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Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, two more weeks have passed. With the return of the wife and the completion of the high school baseball season, it's that time of year again when I have free time to think. In that free time, I am always amazed at how people who are much smarter than me can be so stupid.

With the terrible heat, there have been more than several instances of people leaving children in the car as they run their errands. A few of these even led to the death of a child. How stupid can you be? One person indicated they were in a hurry and forgot the baby was in the car. A suggested solution to that problem was to take the shoe off your non-driving foot and put it in the back seat of the car. When you get out of you car you will realize you have no shoe and you will go to the back seat to get it and see the baby. If you need to do this to remember there is a kid in your back seat, you have some big problems.

With the summer picnic season upon us, there have been many warnings about leaving salads with mayonnaise, as well as chicken or meat out in the heat for extended periods of time. Again, if you need to be warned about this, maybe you should not be throwing a picnic.

I went to see *The Fiddle on the Roof* at the Goodspeed Opera House. If he were a rich man he'd "build a big tall house with rooms by the dozen". I couldn't help but think what the heck would I want rooms by the dozen for. I can barely get through the rooms I have now.

I'm still not sold on the purpose of fireworks

every year. I get the celebration aspect but each town spends tens of thousands of dollars for the arsenal, as well as overtime for police, fire and city employees to be on hand for crowd control. Why not do what they do with the Columbus Day parade? Have a large display in a different town each year and invite other towns to participate. Problem solved. Five towns, one shared expense and instead of burning that money up in the sky, the money saved can be used to improve the towns.

On the newspaper front, it gets more and more difficult. More than 40 years in the business and a Journalism Marketing degree, and most people still know much more than me. Only when their strategy doesn't work, do they get me involved and that's only to blame me for their failures.

In the same sense, I can never understand how because my service doesn't actually put something in your hand, people think it is cost free. They run up a bill and then neglect to pay it because "things are tough". I have never had a problem with helping someone out for a few months but when they don't pay at all, that is just not right. Putting my time aside do they think the paper gets printed and mailed for nothing.

I had to get a part time security guard job to make ends meet. I sit behind a big book so people can sign in before entering. Last week a lady walked right by me like I was a four hundred pound invisible man. When I called her back she said she didn't see me and didn't know she had to sign. I explained that I wasn't just there for my looks and she frantically responded with "Oh, I didn't think that".

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The Registrars of Voters for the Town of North Branford will hold the following voter sessions at the Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford for electors to register to vote in the Republican Primary to be held August 12, 2014:

- Tuesday, July 29, 2014: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, August 7, 2014: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 11, 2014: 9:00 am – 12 noon

In order to vote in the August 12th Primary, you must be an enrolled member of the Republican Party. The deadline for transfer of party affiliation was May 12, 2014.

Mail-in applications for new voters must be postmarked and/or received by August 11, 2014. The deadline for in-person application and for unaffiliated voters to apply for enrollment in the Republican Party is 12:00 noon, August 11, 2014.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

Many of my clients (at least in the beginning of our relationship) have what I would call an “If I die” attitude. They plan or don’t plan based on the fact that they “might” die (that’s where the **If** comes in). The conversation typically goes something like this: “Well, *if I die I would like my house to go to my daughter.*” I chuckle a little bit and usually say something like “*if you die... oh, you’re going to die.*” Some folks are a bit shaken up by the fact that someone just told them, for the first time perhaps, that yes they are indeed going to take the big dirt nap. Hey, we’re all born with a “death sentence.”

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

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

So what happens if you don’t make a plan? Fear not, the State of Connecticut has a plan for you. Because you left no direction, the State’s intestacy laws will dictate where your assets go; and your assets may not go to who you think. Assuming that you do not want the State of Connecticut to do the planning for you, a properly drafted Last Will and Testament will ensure that your final wishes (regarding what happens to all of your *stuff*) are honored. It is important to acknowledge that you have a finite amount of time in this world and to plan accordingly.

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Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is co-author of Planning for the Future: A Practical Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

State Representative Vincent Candelora

Connecticut’s Checkbook Balance

Connecticut continues to slightly lag behind the nation in its economic recovery. All of the economic experts continue to look at job numbers, our exports, and the housing market to determine the state’s overall health. As we look at these statistics, we cannot ignore Connecticut’s internal budget numbers. These numbers paint a very different picture.




Every two years the state passes a “balanced” budget. Essentially we begin the year with a zero balance, and we end the year with a zero balance. In other words, we budget so that we spend only as much as we take in. In May 2013, our checkbook balance was \$374.2 million. Approximately \$600 million is recommended for an operating balance in order to pay bills. If the state falls below, the treasurer has temporarily transferred money from our saving account in order to maintain this balance over the past six years. Each time this was done, the alarms were sounded. Growing tired of this, the Governor successfully proposed borrowing \$750 million in GAAP financing in order to fill the coffers. I opposed this legislation in fear that the state was creating more debt only to mask, not fix, a problem. In October, 2013, the state borrowed \$560 million at 3.1% interest to replenish the coffers.

This past week, the Treasurer issued her cash flow report demonstrating that in May 2014, we have a \$422.4 million checkbook balance. She proudly notes that our cash position is “good” and that no temporary transfers have been necessary since April 2013. Given that we borrowed \$560 million, I’d hope that the state would not need to transfer any additional money. I’m gravely concerned, however, that the Treasurer failed to acknowledge the true picture of our check book balance. If we added \$560 million to our checkbook and are only \$50 million higher from the previous year, Connecticut has \$511.7 million less than the previous year at this time. The May cash flow report demonstrates a very troubling trend.

