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This year the above honorees will be recognized.

Presidents Day



Presidents Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents Day 2019 occurs on Monday, February 18.

Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

The proposed change was seen by many as a novel way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers, and it was believed that ensuring holidays always fell on the same weekday would reduce employee absenteeism. While some argued that shifting holidays from their original dates would cheapen their meaning, the bill also had widespread support from both the private sector and labor unions and was seen as a surefire way to bolster retail sales.



The Uniform Monday Holiday Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with that of Abraham Lincoln, which fell on February 12. Lincoln's Birthday had long been a state holiday in places

like Illinois, and many supported joining the two days as a way of giving equal recognition to two of America's most famous statesmen.

Nevertheless, the main piece of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed in 1968 and officially took effect in 1971 following an executive order from President Richard M. Nixon. Washington's Birthday was then shifted from the fixed date of February 22 to the third Monday of February. Columbus Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day were also moved from their traditionally designated dates. (As a result of widespread criticism, in 1980 Veterans' Day was returned to its original November 11 date.) **(Internet info and photos)**



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“Let’s Grow a Backbone”

Dear Editor:

I write in response to Mark Cisto’s “get over it or go home” letter of January 18, 2018. I don’t know Mr. Cisto. If I met him on the street during the Holiday season, I wouldn’t wish him “Happy Hanukkah” because I wouldn’t assume he is Jewish just because I am. If I knew he were Christian, I’d wish him “Merry Christmas”. Not knowing him, I’d wish him “Happy Holidays”. If he wished me “Merry Christmas”, I wouldn’t be offended. I would simply give him the benefit of the doubt and assume he is Christian and is just being neighborly.

The immigrants who founded our wonderful country shed their blood, sweat and tears, and their representatives thought long and hard to separate church and state. We are blessed to live in a place where we can worship any God, prophet (or none) we choose. I can have a Menorah in my home at Hanukkah and at my Synagogue. It would not be appropriate for there to be one on the town green, even if the majority of Northford residents were Jewish. This is not a Jewish or Muslim or Christian town, State, or country. This is an AMERICAN town, state, and country.

I applaud Mr. Cisto for wanting to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and for saying we need to take a stand for what’s right. Instead of telling people who want to keep religion private (which is as American as apple pie) to go home, let’s “grow a backbone” and follow Jesus’ teachings to help the less fortunate among us.

Sincerely,
Peter Rothenberg



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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Forced Regionalization: Our Students Deserve Better



This week the Education Committee raised two bills proposing to force towns to regionalize their school districts. While encouraging towns to share services is a laudable goal, these bills start the discussion in the wrong place. Forcing towns to regionalize their school districts based upon town, not student, population without considering a community's unique needs, creates a

whole host of potential problems. One of these bills would even force consolidations based upon probate districts as a default. I struggle to see the correlation.

Consolidations based upon population makes no sense because there is no correlation between the size of a town and student population. Take our surrounding towns. In 2016-17, Branford with a population of 28,000 had 2964 students (11%); Guilford with a population of 22,000 had 3387 students (15%); and North Branford with a population of 14,000 had 1831 students (13%). Demographics, not population, play a large factor in regionalizing a school district. North Branford for instance has a major transportation barrier with Lake Gaillard, which is probably, in part, why the north side of town went to North Haven and the southern half of town went to East Haven and Branford prior to the construction of our high school. For more rural communities, bus routes could easily exceed an hour just to reach some arbitrary threshold number forcing consolidation.

The bills make a fatal mistake of assuming that regionalization will provide money savings.

Current state laws, however, don't necessarily foster efficiency when towns regionalize, and at times regionalized districts are at a disadvantage. Larger towns can control spending at the expense of the smaller regionalized towns, or proportionately, one town may bear a greater cost than its grand list could otherwise handle, thus resulting in tax increases for the weaker community. When Governor Malloy proposed midyear cuts to education, towns like North Branford had the ability to work with their board of educations to find savings and reduce the budget if needed. In a regional district, like District 13, Durham had no legal ability to work with their board to find savings. Rather, a midyear cut, would require a tax increase. Furthermore, in some districts which only have regionalized high schools, the districts are required to have separate boards of educations so multiple governing bodies oversee various levels of education, thus adding to the cost.

The state needs to put a greater effort into modernizing our current state laws for regionalization before attempting to force towns to swallow this massive pill. I believe these proposals are a reckless attempt to take more money away from our towns for state consumption. It should not be lost on anyone that the cities represented by the introducer of the bill are not impacted by the proposal. If we genuinely want to improve educational opportunities for students, we should start the conversation on shared classroom experiences and demographic

studies on where these pairing might be successful, rather than taking a wrecking ball to our well-established educational districts. Our students deserve better.

