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Businesses on the Move



Pictured left to right; Mary Cozzi, Michele Arnold, Alyssa Lotto, Sandi Burlakoff, Loriann Carlson, Mayor Candelora, Jennafer Sullivan, Angela Picone, Lori Johnson and Melissa Brewer Meli.

Beyond Waves

New York Flair -Small Town Roots

On Friday July 26 Beyond Waves. ...a unique salon and spa located at 2290 Foxon Rd (203-315-8080) had their grand reopening. And grand it was, several businesses in the area gave generous donations to add to great raffles, food, and refreshments.

To start the celebration was the ribbon cutting with Mayor Anthony Candelora and the staff of Beyond Waves. Beyond Waves now has the flair of a New York salon but with the welcoming smiles and affordable prices of their small town roots. Offered at Beyond Waves includes all hair services plus manicures, pedicures, facials, makeup, organic spray tanning, waxing, and specialty services such as dermaplaning, keratin smoothing system, and hair extensions.

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Fusion Floral Design "Making People Smile"

Michelle Padillo started working in her mom's flower shop at the age of eleven. As time went on she honed her skills at several places, most recently, Flowers by Lisa in East Haven.

Deciding to go out on her own, Michelle started working on her own, and in late May, she opened her own shop called Fusion Floral Designs. The shop is located at 195 Foxon Road in North Branford, next to Casa Dinallo.

Fusion Floral Designs presents a full service florist with fresh and silk arrangements, tropical's, plants, balloons, and caters to all kinds of celebrations including weddings and funerals.

"As a child, I used to visit my uncle in North Branford, and I always thought the people in this town were so nice," beamed Michelle. "I would never have been able to do this without the help of my mom and stepfather Donna and Jim DeMayo and the support of my wonderful husband Pablo and my five children, Marc, Gianna, Isabella, Anjelyse and Alandra. They are helping me to live out my passion which is designing flowers and putting smiles on peoples faces."

Fusion Floral Designs are open Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm and Saturday from 9-12. These summer hours will be adjusted at the end of the summer.

You can reach Michelle at 203.208.2577 or the website at www.fusion-floraldesigns.com.

Above photo; Mayor Anthony Candelora cuts the ribbon as Michelle (right) and he mother Donna look on.

5K Race - Good Exercise - Good Fun



Close to 200 people of all ages participated in the 5K and one mile fun race at the POCO. The race was organized by NBHS tack coaches Floyd Parness and Kirt Westfall. The children above were lined up for the one mile fun run.

Correction.

In the last edition, it was reported that Al Rose had served on the Town Council on two different occasions and resigned both times. This was incorrect. Mr. Rose only resigned once and indicated at the time of his resignation that he would run again when he finished several time consuming business projects.

The Totoket Times regrets any confusion this may have caused its readers an apologizes to Mr. Rose for this error.

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Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, another couple of weeks have passed and I've made some more observations. Many are wondering why I am discussing these things with my dead brother. It's simple. You get me. On most issues, we always agreed. However, don't think that will get me to fall on the side of the Democrats. You guys are still too liberal for me and the other side is still too conservative. I'll stay where I am. An independent who has his own thoughts on everything and refuses to be swayed by party politics.

The Yankees are doing great. They've replaced Nick Swisher, Raul Ibanez, Eric Chavez, Bartolo Colon and Russell Martin with Alfonso Soriano(they had him before he was a star and now they have him after he's a star), Travis Hafner(who doesn't even own a baseball glove), some guy named Lillibrook(I think that's his name), Andy Pettite(they got rid of the wrong old man pitcher) and Austin Romine (still batting under .200). Steinbrenner and daddy are rolling over in their graves.

Is it just me or are you tired of hearing about the steroid stuff. Joe D drank too much coffee, Mickey Mantle drank too much of everything else

and A-Rod does steroids. I'm not for steroids but let's make some rules, enforce them and move on. I just want to watch a baseball game.

While still on the topic of baseball, I went to a banquet that had several high school baseball umpires as guests. I really thought it was ironic that two of the active umpires were parked in handicap spots and yes, they did have stickers.

I was reading my face book page today and was wondering how a town employee can be posting stuff during the middle of a work day.

I like this new Pope. "Make chaos" he tells the young people. When the leaders in the church have become judge and jury and seldom listen to the thoughts of the people they are suppose to serve, this guy is refreshing.