In addition, Connecticut is borrowing more than ever. In Fiscal Year 2013, we borrowed approximately 2 billion. Fiscal Year 2014 is on tract to borrow approximately \$2.8 billion. As if that’s not troubling enough, our capital projects in need of funding have increased from \$5.1 billion to \$6.4 billion. Our Bond Commission, who’s agenda is controlled by Governor Malloy, continues to approve projects at a greater pace than our borrowing. Not only is this bad fiscal policy, but it puts a greater strain on our bank accounts.

The Governor and legislature must look inward and pay attention to these numbers because our economy will never truly stabilize until our government firms up its fiscal policies. Connecticut has a long way to go.

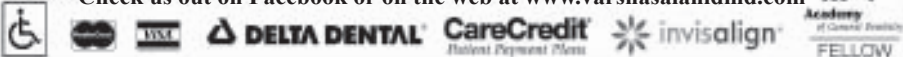
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The Tax Office is 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM daily, Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

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Homeowners with private wells are responsible for the quality of their own drinking water. Many areas of CT have contaminated ground water; either from man-made or natural sources, so owners should regularly test their wells to ensure that their drinking water supply is safe from harmful chemicals.

One of the primary concerns is total coliform bacteria. These bacteria occur naturally in the environment, but should not be present in your drinking water. Coliform bacteria are also called indicator organisms. Their presence in drinking water indicates that disease producing (pathogenic) organisms may exist. These bacteria cannot be detected by sight, smell, or taste. The only way to know if your well contains bacteria is by testing it.

ESDHD recommends homeowners test their well water annually for total coliform bacteria. If total coliform bacteria are present, the lab checks for E. Coli, a specific bacteria related to fecal matter. If total coliform or E. Coli are found, the well should be retested. If bacteria are still present in the re-sample, the well must be chlorinated. If coliform bacteria or E. Coli are present, the water should not be used for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, etc. The well should also be inspected to identify any structural defects and eliminate the source of contamination. In addition, if you can't see the well (the well is below the ground surface) the well is at a higher risk of bacterial contamination (surface water may get into the well). If the source of contamination cannot be located or eliminated, there are other solutions such as long-term treatment methods or connecting to public water if available.

Homeowners should have their wells tested every 5 years for a complete potability test. This test assesses the presence of chemical compounds.

For more information about this topic or other public/ environmental health topics, contact Alex Cinotti, R.S., M.P.H., Assistant Health Director, at (203) 481-4233. Email: acinotti@esdhd.org

Town Changes Emergency Notification Providers

The Town of North Branford has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the Town in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a pending storm, a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation notices). The system is capable of dialing up to 50,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers our recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number. The CodeRed service allows authorized civic leaders to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every telephone number stored in the notification database. With the Safer NB Alert service, authorized users can send thousands of messages in minutes. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system. While we will use the system for emergencies, the Town may also use the system for community notifications that may impact a number of residents. One in four U.S. homes is now cellphone-only, according to figures for the second half of 2009. A further 14.9% of homes receive all or almost all calls on mobiles, despite having a landline, meaning that 89 million U.S. adults (nearly two in five) are now cell-only or "cell-mostly." Your landline number should already be in the database. The Emergency Management Director urges all residents to register additional phone numbers and email addresses on our Safer NB Alert System. This will allow the Town to contact residents by multiple means even after the loss of electricity. Registering the additional phone numbers allows residents to learn of emergencies affecting their home and family even when traveling or at work. This important feature is critical to receive updates especially if you are advised to evacuate. Family members can be notified when emergencies affect a parent's or loved one's home. To add your contact information to the Safer NB Alert database, please visit the Town's website - www.townofnorthbranfordct.com (consider making that your home page) and click on the CodeRed icon, a community notification enrollment service provided by the Emergency Communications Network (ECN). Another feature of the CodeRed will protect you while traveling. If you use an I-phone or Android, you can now download an app to receive notifications when you're on the go. If you're traveling to another town, county or state that subscribes to Code Red, you'll receive any emergency alerts that are issued. Visit Code Red Mobile to download the free App.

If you do not have Internet access at home, you can visit one of the Town libraries or leave a message at 203-484-6016 for assistance.



Zelda Galdenzi Wins State Award

Attorney General Jepsen recently awarded certificates to winners of the 2014 Law Day Essay Competition sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General. North Branford Student Zelda Galdenzi (right) wrote the top essay for the State of Connecticut. Makayla Harrison, also of North Branford, won for New Haven County.

The competition was open to all Connecticut 8th grade students who were asked to write a persuasive essay on the topic: "Should government ban sugary drinks? Why or why not?" Nearly 300 students statewide participated.

Zelda, a student of Carol Papa, concluded that "people should be able to be in charge of their own health ... there are alternate ways to keep people healthy other than banning these drinks or controlling how much people consume."

The Risks of Coming of Age in a Digital World by Lindsay Lee Wallace

Sometimes I am overwhelmed by the number of pictures that must exist of me. While at photography's inception, you would have been lucky to have your picture taken once or twice in your entire lifetime, today we are almost perpetually carrying cameras in the form of cell phones, for which there are apps (that's 'phone applications), for the technologically impaired—dad, I'm looking at you) dedicated to capturing and sharing photographs. I think technology is splendid, but I see an unsettling trend in the way my generation utilizes it: casually, ubiquitously, and with woefully scant regard for any possible consequences.