Let's Be "Frank"

So get this brother. Last week I was telling the family about my "Yute". As I was telling the story I was immediately hit with a bad news good scenario. The good news was that being the "last of the Mohicans", if I embellished the story or left out some facts, no one would know. The bad news was that in some situations I did not remember the actual facts and there was nobody left to ask. In the past when I would reminisce, you would simply enjoy the tale but Mary would correct (embarrass) me.

At the request of many readers and the desire to leave the next generation some history about our generation and the one before us, I thought I would rehash some of my history. As I reach the back nine, or the hole where you have to put the ball in the clowns mouth, knowing that I never get the free game, I feel compelled to spin some tales as factually as I can. Feel free to correct me if I'm wrong.

I don't remember much about Water Street (the Wooster square neighborhood) where you grew up. I was only five when we moved. I do remember that there were only three rooms. The kitchen served as the eating room, the homework room for you and Mary, the sewing room for mom, dad's spot to read the newspaper and even the wash room (more on that later).

The living room was small with a sofa, a TV and two roll away beds that mom would take out when it was time for you and Mary to go to bed. I slept in a crib in mom and dad's bedroom. That could be the reason there were no more kids after me. The other reason could have been that dad was 42 when I was born and Mary was suppose to be the last child as she completed the perfect family of one boy and one girl.

I do remember it was a cold water flat. There was no tub or shower in the bathroom. Dad use to go in the cellar from our fourth floor apartment, twice a day, bang on the door to scare the rats and get the kerosene that would heat the small stove in the kitchen. That stove would heat the entire apartment as well as the kettle of water mom would keep on the top of the stove. That boiling water would be added to the cold water in the sink for baths. We would soap up with a wash cloth and the water from the sink then rinse off with some clear water. Washing hair was simply done by putting your head over the sink to get out the shampoo. Mom told me I was still small enough (hard to believe I was ever small enough for anything) to sit in the sink and have my own mini tub.

I also remember that dad grew up in the apartment next store with his ten siblings, until he married mom at thirty years old. He lived on the same street for close to fifty years old. After we moved, whenever we went some place he wasn't sure of he would drive back to Water street and use that as his starting point. No maps, no GPS. Just use Water Street as the starting point.

I remember mom washing clothes in the sink and hanging them to dry either on racks in front of the stove, or on a long close line that connected to the apartment across the way. Then as she was hanging the close or taking them in, she would catch up on neighborhood gossip from window to window with the lady next store. She probably made those four flights of fire escape style stairs ten times a day and this was easier then going down four and up four then repeating the same path home, just to have a cup of coffee.

Most of these things I am sure of. No hot water, no shower or tub, a crib for a five year old and four flights of stairs every time you wanted to play.

It's funny how we thought we had so much when we really had so little. I'm not sure it ever bothered us because we had each other and most of the neighborhood families were in the same boat.

Next issue maybe we'll talk about our move to the Hill section. I know

that wasn't your favorite move but redevelopment forced us to move. So we packed our bags and went from Saint Michael's to Saint Anthony's.

I'd like to say it was nice telling a story without Mary correcting me but I miss that more and more every day.

Take care and I'll see you soon. Let me know of you have any corrections.

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Hide the Fine China!

In late 2018 Elemental Technologies, a Chinese company, was indicted for planting tiny microchips on the motherboards of about 30 major US corporations (including Apple, Amazon and government contractors). In 2015, China hacked government SF-86 security clearance forms and personnel records, grabbing sensitive information on at least 22.1 million Americans. On 10/3/18 federal law enforcement told us that a Chinese hacker known as “cloudhopper” had been stealing data from our computers and smart phones. These and other federal investigations are just the tip of the Chinese spying iceberg, revealing that China has been spying on us all, meddling in and infecting every aspect of US information technology, the DNC, Clinton, Podesta and your computers and smartphones too!

But while the feds have known that China was the source of all these hacks, MSM the Democrats and RINOs have been crying “Russia!” So, what exactly are we upset about in the Russian meddling scandal? That they exposed 126 million Americans to content generated by a government-linked troll farm? That would suggest both that our elected officials regard American citizens as idiots who can’t think for themselves as well a policy that forbids non-citizens from speaking out about our candidates or election process (with serious ramifications on the speech of any non citizen). If they’re upset that a foreign power was able to access private information on our computers and smartphones, why not pursue China as vigorously as Russia?

China is the far Left’s closest political and ideological ally. With the expectation that Hillary Clinton would soon be in power, China’s invasion of US information technology and other acts of political meddling were ignored. They even disregarded the fact that Democrat Senator Dianne Feinstein had a Chinese spy on her staff for 20 years. The Democrats have shifted their politics far, far to the left, to the point where Mao Zedong’s policies are on the bully pulpit for 2020. China’s one-child policy euthanized millions of children and now US lawmakers are following suit with abortion/infanticide laws that all of us would have regarded as monstrous a year ago. So, when we question who’s really meddling in our politics, we need look no further than China.