Went to the POCO this weekend. There were very few local food vendors. What's up with that? I was happy with my grilled eggplant and fresh mozz. panini from Casa D'Nallo. BUY LOCAL.

You know I'm not big on the political scene but I do think Anthony Candelora needs to be our mayor again come November. He gets it and his heart is always in the right place. Not that the other candidadates aren't credible as well, but he brings no hidden agendas to the table.

What was all this crap about the cicada's. Didn't hear one, didn't see one and didn't get all worked up like the media intended.

I went to a bachelor party this weekend and I now know what daddy meant when he would just shake his head at things that were happening. I guess our way of partying was different than his way was as the new way is different that ours was. I can't believe I'm turning into our father.

Be good, I'll see you soon.

Get Your Dog's Nails Trimmed & Support East Haven Animal Shelter

Michelle Cicarella of Lucky Dog Grooming will perform dog nail trimmings at the East Haven animal Shelter on Thursday, August 15th from 10AM - 1PM. The trimmings will be \$10. per dog and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the shelter. Acceptable forms of payment are cash and/or checks made payable to the East Haven Animal Shelter. Michelle will perform the 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.

From the Desk of

Mayor Anthony Candelora



July has been a busy month, I have had the honor of cutting ribbons at the Grand Opening of 4 new business's in town. We now have a new Pizza Resturant, a Yogurt Cafe, A new Flower Shop and the re-opening of a Hair Salon. I hope they all succeed.

July also is the month we get our tax bills. I have heard from many people that they thought their taxes were high. When I think about this it brings me back to budget time which is a very difficult time for everyone involved. We as the Council receive information on all the departments in town and we combine that with information from the Board of Education . This year we were given a budget that had a 9 % increase. If people thin their taxes are high now, if that 9% increase was adopted our mill rate would have gone up tremendously. North Branford relies on residents for their tax base, we have an 80/ 20 split. We need to change this. We need more economic growth to balance the tax base. We all want to provide the best education for our children, we want a Police Department to keep us safe and Fire Department also to provide us with safety. And we want Public Works to maintain our town and buildings. All these things cost money. This is why we need to support our local businesses and make our town a destination not just a place to drive thru.

We need to market and bring in more business to help balance our towns economic base. I believe we can do this with smart planning and strong leadership over the next year or two working with the owners of some of the Plaza's in town so we can help them market the store fronts and also let them know what our needs are in town. Who knows better than the people that live here? Together we can make a difference. Let's support our local businesses and give people a reason to stop and shop our town.

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The Editor

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

You Can't Walk Without Friction



Last week Frank Mentone, the publisher of this community paper, had me on his public access television show. He made a great statement during a discussion we were having, “You can’t walk without friction.” Not only is he scientifically correct, it’s a perfect reminder for how government should operate. The legislative session had a lot of friction this year, but without it, some things would not have been accomplished.

A new Speaker of the House was elected in January, Brendan Sharkey of Hamden. While the Speaker comes from the party in power (in this case, the Democrats), he or she is elected by the entire membership in the House and presides over the entire body. The speaker is the judge and jury of House operations.

As you can gather from my past articles, I have not supported some of the proposals this year, including the budget, and I’m openly critical of these policies. What doesn’t come through in my writing; however, is the dramatic change in the way the House has operated this session under this new leadership.

I’ve always believed that a two party system works well when both sides listen to each others’ arguments, openly debate the policies through public hearings and accept or reject changes after discussions. The more friction in the process, the better the product. In the end, one party or person doesn’t have to support the proposal, but if the other side listens to the arguments and incorporates the suggestions, it likely will become a better product.

When I first got elected to the Connecticut House, almost no amendments were accepted from the opposing party and very few bills ever got tabled. Today, under this new Speaker, that process has changed. Debates on the floor are more meaningful and members listen a little better to the discussion because the debate now impacts the process. If you make a good argument, the bill may get tabled or changed with an amendment. In fact, numerous amendments offered by Republicans this year received acceptance and passage from the Democrats and bills were tabled from discussion if Republicans made compelling arguments on the floor. For instance, a bill to reduce the drug free zones in schools from 1200 feet to 300 feet had support by a majority of Democrats. After a couple of hours of discussion on the negative impacts of this proposal, the Democrats actually tabled the bill despite the initial support. Instances such as this were rare in the past, but seem to become more common now.