The pinnacle of regrettable consequences is exemplified by situations local and national involving the use of cell phone applications to capture and share nude photos of teenaged girls. The issue of girls taking pictures of this nature is in need of clarification in and of itself. In my opinion, these photos fall under the umbrella of "sexual acts". It should go without saying that if photos such as these are to exist, the capturing of said photos should be entirely voluntary on the subject's part, and that the intended recipient (if the subject meant to share the photos) should also be receiving them voluntarily—and no matter what, should be the only recipient. As one of the many and varied "sexual acts" that might occur between consenting individuals, as long as it's not hurting either of those individuals or anybody else, I have trouble finding anything *morally* wrong with it.

Unfortunately, the situation is in reality not nearly so cut and dried. There are many unsavory complications stemming from such photography that muddle up this simplistic analysis. The vast majority of those negatively affected by these situations are girls, and many of these girls are minors. I'm not going to pretend to have an extensive knowledge of the law in this (or any other respect), but as far as I know, that makes these photos child pornography, which by its very nature is deplorable, and illegal for very good reason. Obviously the girls are not setting out to create child pornography, but by definition they are, and perhaps that alone should lead to further consideration. At what age should we as a society consider any sexual acts (again, always between consenting individuals) appropriate? This is a difficult question to answer, because the beginning of sexual awareness and interest is different for everyone. There are thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and etc.-year-olds who show no interest in anything sexual, and there are also those at the opposite end of the spectrum—all of which is completely within the bounds of health and normalcy. All of this concerns my age group, and as a result of my naturally biased opinion, definitive statements are difficult to make. I can be certain, however, that contrary to the amalgam of messages I've received from both health classes and the media, sex should never be mystified, demonized, romanticized, or put on a pedestal. As long as all parties are educated, safe, and mature, who am I or anybody else to tell people what to do with their bodies? Assuming education and safety, the issue in this respect is one of maturity. When is the maturity that makes acts of a sexual nature "okay" achieved? Nobody seems to be able to agree, and though the answer lies somewhere in the throes of puberty, pinpointing it is beyond me.

Everything I've said thus far has dealt purely with the morality of the photos themselves, under the assumption that they are originally intended for controlled viewing by only certain individuals. The fact that they are then exposed to a wider audience than ever intended is an example of the most pronounced danger resulting from the way my generation uses technology. Once something is captured and shared in ones and zeros, it's impossible to entirely eradicate, a risk that should always be understood when creating digital material of any nature. However, I want to emphasize that this is so completely, totally, and absolutely no excuse for those who expose these photographs—and by extension their subjects—to unintended viewers. Doing so is a gross violation of privacy and trust, and an act that completely disregards the girls' ownership of their bodies. It

The Wolfe's are Remembered for Patriotism

The Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship was awarded at North Branford High School on June 4, 2014, under the auspices of the North Branford Scholarship Association, at its Senior Awards Program. Linda Wolfe Rankin of Wallingford, daughter of the Wolfes, made the presentation, saying the following about her parents:

"To be an American! What does it mean to you? Since I am presenting a scholarship tonight in memory of my beloved parents, Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen Wolfe, I'm going to talk about their feelings being Americans! First of all, it gave them pride! They both felt such love, respect, and honor for their country, displayed as they stood at attention when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

For Mom, born in Denmark and coming to the United States as a child, it meant as an adult she would become a naturalized citizen of this magnificent country, and she did just that! My parents voted in every political election, whether at the local, state, or national level; it was their privilege, and they never missed the opportunity! A stately flagpole, upon which the American flag majestically flew in all its glory, stood in the yard of their Northford home!

Dad was a constable on the North Branford Constabulary Force and a charter member of Northford Volunteer Fire Department Company #2. Faithfully, he carried out his duties in both groups, always wanting to help his fellow man. He believed strongly in the tenets of both organizations. Arthur always followed the rules and laws of this nation and wanted others to do the same. Loyal, he served the town of North Branford and wore his badges with dignity and commitment.

Eagerly, Astrid anticipated the Fourth of July! Fireworks? The louder the booms were, the better! She would get so excited and squeal! Parades? Dad enjoyed marching in them while Mom enjoyed the marching bands! They appreciated American traditions such as hot dogs, apple pie, watermelon, baseball, small town greens like Northford's, country roads, wrap-around porches, country music, square dancing, hayrides, and tractor pulls! Americana!!

Let me paint a picture of Arthur and Astrid, which has remained etched in my mind!

My parents enjoyed fun, family, friends, and picnics! Every Fourth of July, we celebrated with a picnic. Mom wore red and white plaid blouse, Dad donned a red and white striped shirt, tablecloths were red, white, and blue; strawberry and blueberry pies were topped with vanilla ice cream, and the centerpiece bouquet of red, white, and blue flowers from their garden. How patriotic, symbolic, and very meaningful to Arthur and Astrid - two great Americans! In their memory, I would like to present the Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship to Leah Martino."

Miss Martino is a graduate of the class of 2014 at North Branford High School and will enter college in the fall to study international relations.

NBHS Reunion Class of 1989

The class of 1989 is looking for classmated for their upcoming reunion in November. If you would like to join the big 25th Reunion contact Debbie at 203-738-8244 or Ylliereibbed@yshoo.com or Bonnie at 203-230-9066 or abyoun@comcast.net. Leave a message with your full name, address and preferred method of contact.