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“Is this the United States of America?”

Dear Editor:

For those who support the liberal Democrats, are you willing to support their policy of late term abortion which in their eyes includes at the time of birth. According to the Governor of Virginia after the child is born the child will be made comfortable and then the mother, the doctor and other family members will make the decision whether the child will live or die. Isn’t that murder?

Is this the United States of America? What are we becoming?

Those Democrats who support this say a woman has a right to protect her body. Of course she does.

What about the child? What are his/hers rights?

If a woman wants to protect her body she should also be responsible for her actions.

With all the information that is available how to protect yourself from becoming pregnant maybe a woman who wants to have the right to her body should look into these protections. It seems if these women were more careful and concerning about their bodies they would not have to worry about an abortion.

Of course, there are circumstances when an abortion is the best course of action, but not after the child is born.

Wasn’t there a leader several years ago who used children for the same purpose and more such as experiments.

If we are not careful we may be opening a can of worms.

Sincerely, Alice W. Lehr

Thank you From the Office of Social Service

Dear Editor:

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

These donors were not solicited. Each called and wanted to participate, each person chose to do this because they wanted to. This office is grateful and appreciates your generosity and thoughtfulness. This is a giving community.

In addition to donors, this office would like to thank Caitlin Roshka, educator with North Branford High School Life Skills Program and student for setting up the Christmas tree. Ann Marie McCarthy, Director of the Family Resource Center, the teachers and students for creating ornaments and decorating the tree.

The North Branford Police Department Staff for allowing the site to be

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Attorney Marc P. Guertin

According to 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 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. Once you have had your initial conversation feel free to call my office and set up a no cost estate planning consultation, we can take your ideas and turn them into great estate plans. Call for a free consultation today 203-234-7400. Need a conversation starter? Guertin and Guertin is hosting an informational workshop on Basic Estate Planning on Saturday, February 23rd, at 10am at our offices located at 26 Broadway in North Haven, Connecticut. Please give our office a call to reserve a seat.

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. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: www.guertinandguertin.com.

a drop off for Toys for Tots.

Craig Paulson for volunteering his time to pick up and drop off toys. The Public Works Staff for setting up signs for Toys for Tots drop off and picking up bikes with the Wishing Wheels Bike Drive.

St. Mary’s High School Alumni Ruth Carroll Office and Catherine Julianelle Minichino for setting up toys.

Sean Keogh for helping to have all the Christmas decorations and tree. Parks & Rec. and Senior Center Staff for their help.

The Family of Amanda Gargiulo, Shawna Holzer, Second Grade Jerome Harrison Students, Mrs. Aiken, Knights of Columbus, Damian DeNegre, Knights of Columbus, Wayne Humphries, Knights of Columbus, Tena Frank, Henry Hernandez, The Orfice Family, St. Andrews Church, Leslie Williams, Cyndie Baker, Fran Beaumont, Beth Casanova, Barbara Amato, Gerry Moyer, Fire Company #3, St. Ambrose Parish, Evergreen Woods Staff, Jimmy Misbach, Director of Food Services at Evergreen Woods, Dennis Owens, Rita Ney, Rob Spencer, Victoria Lanza, Nina Burkhardt, Giovanna Lavorgna, Eddie Prunier, Artis Senior Living, Sharell Thornton, Lead Director of Community Relations, John Della Ventura, Wishing Wheels Bike Drive, Jessica Della Camera, Fran Merola, Dept. of Public Works Staff, North Branford Police Department Staff, Fire Company #, John Florio, Vice Chairman, All Donors to Toys for Tots, Craig Paulson, North Branford High School Life Skills Students, Caitlin Roshka Family Resource Students .

Sincerely,

Luisa Breen, Office of Social Services



Candelora Hosts Boy Scouts Day at the Capitol in Hartford

Connecticut welcomes its first girls into the Boy Scouts program

Press Release: HARTFORD – On Friday, February 1, Deputy Republican Leader Vincent Candelora (R-86) Hosted Boy Scouts Day at the Capitol in Hartford with State Representative Pat Boyd (D-50).

Scouts from all five of the Boy Scout councils visited the Capitol for a tour at 1 p.m. followed by an inaugural ceremony at 3:15 p.m. followed by a 2019 Report to the State and Meet and Greet.

Nearly 150 Scouts, their leaders, parents, along with state and local officials from all over Connecticut were in attendance to celebrate girls becoming members of the new Boy Scouts program.