Some of your hard core partisan representatives view this give and take as weakness. However, when you observe the partisan fighting and intellectual intolerance in Washington DC, it is hard to believe that anyone would advocate for that process in Connecticut. Hartford certainly isn’t perfect and I have not supported every bill. But having friction, rather than fighting, has helped for some better legislation for Connecticut residents and I tip my hat to Speaker Sharkey for fostering this environment.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

According to recent research conducted by The Hartford Insurance Group, it seems like most baby boomers would rather go to the dentist for a root canal than talk to their aging parents about estate planning. The research indicated about 71% of parents of baby boomers were comfortable discussing estate planning with their children, whereas only 54% of their children were comfortable having such discussions. It turns out that parents are more comfortable discussing estate planning than are their baby-boomer children-who knew? This “communication gap” can have serious consequences for your parents and family.

Talking about your parents dying is not a fun topic to explore. Although it may be a hard conversation to have, it can make such a difference after your parents are gone. This is too important of a conversation not to have.

Getting the conversation started is the hardest part. A few simple guidelines can help turn this conversation into a positive experience. The most important rule (in my experience) is to include ALL of your siblings in the conversation. Nothing works quicker to undermine your intentions than excluding someone. Group discussion fosters a free exchange of ideas. Choose a comfortable and private setting for this family meeting that is free from distractions.

The family is assembled, in a comfortable, private, space...then what? How do you actually start the conversation? A good way to start is to discuss your own plan. Discuss with your parents what your estate planning experience was like. Talk about what your estate plan contemplates. Another way to start the conversation is with an article or book on estate planning. If your parents are readers this is a terrific place to start.

Assuming that you have created an opportunity to talk to your parents about their “exit plan” you should discuss several different aspects. Remain focused on the fact that you are trying to help your parents maintain independence and control over assets that took a lifetime to accumulate. Focus on long term care: have they considered what would happen if one or both of them had to spend time in a nursing home? Nursing home costs can quickly eliminate your parent’s life savings. Ask about what type of estate plan they have in place. Make sure the plan fits their estate. Explore whether their estate plan contemplates tax issues, probate costs, or beneficiaries with disabilities? Don’t neglect to focus on lifetime planning. Make sure your parents have updated Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Remember, most parents want to discuss their estate plan with their adult children. Finding out that your parents have planned their estate will be very comforting. Finding out your parents have not made a plan is a great opportunity to help them get their affairs in order.

P.S. If you are looking for a conversation starter my father and I wrote a book about estate planning a few years back... call my office at 203-234-7400 or email me at marc@guertinlaw.net and I will send you a complimentary copy.

If you have estate planning questions that you would like answered in this column, email me at marc@guertinlaw.net.

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Joseph Amatrudo Earns PHD

Joseph Michael Amatrudo earned a Ph.D in Anatomy and Neurobiology from Boston University School of Medicine during their May 2013 Commencement exercises. His dissertation titled “Differences in Pyramidal Cell Structure and Function in V1 and PFC of Young and Aging Monkeys” was part of the requirements in earning his Ph.D.

While at Boston University Dr. Amatrudo was a Teaching Fellow in several classes including Medical Gross Anatomy, Dental Gross Anatomy and Medical Neuroscience. He co-authored several scientific articles including one which was recently published in the Journal of Neuroscience. He is also a member of the Society for Neuroscience.

A native of North Branford, Dr. Amatrudo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Amatrudo. He graduated from Xavier High School, Middletown in 2003 and Siena College, New York in 2007.

Dr. Amatrudo is currently working as a Postdoctoral fellow at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City.

North Haven Camera Club Seeks New Members

The North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members. The club provides an opportunity for members with a wide range of experience and interests to meet, share and develop photographic skills in a friendly, supportive environment. The club meets at 7PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at the North Haven Park Rec Center on Linsley St.

WIT & WISDOM

The recent efforts of the KKK to establish a chapter here brought back memories from, my childhood. It was a late summer night when my brother, Harold, shouted, "They're burning the cross again". This brought my mother and father with me following out into the dark of night to look over to the Bethany Ridge where sure enough a big cross was burning. We lived on Ridge Road in North Haven with probably the only clear view all the way over to Bethany. Such a sight would be impossible today with all the lights blazing, but then there weren't even street lights so the nights were truly dark.