Please pass this information on to everyone you know so this can be an event to remember.

belittles the girls to the point of insignificance, narrowing entire existences to what is shown in these photographs, an act of incredible disrespect. Regardless of how you might feel about it morally, the decision made by these girls to capture and share these photos is unwise, because it gives control of very personal material to parties who may or may not be trustworthy. The decision made by those who share and trade these photos and in the process strip their subjects of their humanity, goes vastly beyond unwise. Their decision is disgusting and morally reprehensible.

Puberty was awkward in the eighteenth century, and the only difference in modern days is the ease with which that cringing anxiety can be documented. My peers and I are navigating the most uncomfortable time of our lives, and are facing more options and outlets for it than our eighteenth century counterparts could have imagined—a situation that often begets unfortunate and dangerous results. I do not advocate restriction of technology as a remedy for this; as author Laurie Halse Anderson said, "Censorship is the child of fear, and the father of ignorance." I instead believe that we should all learn to be careful, intelligent, and respectful in regards to decisions affecting ourselves and one another in the digital world—just as we should in the tangible one.

Lindsay Lee Wallace is a local student who will be giving her viewpoints to the readers of the Totoket Times.



North Branford High School Period IV Honors

HIGH HONORS-12TH

Abelson, Alicia
Alaska, Jeffrey
Andrzejewski, Alexa
Augur, Zachary
Aviles, Krystalys
Bevins, Mary Rose
Branfuhr, Christina
Buonasora, Maria
Chacon, Joseph
Diglio, Amelia
DiMartino, Miranda
Dupuis, Meaghan
Eairheart, Brittany
Esposito, Noelle
Felten, Jocelyn
Fillion, Marc
Fontenault, Steven
Funaro, Michael
Gangi, Christina
Ghobrial, Nicholas
Hughart, Nathan
Johnson, Bradley
Kennedy, Melissa
Megill, Amanda
Michaelson, Julie
Norton, Cassidy
Raucci, Alexandra
Raucci, Jessica
Reynolds, Justin
Rivera, Shannon
Ruggiero, Rebecca
Sadowski, Megan
Sullivan, Kevin
Treichel, Zachary
Vogt, Jordan
Westwood, Andrew

HIGH HONORS-11TH

Annunziato, Gabriella
Bale, Marissa
Bush, Nancy
Cirivello, Melissa
Dautaj, Ersela
Didiano, Sophia
DiLauro, Mark
Fair, Morgan
Gleason, Olyvia
Haag, Hannah
Hagewood, Dayna
Halligan, Sean
Hinckley, Jessica
Hogan, Stephanie
Husted, Justin
Iuteri, Christian
Johnson, Justine
Krawec, Justin
Kruglik, Christopher
Laudano, Lauren
Levine, Jennifer
Longo, Aren
Lovelace, Kara
Lucatino, Briana
Martone, Alec
Martone, Kyeana
Mastriano, Carly
Mavani, Jay
McMahon, Thomas
McManus, Ashley
Munck, Jessica
Olsen, Sara
Romanella, Nicole
Saroka, Bryana
Severino, Austino
Stevens, Katie
Vergati, Maggie

Wells, Katie

HIGH HONORS-10TH

Basil, Haley
Calamita, Sarah
Clough, Lauren
Cristante, Vittoria
Currie Eilidh
DellaRocca, Chelsea
Feliz, Dayro
Golia, Lindsay
Golia, Meghan
Grandpre, Kaylea
Martone, Leah
Messore, Nicole
Pokora, Mary
Razouki, Wissam
Romanella, Patrick
Sauro, Rachel
Stiegler, Erin

HIGH HONORS-9TH

Chan, Winnie
Chime, Tenzin
Damiani, Jillian
DeFrancesco, Tyler
Gibilisco, Austin
Joiner, Peyton
Lombard, Morgan
McKee, Brian
Mingione, Pasquale
Nuterangelo, Alexa
Oliver, Kelly
Pawlak, Victoria
Randolph, Emma
Raucci, Abigail
Sagnella, Cara
Seymour, Stephanie
Sgambato, Deanna
Sudusky, Julia
Tang, Jessica
Tirollo, Giovanni
Young, Hali
Zargo, Kari

HONORS-12TH

Agro, Melissa
Augur, Megan
Bisbing, Stephanie
Bogue, Benjamin
Clark, Lloyd
Conklin, Kyle
Costelli, Laura
D'Urso, Juliana
Davis, Victoria
DiMaggio, Deidre
DiPentima, Brody
Ferrucci, Nicole
Gries, Mackenzie
Himpel, Ashley
Kenyon, Jessica
Martin, April
Meagher, Jonathan
Nowak, Kayla
O'Connor, Sean
Rayner, Patrick
Rienzo, Nicole
Toth, Starla
Troiano, Nicole
Woodin, Gregory

HONORS-11TH

Albino, Victoria
Brown, Nicollette
Calamita, Austin
Candelora, Nicholas
Carr, Grace
Castillo, Juliana
Chater, Yasmear

D'Angelo, Alessandra

DaCunto, Rachael
Delaney, Taylor
DeRosa, Cheyanna
Diaz, Evan
Finkle, Jyllian
Gallo, Deanna
Giardina, Alexis
Gillis, Matthew
Kaiser, Michael
Korn, Charles
Lavorgna, Gabriella
Lombard, Robert
Lovelace, Kara
McMorrow, Jessica
Migliorelli, Amanda
Murphy, Ryan
Oakes, Megan
Odell, Kevin
Opie, John
Perrotti, Cole
Perrotti, Justin
Rawson, Amber
Rawson, Bradley
Rogers, Caitlyn
Rubino, Alexandra
Russo, Christopher
Sagnella, Nicholas
Salazar-Alzate, Laura
Santamauro, Victoria
Silva, Emanuel
Skerritt, Justin
Sokoloff, Rachel
Weaver, Vanessa
White, Kaitlyn