Boy Scout Day at the Capitol celebrated the new Co-Educational Scouting program in Connecticut that welcomed its first girls into the Boy Scouts program. The girls at this unique Court of Honor Ceremony also received their Scout badge.

Rug Hooking at Dudley Farm Museum

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Michele Micarelli (michelemicarelli.com) will lead a 2-day workshop full of color, color and more color; creativity discussions on dying and lots of fun. The classes she teaches are full of storytelling, imagination exercises, and laughter.

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Cohen voices approval for Senate and House Democratic Legislative Priorities

Press Release: HARTFORD, CT—State Senator Christine Cohen (D-Guilford) joined Democratic House and Senate leadership in the Connecticut General Assembly to announce joint priorities for the 2019 legislative session. The legislative package focuses on establishing a paid family and medical leave program, raising the minimum wage, investing in job training and the state’s workforce pipeline, supporting small businesses, making prescription drugs more affordable, creating a Green New Deal for Connecticut and increasing access to the ballot box.

“I am proud to stand here today to unveil the Democrat’s public policy priorities for 2019,” said **Senate President Pro Tempore Martin M. Looney**. “These are important quality of life and vital economic policies for our state. The proposals outlined here will build upon the critical policy work we have accomplished in past years and will respond to the priorities of the people of our state.”

“Helping to improve the lives of Connecticut’s working families is a priority for our caucuses, and issues such as our workforce pipeline, earned family leave and minimum wage are important parts of the equation,” **Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz (D-Berlin/Southington)** said. “This is a time of opportunity for our state and this legislature has a great combination of new faces to go along with the experience necessary to make positive change.”

“One of the great things about going door-to-door during campaign season is every member of the House and Senate Democrats has had hundreds of conversations with their constituents and local businesses,” **House Majority Leader Matt Ritter** said. “Our legislative agenda is a product of actively listening to the people we represent.”

“The people of Connecticut spoke loud and clear that we need to move our state forward,” said **Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff (D-Norwalk)**. “These legislative proposals will build a stronger, more prosperous Connecticut for the middle class and our families. That means paying our residents a fair wage for a hard day’s work, helping them with training to get a new job, giving them access to affordable prescription drugs and helping them if they must take time off from work to care for a sick family member.”

The legislative package includes the following proposals:

Paid Family and Medical Leave, Increasing the Minimum Wage, More Affordable Prescription Drugs, Job Training & Workforce Pipeline, A Green New Deal for Connecticut, Support for Small Businesses, Early Voting.

Women & Girls Unite for a Cause

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC, in conjunction with Girl Scouts Troop #60471, is collecting gently used adult and children’s shoes for Soles4Souls. Collection boxes will be located at each of our Town libraries. You can donate your gently worn shoes, boots, sandals, sneakers, etc in the collection boxes. Your donation will support Soles4Souls.

In many developing nations, walking is the primary mode of transportation. Every day, millions are exposed to unsanitary conditions that lead to diseases that can lead to sickness, even death. Without shoes, children are unable to attend school and adults are unable to walk to work. Soles4Souls is a non-profit social enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes around the world in times of disaster, and helps to bridge the economic gap in the United States and Canada.

Thank you so much for your support! If you have any questions please feel free to email us @ northford.nbwomensclubfwc@gmail.com

The Northford Women’s Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women’s Clubs, member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

engage educate entertain

- FEB 17

1:30 PM Michelle Stonier, of Penn Globe, a successful lighting manufacturer in NB, discusses why their business remains in NB and their efforts at revitalizing our manufacturing base

SMITH LIBRARY
- FEB 21

12:00 PM Book Club. Meets the third Thursday of every month at noon. Come join us for a discussion of this month's pick: The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

ATWATER LIBRARY
- FEB 26

11:30 AM Do you need a high school diploma? ERACE is a regional program for adults wishing to continue their education with FREE programs and guidance. Registration preferred!

ATWATER LIBRARY
- MAR 2

9-2:30 PM Paperback book sale. We will have hundreds of gently used books to choose from including your favorite authors. Puzzles and games will also be available. Come join us!

SMITH LIBRARY
- FEB 17

2:00 PM KIDS! Take Your Child to the Library Day! Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will bring live animals to teach us about our native animals and how they survive our cold winters. Call to register 203-484-0469

SMITH LIBRARY
- FEB 19

6:30 PM KIDS! After School Crafts. Homemade Snow! Make snow using shaving cream! It is soft like fluffy clouds, yet mold-able, great for making snowmen & snowballs! Kindergarten & up. Registration required: 203-484-0469

SMITH LIBRARY
- FEB 25

2-4:00 PM KIDS! Library Playdate. Mystery Bottles - What's inside the bottle? Explore colorful objects: feathers, ribbons, pieces of paper, small shapes. Ages 0-3. Call to register 203-484-0469