It was an eerie sight and when they told me there were men in sheets with holes cut in them so they could see, burning the cross it added to the scariness I was experiencing. Apparently, this had been a common sight to the rest of the family, but was the first and lasting my lifetime that I saw it burning and never dreamed I would experience another encounter.

My childhood buddy, Stanley Larson, and I spent most of our free time together dreaming and planning adventures to engage in. When Stanley mentioned going on an overnight camping trip I was all for it. Since he had been to just the right spot where there was a little brook and a clearing where we could have a camp fire and far enough away from civilization to bring thoughts of venturing into the wild.

The date was set and Stanley's brother-in-law agreed to take us on the path leading to our destination. Late afternoon on the day agreed they arrived with a frying pan, hamburger, eggs, bacon, marshmallows and a small mattress rolled and tied. I never dreamed we would be experiencing the pleasure of civilization, but since sleeping bags were outside our realm of thought sleeping on the ground with a small blanket I thought more appropriate. But Stanley wasn't ready to discard all the pleasures of civilization.

Walter let us off on Shepherd Avenue, in Hamden at the trail leading to our venture. Remember this was while not totally devoid of humans, far from populated.

We took turns carrying the mattress up the winding trail until we came to a level spot cleared of trees and bushes with a crystal-clear brook running through it. A campfire was our first endeavor for our climbing efforts had kindled an appetite needing our first attention. With a campfire soon burning vigorously we made short rift of the hamburger. With dark fast ap-

proaching we decided to explore the area more thoroughly and was surprised to stumble over a felled tree showing charred marks. Exploring further we found the cross piece tied to the tree, it too was charred. Stanley didn't know anything about the KKK, but I did and the thoughts of the people in sheets coming to burn the cross took all fun out of our venture. After all it still wasn't dark so they still could be coming.

Stan didn't have any concern about men in sheets so we returned to our campfire and with sticks cut and carved to a point with our, always in pocket, pocket knives we started roasting our marshmallows. Sitting with our feet close to the fire it wasn't long before my shoes felt hot and on reaching down to feel the sole, I experienced pain such as I never had before. Withdrawing my hand my fingers were coated with melted rubber. Rubbing it off was impossible and already hugh blisters had formed. In seeking something to relieve the pain I put my hand in the brook where I kept it all night as I tried to sleep. With all the pleasure gone I couldn't wait for my mom and Walter to take us home.

Rubber soles weren't beyond shoe manufacturers material to save money during the depression and on coming home one rainy day with my new Tom McAnn shoes the wetness I felt was from the paper soles getting waterlogged. Tom McAnn were the most popular shoes in those days
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Also, thanks to Mike Doody who donated the 5 cows for the event, Rob Hart who was my line man and Fran Merola and the Public Works for putting all those lines on the field.

A special thanks to Lynn Sauro who went above and beyond the call of duty to make this year's Cow Chip Raffle successful. It was great working with this fine group of people.

Sincerely, Kris Smith AKA The Cow Chip Lady

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The week of August 19-23 is Camp Fun. During this week we have a variety of activities planned including a *camp-wide breakfast*, a trip to *Quassy Amusement Park*, a pizza party and even a *DJ*!

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NEWS RELEASE

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A two-day program of freshman orientation will be held on Monday, August 19th (8:45-Noon) and on Tuesday, August 20th (8:15-1:30) at North Branford High School. The program includes a field trip to Deer Lake, in Killingworth, for a series of activities promoting leadership, cooperation, teamwork, and trust. For those students participating, we plan to distribute schedules. The agenda is as follows:

Monday, August 19th (8:45-12:00)

AUDITORIUM LOBBY AREA

8:45 Registration in the lobby of the auditorium. Students should be dropped off at the main entrance with the permission slips for the 20th.

AUDITORIUM

9:00-10:30 Welcome and Motivational Speaker

10:30-Noon Meet with student mentors, distribution of schedules with room numbers/teachers, tour school & assistance with high school layout.

Noon Pick-up at the Auditorium Entrance

Tuesday, August 20th (8:15-1:30)

NBHS MAIN ENTRANCE AREA

8:15 Check-In/registration at the entrance area

8:30 SHARP Busses depart for Deer Lake

9:00-12:30 Activities

12:30-1:00 Lunch provided (no cost to students)

1:00-1:30 Transport back to NBHS

1:30 Pick up at Main entrance area NBHS

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

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They Make Us Proud

Chelsea Wilson was named to the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Caitlin McCarthy received a Bachelor's Degree in Communicative Disorders from St. Mary's College in Indiana.