HONORS-10TH

Augur, Gabrielle
Balzano, Theresa
Boulas, Kayla
Burkle, Adam
Carangelo, Michelle
Celentano, Samantha
Combs, Kristen
Cotton, Alana
DelGaudio, Carissa
Doody, Julia
Drummond, Elizabeth
Dulak, Holly
Dulak, Maggie
Faraclas, Kristen
Farkash, Alexa
Fisher, Patrick
Ford, Kyle
Fries, Madison
Gershoni, Gabrielle
Giammattei, Gabrielle
Ingarra, Jessica
Klemme, Benjamin
Kostoss, Eric
Kruser, Jillian
Kusmit, Ryan
Matteo, Lauren
Miller-Karsmarski, Laurel
Myers, Jackson
O'Neill, Taylor
Opie, Tanner
Pantera, Michael
Pollick, Mara
Rezendes, Zachary
Ricci, Kyle
Romero, Frances-
Mariane
Stephens, Ashley
Taft, Christina

Turner, Jessie

HONOR-9TH

Alaska, Jason
Arouna, Cowiya
Baker, Jake
Berthiaume, Marissa
Bronner, Morgan
Cappello, Nicole
Czarkowski, Stephanie
DeLucia, Anthony
DiPentima, Zachary
Esposito, Jennina

Fraenza, Ashley
Gargano, Jazzmine
Garrett, Emma
Giatrelis, Nicholas
Haeckel, Julia
Hanratty, Meagan
Hogan, Sydney
Hoyt, Michael
Hughart, Amanda
Johnson, Meredith
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Mastriano, Gregory

McGovern, Jordan
Muzyka, Emily
Piercey, Amanda
Querfeld, Robert
Redente, Kaitlyn
Regan, Keane
Scell, Zachary
Slubowski, Jamie
Stelmaszczyk, Lauren
Stone, Tabitha
Testa, Stephanie
Wilson, Patience

*Honors for North Branford
Intermediate School
wil be in the next edition of the
Totoket Times*

THEY MAKE US PROUD!

Samuel Boissard was named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Brittany Cattaruzza was awarded a BA cum laude in Theatre and Speech, with a Performance Concentration and a Minor in Dance at Wagner College in Staten Island NY.

Michael Cattaruzza was named to the Dean's List at Nichols College in Dudley, MA.

Caitlin Doolittle was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College in NY.

Keegan Burke & Kimberly Phillips were named to the Dean's List at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

Christina Acompora, Andrea Canavan, Alicia Chaturvedi, Jesse DeFrancesco, Lames Fontenault and Samantha Palumbo were named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

Carolyn Grime graduated with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Hartford.

Melissa Grime graduated with an Associate in Radiology Sciences from St. Vincent's College.

Cassandra Laudano received a BA in Psychology from University of Rhode Island.

Antoinette Martone graduated from Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT.

Brittany Anderson graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

Alyssa Denardis was named to the Dean's List at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY

Alexander Prete was named Salutatorian at Xavier High School. Alexander was also the recipient of the Brother Celestine Award for Academic Excellence.

Marissa Czarnecki, Rebecca Golia, Kelly McGovern, Elena Milone, Kristen Austin, Juliana Harrison, Margaret Mirabella, Allisyn Narracci, Courtney Nowicki, Elisa Palmieri and Deirdre Reidy received high honors at Sacred Heart Academy.

Kayla McMillen, Nicole Montalto, Rachel Wells, Simona Panno and Deanna Sintay received honors at Sacred Heart Academy.

Alexander Hassen, Christopher Stanio and Christopher Stankiewicz received first honors at Notre Dame of West Haven.

Blake Rice, Frederic Montz, Paul Proto, Eric Austin, Thomas Pietrogallo and Jacob Hawley received second honors at Notre Dame of West Haven.

Matthew Langone and Salvatore Carlo received third honors at Notre Dame of West Haven.

Alexander Prete & Tyler Williams received high honors at Xavier High School in Middletown.

Zachary Williams, Stephen Bruno, Joseph Murphy, Robert DellaCamera, Jake Narracci, Brandon Amatrudo, Connor Odell and Rory Sherban received honors at Xavier High School in Middletown.

Miranda Vogt was named to the Dean's List at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY.