SMITH LIBRARY



Tax Assistance

Edward Smith Library

When: Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 From: February 4 through April 11, 2019
 1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, people with disabilities, or limited English speakers who need help in preparing & filing their own tax returns. Assistance will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please bring the following items with you:

- ~A current picture ID card and Social Security card, along with any Social Security cards for dependents
- ~Last year's tax return
- ~All tax documents showing income and potential deductions

Support The North Branford Education Foundation

The North Branford Education Foundation is a non profit organization which awards grants and scholarships to both teachers and students for educational projects that are not covered in the normal Board of Education budget. On March 28th we will hold our annual Alan Davis Shining Star Dinner where exceptional people in our community will be recognized. Anyone wishing to honor one or more of these individuals or advertise their business can fill out this application and send it to: NBEF, Box 504, Northford, CT. 06472 or call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

Ad Book Donation Form – **Tax Deductible**

Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019

Business/Person(s) Name: _____

Business/Person(s) Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Contact Name if Business: _____

Ad Choices - Please Circle One:

- Full Page \$100.00
- Half Page \$ 60.00
- Quarter Page (Including Business Card) \$ 40.00

Please make your **checks Payable to NBEF and return it with** your artwork.

The North Branford Education Foundation thanks you in advance for your generous contribution.

Sacred Heart Academy Launches

Saturday Program for Middle School Girls

Experience *Excelsior*—Saturdays @ SHA offers girls in grades 5 to 8 an opportunity to experience the serious fun of learning without the extraneous pressure of formal grades, putting them in contact with ways of thinking, seeing, and doing that challenge them to reflect deeply and think critically. The program is filled with workshops and activities that promise to inform, engage, and entertain participating students while they make new friends.

Two sessions have been planned—Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 30, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am on the Sacred Heart campus, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. The program will be led by experienced faculty with the assistance of current students. Middle school girls are welcome to attend either one or both sessions.

March 2 – Creative Arts Saturday

Reflecting the wide range of Sacred Heart's humanities-based curriculum and inspired by trailblazers in theatre, ancient history, and art, students will have fun experiencing the satisfying challenges of World Language, Social Studies, and Visual and Performing Arts, culminating in a short performance.

March 30 – STEM Saturday

Participants will use Math, Science, and programming skills to find clues that lead them to learn about trailblazing women who forged new paths, not only in STEM fields, but in business, entertainment, and everyday life. Structured as an Escape Room, students will solve math puzzles, perform science experiments and write programs, using their knowledge and logic to break free.

Snacks will be provided and each participant will receive a t-shirt.

Reserve by February 25 for the March 2 session; by March 25 for the March 30 session.

Make your reservation online at sacredhearthamden.org or email kredente@sacredhearthamden.org.

Questions? Contact Kara Redente at 203-288-2309, x372.

Founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sacred Heart Academy successfully prepares young women in grades 9–12 for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. Sacred Heart welcomes 500 students from more than 80 schools and 60 towns in Connecticut and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Visit sacredhearthamden.org to learn more.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Evan Diaz was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire.

Christian Diaz, Holly Dulak, Maggie Dulak, Meagan Hanratty, Nicolette Molnar, John Pelligrino, Angelica Reilly and Giovanni Tirollo were named to the Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT.

Marie Zampano was named to the Dean's List at Lasell College in Newton, MA.

Samantha Mason was named to the Dean's List at Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

Abigail Walston was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She is a student at Montana State University.

Jessica Ingarra, Miles Pappolla, Ethan Despres and Emma Randolph were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

Sabina Kovalik achieved honor status at the Independent Day School in Middlefield, CT.

Lia Prato, Vivian Wang, Alessandra Cordero, Julianna Corniello, Isabella Crotta and Abbey Parente received high honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.

Kylee Crowe and Olivia Bizzario received honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT.

Ian Covell was named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY.



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Annual Pancake Breakfast



T-Bird Boys Ice Hockey

Come out to support the boys at the
Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 17th

8:30-10:00am

Eli's on the Hill, Branford

Tickets: \$8.00



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.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Two Seniors, Jessie Kilburn and Angelina Ramada were recently recognized at a home game. Jessie will be attending Wheaton College in MA, studying Science and playing Lacrosse and Soccer and Angelina is attending Albertus Magnus in Hamden and playing softball