Corey Hagewood was named to the Dean's List and graduated with a BS in Information Systems at Stony Brook University.

Matthew Proto was named to the Dean's List at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Jessica Ferraro received her Masters of health Administration at St. Louis University.

Jeanette Feraro graduated Cum Laude from Bryant University with a BA in Communications.

Jacquelyn Ferraro was named to the Dean's List at St. Louis University in Madrid.

Stephanie Paine received a Master of Science in Education Degree at the College of Saint Rose in New York.



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Cheer Clinic Sponsored by Thunderbird Cheerleaders

The North Branford High School Thunderbird Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Cheer Clinic on Saturday, August 10th, at North Farms Park, Rt 139 in North Branford. Registration forms can be picked up at youth cheer practice, or participants can register the morning of the clinic from 8:30 – 9am. An enrollment/waiver form must be filled out and signed by a parent in order to participate.

Clinic starts at 9am and will run until 1pm. An exhibition for the parents will be at 12:45pm. All ages are welcome to attend, even if the participant is not enrolled in youth cheer. The Thunderbirds will be teaching cheers, sidelines and dance moves that they learned at NECA (New England Cheerleading Association) camp.

Cost is \$20.00 per participant and proceeds go to the North Branford Cheer Club, the fundraising entity of the North Branford Thunderbird cheerleaders. Fundraising helps to defray costs not covered by the school and allows all varsity cheerleaders to participate in the sport they love. It is recommended that each participant bring a water bottle and a light snack, and wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (not sandals). Come cheer with your North Branford T-Birds!

Car Wash Fundraiser to Benefit Thunderbird Cheerleaders

The North Branford Thunderbird Cheerleaders are sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, August 17th from 9am to 1pm at the Company #4 Fire Department in Northford Center. Rain date will be Saturday, August 24th. Car washes are \$5.00 each, regardless of size, so get your vehicles good and dirty and bring them to Northford Center to be cleaned!

Proceeds go to the North Branford Cheer Club, the fundraising entity of the North Branford Thunderbird cheerleaders. Fundraising helps to defray costs not covered by the school and allows all varsity cheerleaders to participate in the sport they love.

Knights of Columbus # 2459 Sponsors Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus, Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly #2459 will be sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit "The Homefront for Homeless Veterans" and other Patriotic causes, on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Country Club of Woodbridge. Golfers, sponsors and contributors are needed.

Please contact Ric Raffone at rraffone@hartynet.com or 203-640-6482 to get involved in this worthy cause.

Watch the NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

North Branford High School recently honored 9 individuals at their third annual Hall of Fame Dinner. The Dinner took place at Woodwinds in Branford and was attended by close to two hundred people.

With the courtesy of Totoket TV, the dinner can be viewed on Comcast Channel 28 on the following days and times:

	Fridays	10:00PM	
	Saturdays	8:00PM	
	Sundays	2:00PM	
	Mondays	7:00PM	
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Thank You to All of The POCO Festival Volunteers

To all the many volunteers who made this year's Potato and Corn Festival happen. Without your help, we simply could not have this extraordinary event. It is so much more than a fair or carnival. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and celebrate how we all make North Branford so special. Again, thank you and see you next year!

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

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

Please note: The monthly recycling services at the North Branford Recycling Center will be discontinued after the Sept 7th Monthly Recycling event. Cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks and rechargeable batteries will be collected at our quarterly e-waste events at the same location. As a reminder, shredded paper can be put at the curb in the recycling tote.

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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, 9:30 - 1:30pm. 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. Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Summer Worship 9am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 9am - 1pm.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or http://standrewsnorthford.orgWe 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 Pastor is Reverend Robert Rousseau and Deacons John Hart & William Lovelace. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated weekdays at 9am with the exception of Thursdays. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm in Winter and 5pm in Summer months and 9 & 11am on Sunday mornings. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month immediately following the 11am Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon in the Father Reilly Chapel, one hour prior to Mass time. 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 email us at StAugustineNoBfdCT@sbcglobal.net.