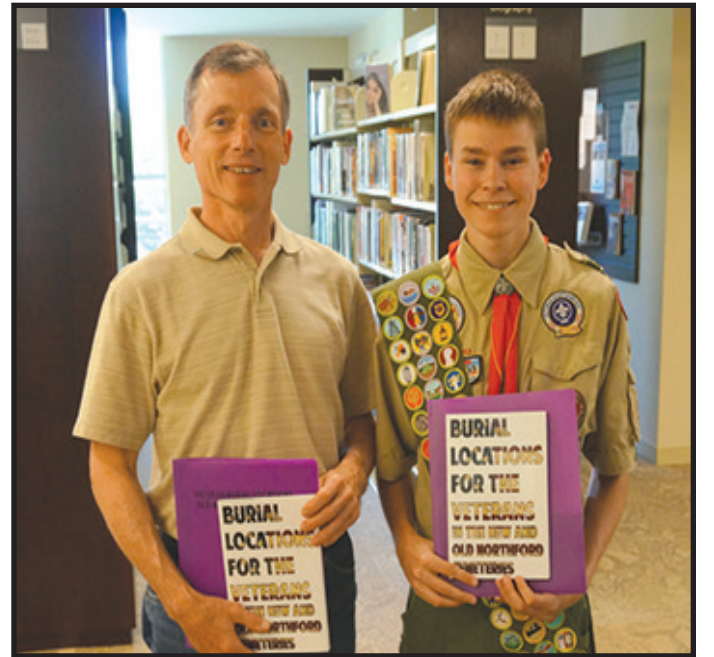
Cassandra DeFelice graduated summa cum laude from the honors college at Stony Brook University in NY> Cassandra graduated with a Bachelors in Social Work and she will pursue her Masters in Social Work at the University of Michigan.



Daisy Troop #60139 recently held their year end dinner celebration. Each Daisy was presented with the Petals they earned throughout the year, along with recognition awards. They were also awarded their cookie rewards for all their hard work in selling more than 1,300 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. (from left to right) Kaylee K, Gianna M, Janae M, Nina N, Kaelyn K and Jonna V. Missing from photo are Madelynne A and Brooke C.)

Moran Achieves Eagle Scout Recognition

Congratulations to Robert Moran who recently became an Eagle Scout with Troop 463 in Northford. He earned 58 merit badges along the way. For his Eagle Scout project, Robert, with the help of Troop 463, its leaders, friends and family, mapped out the old & new Northford Cemeteries for the burial locations and headstone information for all the military Veterans dating back to the 1700's.



Robert created hard copy books and maps that can be found at both the Edward Smith & Atwater Libraries, as well as at VFW Post 8294 in Northford. Robert is pictured presenting his project to the Director of the North Branford Library System, Bob Hull.

Robert Moran will be attending Central CT State University in the fall majoring in Computer Engineering.

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Have fun at this 5 day field hockey camp at Jerome Harrison School

On August 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19 from 5:30 to 7:00pm!

Cost is \$ 100 or \$ 25 per night.

Portion of proceeds will go to the Maggie Augur Fund

Make checks payable to NB Field Hockey and send with permission form to:

Amy Norton, 7 Fawn Meadow Lane, North Branford 06471

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

Contact Coach Babby Nuhn 203- 484-1465 or Amy Norton 203-214-9198

bnuhn@northbranfordschools.org or amynorton7@comcast.net

Summer Reading Celebration at the Smith Library!

Wednesday, July 23rd

Hurray - it's summer!
Time to enjoy good books, great food and magical potions with the Sciencetellers!



Festivities begin at 5:00 PM, with food trucks galore in the parking lot! We have invited:



Fryborg Food Truck
Ay Arepa Mexican Food Truck
Rough House American Food Truck
and
The Sugar Bakery Cupcake Truck



Show us your coloring sheet or bookmark and get a free cup of lemonade.

Then, stay for the "Magic Potions" program performed by Sciencetellers. You will enjoy an interactive program using the two coolest things in the world - dry ice and your imagination!
(Inside the library at 6:30 PM.)

If it is a warm night, bring lawn chairs and we will picnic in the parking lot with our delicious food before the "Potions" Program.

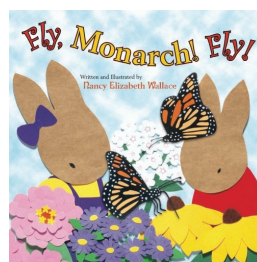


We look forward to seeing you!
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We have chosen the book: *Fly, Monarch, Fly* by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace for our outdoor StoryWalk® to go along with our summer reading theme, Fizz, Boom, Read! Nancy Elizabeth Wallace is a local author that has shared her many books with our kindergarteners in our All Star Reading Program at the North Branford Public Libraries. The pages of the book have been posted on orange monarch butterflies between the Edward Smith Library and the Little Red Schoolhouse on Old Post Rd. in Northford, CT.

We invite you to follow the orange butterflies as you read and learn about monarchs. Then come into the library to sign our guest book, observe our butterfly habitat, get a butterfly stamp and make a butterfly craft. Library hours are: Monday – Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am to noon.

Let your summer reading enjoyment soar with our *Fly, Monarch, Fly* butterflies!



COW CHIP TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!!!!

Please support the Potato & Corn Fest and the NB Youth Football & Cheer Program by purchasing a Cow Chip ticket for \$10.

Grand Prize: \$2,500

2nd Prize: \$1,000

3rd Prize: \$750

4th Prize: \$500

5th Prize: \$250

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Last Chance for Tickets to the

North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

Coach Rick Geremia, who had an exceptional coaching career in soccer at North Branford High School will be inducted into the NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at WoodWinds in Branford. Seven former athletes will be joining him at the Induction Dinner from 5:00 - 9:00 PM.