Photo submitted by Stephanie Kilburn

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North Branford Soccer Club

SPRING 2019 PROGRAMS

<p>SATURDAY MORNING CLINIC</p> <p>TINY FEET JR BOYS/GIRLS DOB 1/1/15-12/31/16</p> <p>TINY FEET SR BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/13-12/31/14</p> <p>8 SATURDAYS EACH 45 MINUTE SESSION SATURDAY: 9:00AM-9:45AM (DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</p>	<p>IN-HOUSE PROGRAM</p> <p>JUNIORS BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/11-12/31/12</p> <p>8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION INCLUDES PRACTICE & GAME SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM MID-WEEK: TBD (DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</p>	<p>DEVELOPEMENTAL TRAVEL</p> <p>SENIORS BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/09-12/31/10</p> <p>8 SATURDAY & 8 MID-WEEK EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION SATURDAY: 10:00AM-11:00AM MID-WEEK: TBD TEAM PRACTICE / GAME DAY: TBD (DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</p>
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TRAVEL TEAMS

U11-U19 TRAVEL TEAMS - BOYS & GIRLS DOB 1/1/08 - 12/31/00
 PLAYING TEAMS FROM OTHER CT TOWNS WITHIN THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Saturday Morning Clinic & In-House Program Conducted by Professional Coaches from Victory Soccer School

REGISTER @ <http://northbranford.cjsalive.org/home.php>

"Never Go Through Life Without Goals"

Like us on Facebook: North Branford Soccer Club | Instagram: @northbranfordsoccerclub

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North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017

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ACTIVITIES

FITNESS FUSION - #32113

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 6 - April 10
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This is the gateway to getting fit regardless of your fitness level and offers a variety of different fundamentals of fitness. The 60 minute exercise will focus on; cardio, strength, core function, and flexibility. The class will offer a fusion of Pilates, yoga, HIIT and more!. Workouts are effective and fun.

ACTIVE KIDS - #36113

Who: Ages 8 - 15
When: March 9 - April 13
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$65
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
Description: This program will keep kids active the entire time! You can expect lots of jumping, running, moving, strength, stretch, and core. This fun class is offered by an elementary teacher and fitness coach that will show kids the importance of moving their bodies, how to make healthy choices, and how to have fun while exercising!. With your child's input, we talk about their favorite ways to move their body and design a workout on the spot to keep them engaged.

TODDLER TIME ART - #36100

Who: Ages 3 - 4
When: March 12 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will create craft projects based on seasons, holiday, characters, or books. A variety of materials are provided for the children to explore and create their masterpieces!

SIZZLING SCIENCE - #36102

Who: Ages 4 - 8
When: March 12 - April 2
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Where: STW Community Center
Fee: \$55
Instructor: Kidscapades
Description: Children will become junior scientists with our engaging hands-on experiments. Each class features a different experiment, some experiments will have an eruption component!

STRENGTH TRAINING - #32144

Who: Ages 18+
When: March 19 - May 7 (No class 4/16)
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: STW Clarino Room
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Deb Vita
Description: Designed to help you get strong and healthy, this class combines strength training with low-impact cardiovascular exercises to benefit your heart, strengthen your bones, improve balance, flexibility, and endurance. Build long lean muscles to rev up your metabolism and add tone to your physique. Strength training also has many mental and emotional health benefits as well.

**THE SPRING/
SUMMER 2019
BROCHURE WILL
BE IN YOUR 3/1
TOTOKET TIMES!!**

North Branford Senior Center

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

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m.
Check out the menu at www.nbparkrec.com

 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

ACTIVITIES

Cards w/ the TVES 5th Graders - Wednesday, February 20 10:30am, FREE
5th grade students from TVES will be coming once a month, through the end of the school year, to play cards! Any senior who participates in this program will receive a free lunch.

East Shore Self Care Group - Wednesday, February 20, 1:00pm, FREE
Healthy Conversations - Men and women are invited to attend these East Shore Nurse Educators to facilitate conversations on various relevant health topics. This Month's topic is Memory loss vs. dementia.

Kohl's & Roost in Hamden - Friday, March 1, 10:30am, FREE
Join us for a trip to Kohl's in Hamden then out to Roost Restaurant for a chicken sandwich and a milkshake! Lunch on your own.

BUS TRIPS

Aqua Turf/St. Patrick's Day Celebration -Tuesday, March 19

Departs: 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$45 res / \$50 nr

Description: Padraig Allen and The Maclean Avenue Band have their very own sound with the Irish Celtic folklore and rock pop Celtic music of today. Your meal will be salad, pasta, corned beef & cabbage, baked scrod, carrots & potatoes, dessert.

Nelson Hall /The Andrew Sisters -Thursday, March 21

Departs: 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$45 res / \$50 nr

Description: Join us in a high energy nostalgic trip down memory lane featuring the signature sound of the Andrew Sisters! Enjoy "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Apple Blossom Time" and many more musical arrangements. Audiences of all ages will enjoy the chemistry and vocal harmony of the singers thoughtfully strung together with stories and anecdotes. Lunch at Vespucci's prior to the show, on your own.

