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All Souls' Day Mass

Remembering our loved ones in prayer

**Monday, November 2, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum
700 Middletown Avenue
North Haven, Connecticut

Celebrated by
The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

Catholic Cemeteries Association
of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.



Join us for a special All Souls' Day Mass as we remember those we love and pray for all the faithful departed. Celebrated by The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, the Mass will take place on Monday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, 700 Middletown Avenue, North Haven. Together, we will honor their memory and find comfort in our shared faith and the promise of eternal life. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful time of prayer and remembrance.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora A Season to Reflect Upon



As Connecticut's political campaign season comes to a conclusion in the coming weeks, it is worth reflecting back on the state of our Democracy and the nature of what happens in Hartford.

For two decades, beginning with the elections of 2006, I have been privileged to represent the 86th House District now made up by the towns of Durham, East Haven, Guilford and my hometown of North Branford. Each community is unique but all share a cohesive interest in providing the best environment for their citizens to work, live and raise their families.

And a lot that depends on how their representatives carry out their duties in Hartford.

The electorate will once again have their voices heard on Nov. 3 when the ballots are counted. Then the General Assembly will return back to work in the Capitol in January to face many of the same challenges we encountered when we adjourned back in May: affordability issues that families struggle with daily including accelerating energy bills; finding funding for our schools and keeping our streets safe.

Overall, Connecticut remains among toughest states for businesses, especially small ones, to operate. We must address this issue as a top priority when the first gavel comes down just after the new year.

Oh, and we will have to put a balanced budget in place which won't be easy.

The first time I took the oath of office in January of 2006 I was honored to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, Bob Ward who was the longest serving Republican Leader in the House of Representatives. I remain as committed today to doing the job for my constituents as I was 20 years ago.

LET'S BE "FRANK"

Edited from a previous column

"Halloween is almost here. Witches will be straying. But you do not need to fear. They are only playing." That little ditty I learned in grade school reminds me of the great times we had at Halloween trick and treating. I'm sure you never did this as you were much older than me (love reminding you of that). We would start out in the late afternoon before the sun went down and go on our Washington Avenue New Haven route. Our first stop would be Washington Florist where we would get a rose for mom. Then we would continue. An apple from the vegetable guy Mr. Baldino. The guy at the hardware store would give us a little trinket and Ruley's Novelty store would give us a smoke bomb, or fake cigarettes or the "loads" to sneak into the old man's cigarette and they would pop went he lit it up.

Further down we would get a fresh out of the oven hot roll from Marchegiano Bakery. They were so good you didn't need butter. We would end the tour with a bottle of soda from the package store and finally Marzulo Bakery where we could choose an Italian ice or a pastry.

Then it would be off to Aunt Tess's house where we would have a bowl of lentil soup (she insisted it would keep us warm all night), and off to the neighborhoods in Foxon. We didn't have designer Halloween bags, we just used pillow cases. We didn't have store bought costumes but rather homemade ones from something in the house. Often it was something mom made from Uncle Albert's old army mutande(or as mom would pronounce it moodans). Those would be excellent for a hobo costume, a clown costume or just to keep us warm.

Back then, many of the neighbors would decorate the homes and let us in for hot apple cider or cocoa to warm us up. Between that and the lentil soup sometimes we had to make pit stops to visit the bathroom. There were no offers of miniature candy. There were full candy bars either hershey, snickers, peanut butter cups, milky ways, mars bars and a variety of others. If they gave us apples, we would toss them in the woods (the animals needed some treats too).

Mom was pretty strict about our bed times but back then Catholic School had off Holy Days of Obligation so we were able to spend the entire day after Halloween (All Saints Day), at home. I would give some of the stuff to you and Mary, (did I mention you two were both much older than me). Mom and dad were both diabetics but mom would justify it by telling us they could have sweets on special occasions, I don't know if she was referring to Halloween or All Saints Day.

It was fun back then. Now to protect our children from a sick society we have to have "Trunk or Treats" Church Halloween parties, town gatherings or anything else that will keep them off the streets. It's a good gesture but it's sad that today's children will never know the independence and trickery we so proudly enjoyed.