St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church. Middletown Ave. Northford, CT. Rectory 203-484-9226. Education Center—203-484-2434. Reverend Joseph Parel, Pastor; Deacons William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marennia. Weekend Masses; Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday—9 & 11am. Weekday Masses—9am except Thursday. Celebration of Penance—Saturday—4-4:30pm.

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.

Summer Schedule at Zion Episcopal Church

In an effort to reduce the discomfort of the summer heat, Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford announces new summer hours now through Labor Day. Services during the summer will be at 8:00 and 9:30AM. Readings and music have been shortened and in extreme heat the services will be downstairs where an air conditioner has been installed.

Summer Worship Services at Northford Congregational Church

During the months of July and August, Northford Congregational Church will have Sunday family 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.

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.

Special Services at NBCC

North Branford Congregational Church will have an Outdoor service on Sunday, August 25th which will be an old fashioned service to be held under a tent.

Homecoming Sunday service will take place on September 8th. During the morning service at 10:00 am anyone who is interested in sharing their time and/or talents with the church is encouraged to fill out a form so they can have the opportunity to participate in the goings on of the church throughout the year. There will also be a second service at 5pm. This will be a Vesper service which will be held at Lake Galliard. Don't forget to bring a chair.

Family Sunday service is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Children stay in the sanctuary with their parents during the service and immediately afterwards a Brunch is served in the social hall. It's a wonderful time for everyone. Not only will you be filled spiritually, you will also be filled with a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of the church.

This invitation is extended to all members - current, past and possibly new. If you are looking for a church that is spiritual, fun and committed join NBCC and be a part of a growing and exciting spiritual journey. You will be inspired by the Pastor's message of grace and love and the dedication to growth with love and commitment to all who enter.

Any questions regarding these upcoming events or for general information please call the church office at 203.488.8456.

Annual BBQ Dinner at NBCC Following Tag/Bake Sale

North Branford Congregational Church will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday, August 24th with continuous seating from 5:30 - 7:00PM. Dinner includes BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, dessert and a beverage.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased by calling Carol Sabia at 203-488-5746.

The BBQ will be preceded by a Tag/Bake Sale on the Route 80 Green from 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Peach & Chowder Festival

The Church of Christ Congregational, in Stony Creek, will be holding their Annual Peach and Chowder Festival on Saturday, August 17th from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

Join them on the front lawn of the Church for fresh homemade peach shortcake topped with freshly whipped cream, clam or corn chowder, plus hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages.

Admission is free. The Church is located directly across from the beach in Stony Creek at 192 Thimble Islands Road. In case of rain it will be held in Fellowship Hall directly behind the Church.

All proceeds will benefit the Church of Christ. For more information call 203-488-7827.

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Remember, if you want to be Godparents you must complete the Sacrament of Initiation - Eucharist and Confirmation. The men and women who have taken part in this program have found it very rewarding.

For more information pelase contact Saint Monica Education Center at 203-484-2484.

Bell Tower Fundraisers

Volunteers from Northford Congregational Church and other members of the Bell Tower Committee accepted donations and sold “Save the Bell Tower” T-shirts at the Potato and Corn Festival. Pictured at the church booth (L to R) are church members Nancy Tipping of Northford and Nancy Miller of North Haven along with Xavier High School student Bobby DellaCamera of Northford.

A “Raisin’ Bell” Charity Ride motorcycle run on Saturday, Sept. 14, from Northford Center to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream in Salem, Connecticut, will also help raise funds. Participants can register at 10 a.m. at the church on the day of the ride. Donation is \$20 and additional rider is \$5. A number of other fundraising events are being planned for the fall and winter.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly to the church by sending checks payable to Northford Congregational Church and noting that they are for the Bell Tower Fund. Checks should be sent to the Northford Congregational Church, P. O. Box 191, Northford CT 06472.

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A Fun Filled Evening with the NAVELS

The Atwater Library and the Totoket Historical Society delivered a fun filled night where 150+ residents attended a free, all-ages, family concert, Tuesday night, July 30th.

The lawn was rockin to the music of local band legends, THE NAVELS. The Totoket Historical Society sold food and drinks and held basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. All the proceeds went to the preservation and education fund that the Historical Society uses for various outreach projects to insure our residents have a rich local history that is never forgotten.

For more information about the Totoket Historical Society please visit totokethistoricalsociety.org.

For information about the North Branford Library system please visit www.nbranford.lioninc.org.

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