CLASSES

Senior Sittercise

When: March 11 - June 3 (no class May 27)

Time: Monday, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Where: STW Community Center

Fee: \$17

Instructor: VNA Community Healthcare

Description: Increase muscle strength and improve flexibility, gait and balance to prevent falls. Can be done standing or in a chair. A specially designed program for those 50 and older.

Get Fit

When: Mar 6 - May 8

Time: Wednesday, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Where: STW Community Center

Fee: \$20

Instructor: Vicky Struk

Description: Whether you've joined other group fitness classes or you are trying it out for the first time, you can customize this class to meet your individual needs. Improve your strength, mobility, flexibility and balance in an easy-to-follow workout.

REMINDER

Medical transportation for our North Branford/ Northford residents available now!

Call us to schedule your appointments!

Medical Transportation runs on

Monday's, Thursday's, and Friday's from 9:30-2:30



Are you interested in Volunteering for the 18th annual Potato & Corn Festival?

Our next meeting is Monday, March 4 at STW Community Center, 6:00pm Hope to see you then!



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, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

Hope Christian Church 211 Montowese Ave North Haven CT Sunday Service 10AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. 'Real People, Real Hope, Real Life' www.hopeag.com 203-234-7328. Our Pastor, Rev Jim Detweiler, is the Chaplain for the North Haven Fire Department. If you are looking to find Hope in Christ and "A Place to Belong", this is the first place to try! Looking forward to meeting you!



Community Workshops to help the less fortunate

Members of the church and community have been working together on various projects. On a recent Thursday, people were sewing bags for foster children in the Covenant to Care Adopt a Social Worker Program. Some people were cutting fabric, some were sewing, some were putting rope ties through the top hem to secure the top of the bags, while others were putting items in the bags. The bags are given to children who are removed from their homes. The bags will contain basic hygiene items in addition to a few other items.

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for community workshops every Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. to work on projects that help the less fortunate. Our current project helps vulnerable children in our area. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. These workshops will be ongoing.

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others.

Food & Firewood Box

Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," has put a food box and a firewood stand in front of the church to help people in need. Non-perishable food is in the food box and firewood is on racks in the stand. People can "take what they need, and leave what they can." Please do not leave items with expired dates in the box. Due to winter temperatures that can be below freezing, no canned food, jars, or bottles that could freeze or expand should be put into the box. Items that contain liquid will need to wait until warm weather. Donations of items such as rice, pasta, cereal, and diapers are welcome.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Church website: www.northfordcongregational.church. Email: ncchurch@snet.net. Like us on Facebook.

Pierpont Concert & Dinner

Pierpont Concert – North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles – Saturday February 23 at 7pm The North Haven Congregational Church's Pierpont Concert Series continues with an annual treat from the stellar music department of North Haven High School. The award winning North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles will entertain us with their musical talents. Adult tickets are \$10 at the door and will benefit both the school musicians and the Pierpont concert series; children under 12 free. The church is located at 28 Church Street.

Pre-Pierpont Concert Dinner

A Dinner will be held at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, before the Pierpont Concert on Saturday February 23, at 5:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. The Women's and Men's Fellowships will prepare a turkey dinner with traditional trimmings, bread, garden salad, beverage, and dessert. Reservations should be made with the church office, 203-239-5691. The cost of dinner with a reservation: \$12.00 adults and children under 12 years old \$5.00. (\$14.00 for all without a reservation.) Please call the church Office (203 239 5691) to make a reservation.

Join us for a delightful evening of food and wonderful music. You are welcome to attend the dinner, the concert, or both events. Ample free parking, handicapped accessible. All are welcome!

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The community is encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's Bell Tower Fund. The dinner at 5 p.m., Sat., Mar. 16, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners can be picked up at 4:15 p.m. if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

The **deadline for reservations and advance payment is March 9**. Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$10. For reservations and questions, call 203-234-7794 (Peter) or 203-484-0794 (Aloha). Checks payable to Northford Congregational Church should be mailed to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892, before the Mar. 9 deadline. All meals must be paid for in advance.

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Pasta Fagioli Dinner, Friday, March 8, 2019, 5:30 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. A meat free Lenten dinner. Pasta Fagioli, Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea, Dessert \$9.00. **Please call Sandy 203-387-19351.**

North Branford Fire Department

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

ATTENTION ALL RENTERS

If you rent or lease a room, apartment, condo or house, the Owner/Landlord is responsible for all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. They are to provide working detectors for you.

Any problems, call the Fire Marshal's Office. 203-484-6016

Make smoke alarms work for your safety

Smoke alarms are the residential fire safety success story of the past quarter century. Smoke alarm technology has been around since the 1960s. But the single-station, battery-powered smoke alarm we know today became available to consumers in the 1970s, and since then, **the home fire death rate has been reduced by half.**

Important: Working smoke alarms are essential in every household. It is necessary to practice home fire drills to be certain everyone is familiar with the smoke alarm signal, and to determine if there are any obstacles to a quick and safe evacuation (including the inability for some to awaken to the smoke alarm signal).