Jim Moran (1971) who played football, soccer and starred in basketball and baseball will be joined by **Jimmy Wilborn** (1982) who was a standout track performer who also played on the 1978 football State Championship team and served as the goalie for the ice hockey team. His record for the 440 meter dash still stands (49.7). **Ellenmary Martin-Frye** (1984) who was an outstanding softball pitcher as well as a very competitive field hockey and basketball player will also be inducted as will **Wendy Elles** (1992) who was an exceptional soccer player and now serves as the Head Coach of the Women's Soccer team at St. Michael's in Vermont. Wendy also ran cross country and track and was a very impressive basketball player. **Karen Visicchio Czapliski** (1994) played soccer and competed in track but was most recognized as a dominant basketball player. She was a New Haven Tap-Off Club All County player for 3 years and set the record for most points in a game (40) as well as most career points with 1,391. **Dan Petroskey** (1996) was also an outstanding basketball player. He was the Shoreline Conference Player of the Year as a senior and set a school record with 535 points in one season. In the spring he was a dominant tennis player who won the Shoreline Conference title as a senior. **Mike Gargiulo** (2004) was and still is the all-time leading scorer for boys soccer at NBHS. He scored 82 goals and registered 39 assists while leading the Thunderbirds success during his high school career. He was the MVP of the State Championship game as well as an All-Area player 3 times and named to the All-New England team twice.

We are hoping to see many teammates at this event to show appreciation and support. Please contact Chris Webster for ticket information or to respond to any questions. Her e-mail address is: cwebster@northbranfordschools.org

North Branford Little League Closing Day & Fall Registration

All players and their immediate families are invited to Wall Field to end another great spring season at North Branford Little League. Please join in on the festivities of the Closing Day Ceremonies when trophies will be awarded to all players along with some special trophies and awards. The Ceremony will take place at Wall Field at 10am on July 19 (rain date 7-20)

Join us also for some great food as we cook burgers and hot dogs for all, along with salads and desserts. We ask that each family provide a salad/side dish and desserts please. Families with last names starting with: A thru M to please bring your favorite salad/side dish N thru Z to please bring your favorite picnic dessert

All meat, rolls, beverages and paper goods will be provided by the concession stand.

Visit: <http://northbranfordlittleleague.org>. Any questions? Contact Joe Mascari, President 203-627-5047.

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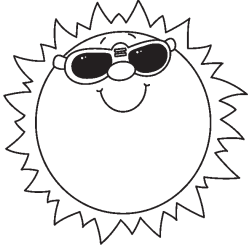
Week 1	June 23—27
Week 2	June 30—July 4
Week 3	July 7—11
Week 4	July 14—18
Week 5	July 21—25
Week 6	July 28—Aug 1
Week 7	August 4—8
Week 8	August 11—15
Week 9	August 18—22

4-Day camp available Week 2 (discounted)

North Branford Parks, Recreation & Senior Events

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~Wishing all a safe and enjoyable summer~



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Performing Arts. Ages 6 – 12 years
July 28 – August 1 Monday - Friday, 9:00 -2:30 p.m.
STW Community Center. \$203
This will consists of acting classes and dance classes. These classes help students build confidence and inspire their imagination in a fun and supportive environment. End the week with a performance for family and friends.

Conditioning Camp
Grades 1 - 8. Session I: July 14, 16, 18. Session II: July 21, 23, 25
Time: Mon., Wed., Fri., 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Totoket Valley Park
\$50 session OR \$75 register both sessions at same time
This camp will include a combination of speed and agility drills, calisthenics, hill training, sprint progressions and polymerics along with some fun and competitive events.

Munchkin Tennis. Ages 4 - 7
Session I: July 14 – 18. Session II: July 28 – August 1
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
NBIS Tennis Courts. \$145

Junior Tennis. Ages 7 - 13
Session I: July 14 – 18. Session II: July 28 – August 1
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
NBIS Tennis Courts. \$145

Structured Play Tennis. Ages 10 - 16
Session I: July 14 – 18. Session II: July 28 – August 1
Monday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
NBIS Tennis Courts. \$195

First Kicks Mini Soccer
Ages 3 & 4 \$70. Monday – Friday, 5:20 – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 5 & 6 \$80. Monday – Friday, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
August 4 -8. Northford Park
Field Hockey. Grades 2 – entering 8th grade
August 4 – 7. Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. -11:30 p.m.
North Farms Park. \$75

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

AM Yoga
16 years and up. July 24 – August 28
Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. STW Community Center. \$55

ADULT PROGRAMS

NRA Pistol Permit Safety Course. 20 years and older
July 12. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$140

TRIPS

JERSEY BOYS on BROADWAY. *Limited Seats Left*
Sunday, July 20th. Cost: \$90 resident/ \$95 non-resident
NEWBURY STREET w/ FIRE & ICE DINNER
SATURDAY, August 16th. Cost: \$80 resident/ \$85 non-resident
Newbury Street in Boston ranks as one of the premiere shopping streets in the entire country. Enjoy the afternoon on Newbury street to do as you please. Afterwards we will meet for dinner at Fire & Ice where the endless array of fresh food combinations will boggle your mind. And, the magic performed by the chefs around the world's largest Mongolian grill will delight and excite your senses!

EVENTS

Celebrating 300 Years of Connecticut's

Remarkable Women Luncheon

Friday, July 18th @ 11:00 a.m. / Lunch @ Noon

Learn about some of our state's most remarkable women!

Be inspired as you learn about well-known figures as Ella Grasso, Katharine Hepburn, & Marian Anderson.

This presentation will introduce you to the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame

and give you a panoramic view of its 106 inductees from all fields of endeavor.

