and prepares members for regional and national photographic contests and events. For more information, visit the club’s website at NorthHavenCameraClub.com.

Art Show at the Senior Center



Photo: Student Susan Danforth with her painting of an egret in flight.

Press Release - North Branford Office of Social Services
Do You Know the Benefits you and your spouse are entitled To?

This Office of Social Service, Assistant Director of Social Service Luisa Breen, will present community education for Veterans which include speakers, Dave Ambrose, Assessor — Town of North Branford, and Anne James, Veterans Service Officer with the State of Connecticut, Office of Advocacy and Assistance. Benefits reviewed will include property tax exemption, military relief fund, Veterans Honor Flight, Dependency and indemnity Compensation, Parents DIC, Death Pension, Health Care, Burial Benefits, Headstones/Markers, Aid and Attendance and Household Benefits, Nursing Home Pension Benefits, Life Insurance, Home Loan Guaranty, Presidential Memorial Certificate and other services. Please join us on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave., Northford, CT. FREE LUNCH FOR ALL VETERANS, compliments of the Senior Center. You MUST CALL 203.484.6017 to reserve a seat for the Veteran Lunch. Looking forward to seeing our Vets!

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HELP WANTED

LABORER II- The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Laborer II in the Public Works Department to perform all types of manual labor related to road and grounds maintenance. Requires High School diploma or equivalency certificate, 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 A license and be able to drive a standard transmission truck. Starting wage is \$22.63/hr. plus benefits. Applications are available on the Town’s website 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). Submit applications to the Town Manager’s Office. The position is open until filled.
Twin Lake Children’s Center of Northford is looking for an infant caregiver for afternoons. The hours would be 1-6 Monday through Friday. If you are good with children and want to join a team of wonderful people, please call 203-484-6700. Or email a letter of interest to carol8615@sbcglobal.net.

Recreation Supervisor – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals to serve as Parks & Recreation Supervisor. Assists Director in planning, organizing, and supervising recreation programs and personnel. Responsible for coordinating all schedules, preparing marketing material, maintaining supplies and equipment for activities. Requires thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of recreation and leisure services administration and park facilities management; Bachelor’s degree in recreation or related field and 2 years of professional experience or equivalent combination of training and experience which provides demonstrated ability to perform duties of the position. Salary range: \$50,000 – 54,000, plus benefits.
Send application, cover letter, resume and references to: Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, no later than Friday, November 15, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.
EOE/AAJob Description and application on the Town’s website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com

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Public Stargazing at Young's Pond Park *Last one for this year!*

Fall is the best time for stargazing. The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a public stargazing event on Saturday November 2nd starting at dusk at Young's Pond Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. Saturn and its moons can still be seen in the western sky. Telescopes will also be pointed at the Andromeda Galaxy and the Pleiades star cluster. Please dress for cold weather. Members will also point out the constellations and satellite passes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASN. The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

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NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Employees Program, who will discuss the 2020 Health Benefits Plan and provide 2020 brochures. The meeting will include the nomination and election of Chapter Officers for 2020.

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Free Showing -

Life in New Havens Little Italy

The Sons and Daughters of Italy in North Haven will be hosting a movie called "*The Village, Life in New Haven's Little Italy*" by Steve Hamm. It will be held at St. Francis Cabrini Church Pond Hill Road North Haven on Wednesday November 20th at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend tell your friends we'll have a fun night. Free will donations accepted.

For more information visit the website at northhavenlodge2805.club

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL DANCE

November 9, 2019 7pm – 11pm

Saint Augustine Church 30 Caputo Road,

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