Installation and maintenance tips

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.

Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.

Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

A life-saving test: check your smoke alarms regularly

Test your smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low. Hint: schedule battery replacements for the same day you change your clocks from daylight savings time to standard time in the fall.

Replace detectors every 10 years, new technology makes the old ones obsolete. New detectors have less false alarms and alert to an actual fire quicker.

Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms can't warn you of fire if their batteries are missing or have been disconnected.

Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily. If your smoke alarm is sounding "nuisance alarms," try relocating it farther from kitchens or bathrooms, where cooking fumes and steam can cause the alarm to sound.

Consider installing smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries.

Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Hold a drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awaken at the sound of the alarm. Some studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.

If you are building a new home or remodeling your existing home, consider installing an automatic home fire sprinkler system. Sprinklers and smoke alarms together cut your risk of dying in a home fire 82 percent

Recycling News

Bulky Waste Pickup Schedule*

Bulky waste pickup is now **monthly** and will take place the **2nd full week** of each month on your regular weekly trash day:

Mar	Apr	May
11th	8th	13th

***No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules**

Get a charge out of National Battery Day

February 18th

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Meeting of the North Haven Camera Club

North Haven Camera Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday evening, February 19, at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven. This meeting will include the monthly photography competition. Social and mentoring will start at 6:30, with the competition starting promptly at 7:00.

North Haven Camera Club, now in its eighth season, has workshops, expert guest lecturers and field trips throughout the season. The club also conducts monthly competitions for photographers at many skill levels, and prepares members for regional and national contests and artistic exhibits.

For more information about North Haven Camera Club, including weather postponements, visit the club's website at NorthHavenCameraClub.com

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 9, 2019 - 9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Route 22)

Fire extinguishers can now be dropped off by residents at this event; stay tuned for more information.

Can't wait until our town's March collection?

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling. **Newly located at:**

122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury;

Hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,

Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website: take2recycle.com

Maple Syrup Making at The Dudley Farm

The Dudley Farm Museum will be making maple syrup in our sugar house weekends beginning February 16th and through March 10. Hours are 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday and 11 AM to 3 PM on Sunday.

This family activity gives young and old a chance to shake off cabin fever and enjoy being outside. It is very weather dependent, so please check our Facebook page or call (203-457-0770) for updates.

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Press Release: New Haven Sail and Power Squadron will be holding its America's Boating Course beginning Tues., Mar. 5, for five-six weeks, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven. In addition to basic boating, it will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of the course satisfies Connecticut's state licensing requirements.

All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales> and go to the bottom of the page and hit "start". All students must have their ID number at the start of class on Mar. 5. The class will cost students \$65.00 per person. Prospective students should contact Past District Commander Art Andrea at (203) 641-0954 or email: arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net no later than Feb. 26 to register.

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NBLCT Presents

Early Industries of the Farm River

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT), will sponsor a program, Early Industries of the Farm River, on Wednesday, February 27, at 6:00 pm at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Northford. The Farm River in Northford was for over 200 years the center of industrial activity in the area. The two-hour program presented by Lindsay Suter and Dr. Ted Groom will examine a few of the more than twenty businesses that thrived on the Farm River, formerly known as the Stony River, from the late 1600s to approximately 1930. Smith & Cowles made agricultural products, including the first self-operating hay rake, the Northford Manufacturing Company manufactured products made of tin, including plates, pots, and pitchers, and the Stevens brothers created the first Christmas cards accented with glitter and fringe, making Northford for a time "The Christmas Card Capital of the World." The program is free and open to the public; however, donations are happily accepted.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose 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. For more information about this program and about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. *Recharge, Explore, Discover! Photo: Maltby Factory*

Guagliumi Art on Display in North Branford

During the month of February, Northford resident Arthur Guagliumi is exhibiting watercolors at the Edward Smith Library in North Branford. The display represents sequential phases and approaches to his painting including early New Hampshire landscapes, Italian hill towns, Connecticut shoreline scenes and his most recent experiments that include collage fragments.

Guagliumi is currently represented this month in juried Connecticut Artists Exhibit at Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich, and at the Guilford Community Center. His artwork is on permanent display at Natas Restaurant in Clinton.

This past year he exhibited at Evergreen Woods, Guilford Expo and won second award at the Guilford juried Guilford Art League Annual and a purchase award at the New Haven Paint and Clay Club Annual.

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 4, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited. The guest speaker will be Jane Ferrall, Program Facilitator, Aging at Home; a program of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <http://www.narfe.org>.