Afterwards, enjoy a lunch that includes Mandarin Oranges, Cheese Manicotti, and

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Branford Hill Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Breaking of Bread, 9:15am. Sunday, Ministry and Sunday School, 11:00am. Nursery for infants and toddlers at both meetings. Mid-week Bible studies. For spiritual help, call 203-239-9845.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 9AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation 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. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at www.staugustinenobfdct.com

St. Monica Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marena. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

Zion Episcopal Church. 326 Notch Hill rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; www.zionepiscopalchurch.org

Focus Pointe Ministries is a young and growing vibrant organization located at Guilford Gatehouse, 2614 Boston Post Road, Guilford. Our Mission—*Renewing Minds & Transforming Lives*. The Ministry is dedicated to assist individuals in finding meaning and fulfilling their life's purpose. Building strong physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is at the core of weekly teachings. The Ministry offers a unique weekly worship services convene on Sunday's at 10:00 a.m. Visit us online at www.focuspointeministries.org or call 203 533-5569

Summer Schedule at NCC

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and Family/Mission Sunday is scheduled on the third Sunday of the month. There will be a Vacation Bible School from Friday, July 11, to Sunday, July 13. Contact Kathy Grant with questions or to sign up at 203-823-1023.

On Sunday, July 13, there will be a 9 a.m. worship by the Farm River in Northford instead of in the church building. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, bug repellent (and boots if it has rained). The location is behind the municipal buildings and ball field at Totoket Park.

The church will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order to raise funds to benefit the church. Items for sale will include articles of clothing, household items, books, children's toys, knick knacks, and kitchen items. "Save the Bell Tower" T-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase. Anyone who has gently-used items to donate can call Aloha at 203-484-0794 to make arrangements to drop them off. No large items or furniture please.

The church has a new website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Please take some time to check out the various pages and listen to the music. Like Us on Facebook. The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford.

July 19th Lawn Sale

Church of Christ Congregational

The Church of Christ Congregational, Stony Creek is having a lawn sale on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The lawn sale will feature a tag sale, bake sale, book sale and craft projects/craft supplies sale. Many great bargains and delicious treats will be available! The Church of Christ Congregational is located at 192 Thimble Island Rd., Stony Creek, across from the Town Beach. Free admission and parking. Rain or shine. All proceeds will benefit the Church of Christ. For more information call 203-488-7827.

Masonicare Free Summer Concerts

Wallingford, CT, June 23, 2014.... Masonicare is once again sponsoring its free Summer Concert Series on the grounds of Masonicare Health Center, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford.

Every Thursday evening through July from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted*, and through **August from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.** Area residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy wonderful musical performances given by many of the area's most popular bands. In addition to free parking on site, the grounds will be available for picnics starting at **5 p.m.** In the event of rain, or if it appears rain is imminent, concerts may be cancelled. In those instances, CALL **203-679-5900** – after **3 p.m.** – for the latest information.

Concert Schedule

July 17	50's & 60's Music – Undercover
July 24	Children's Night – T-Bone * 6:00 p.m.*
July 31	Dixieland Music – Eastside Ramblers
August 7	Tropical Sounds – Willie & Jan Band
August 14	Polish Music – Eddie Forman
August 21	Moonlight Melodies – Wonder Trio
August 28	Season Finale: Popular Music – Eight to the Bar

Get Your Dog's Nails Trimmed

And Support the East Haven Animal Shelter

Michelle Cicarella of Lucky Dog Grooming will perform dog nail trimmings at the East Haven Animal Shelter on Thursday, July 17th from 10am - 1pm. The trimmings will be \$10.00 per dog and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Shelter.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash and checks made payable to the East Haven Animal Shelter. Michelle will perform the nail trimmings ongoing at the Shelter on the third Thursday of each month,

The East Haven Animal Shelter is located at 183 Commerce Street in East Haven.

Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event

Saturday, July 12th 2014 - 9am to noon

North Branford Recycling Center

(Public Works area Rte 22 Forest Road)

Electronic Waste collection by Metech Recycling - www.metechrecycling.com

This is a free public service for town residents to discard electronic waste properly.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks* and rechargeable batteries. Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

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

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

HazWaste Central now open for the season

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 25, 2014

Note: Center is closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Used Textiles: Donate, Recycle, Don't Throw Away

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing per year adding up to 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills.

Please help increase the current textile recovery rate by donating all clean and dry textiles (items made from cloth or artificial fabric) for reuse and recycling. Used textiles can be dropped off at local metal collection boxes (Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, etc.).

Textile donations are re-used as apparel, cut into wiping rags or polishing cloths or reprocessed into basic fiber content. The fibers are then remanufactured to create furniture stuffing, upholstery, home insulation, automobile sound-proofing, carpet padding, building materials and various other products. 95% of donated textiles can be re-used or recycled.

Visit Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART) - www.smartasn.org or www.ct.gov/deep for more information.

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Hotel fire safety tips

Be safe when traveling

Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.

When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.

When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.

Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.

Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.

If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.

If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

Do not escape to upper floors. If unable to go down stairs, go to the stairwell and wait for help.

And just like at home, have a meeting place outside.

If you can't escape...

Shut off fans and air conditioners.

Stuff wet towels in the crack around the doors.

Call the fire department and let them know your location.

Wait at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

Sleepover fire safety for kids

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

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

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

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

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

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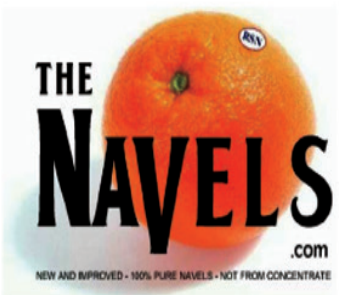
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