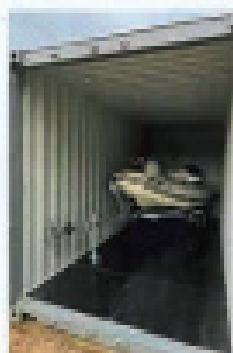
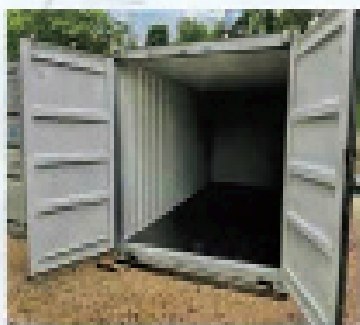
As you read this letter you will be celebrating your seventeenth anniversary of your journey to join mom and dad. It seems like yesterday, I got the call from Mary that you were on the way to the hospital. I never really got to say good bye. I think the night before we were disagreeing with some plans for the Diamond Club dinner and your final comments to me were something like "why do you always have to be such an a...hole."

You are probably happily looking down with a smile knowing that your wife and two sons are still carrying out your desire to foster the game of baseball with The southern Connecticut Diamond Club. The dinners honor people who have dedicated themselves to sports especially for the youth. They have also continued acknowledging some of the special high school athletes. Not just the best players but the best teammates and the best citizens.

I miss all the things we could have done together. As we got older it seemed as though we became closer in age and we always looked forward to sporting events and dinners. Holiday dinners haven't been the same as very few still eat the traditional holiday goodies. Gluten free, fat free, dairy free and taste free.

Well that's it for now. This month is also birthday month for my kids as our baby will be 37 and Gina 41. Erica will be 44. Yes, the time just flies. As the say in Tennessee, "have a blessed day."

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All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



Undefeated at the Half Way Mark

The North Branford High School football team survived their toughest game against a strong Rockville team with a 38-27 victory. The win gave them a perfect 5-0 record for the season. The T-Birds were aided by a fake punt, a blocked punt and a field goal to put the game away.

Once again they were led by the dynamic junior duo of quarterback Matteo Anderson and running back Jack Sigel. Anderson carried the ball 14 times for 177 yards and two touchdowns while Sigel had 18 carries for 131 yards and 3 touchdowns. Sophomore Owen Bustman was five for five on PAT's and kicked a crucial 36 yard field goal.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Thuderbirds were led by senior Landen Burns with 12 tackles, with Sigel adding 8, followed by senior Craig Miller Jr. and Nick Salvati with seven each. Senior Dylan Yarnell and junior Cole Blotney each added 6. Sigel, Miller and Burns all had sacks and Yarnell added an interception.



THEY MAKE US PROUD

Crystal Cham and Isabella Bunosso were named to the President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, CT

Nicholas Palladino was named to the Dean's List at the University of Maryland in Adelphi, MD.

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Important Dates for the Fall

Scrap Metal Pickup – week of October 26th. -NEXT WEEK!

North Branford Recycles Day at Public Works – Saturday November 7th.

Bulky Waste Pickup – week of November 9th.

Leaf Drop-Off is open on Saturdays until November 21st.

Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of October 26 on your normal trash pick-up day.

Items taken: A/C units, metal lawn furniture, large appliances, hot water tanks, tools, metal fencing, filing cabinets, outdoor grills, small machines, non-riding lawn movers and similar metal items.

Happy Halloween!

Please remember that most of those candy bar wrappers and bags go into the trash. They are not plastic film and they are not recyclable. When your pumpkin has lost its decorating use, you can throw it into the woods or backyard to feed the wildlife. Make a squirrel very happy. Or bring your pumpkin to our **Pumpkin Smash**. Be sure to remove any non-organic features.

Dead potted plants are compostable. You can put them into your backyard compost pile.

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection is open on Saturdays until Nov 21st.

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located to the left of the old police station, around Wall Field on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Just follow the signs. No brush or grass clippings. The leaf drop off will be open on Saturdays October 17th, 24th, 31st and November 7th, 14th and 21st. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground. There will be a curbside pickup of leaves in biodegradable paper bags the weeks of November 30th - December 11th.

North Branford Recycles Day will be on Saturday, 11-7

(Formally called Electronics Drop Off)

The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. Take2 Recycling will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. They cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking **MATTRESSES** (clean and dry), **BATTERIES**, **CLEAN USED OIL**, **EMPTY PROPANE TANKS** (in reusable condition) and most **TIRES**. **ALL FOR FREE!!**

When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

The next event won't be until the snow melts next year – so clean out your house now!

Our trash hauler will not take that TV you have on your lawn near the trash cans.

Join us for North Branford's Great Pumpkin Smash!
November 14th, 10am-12pm at the STW Community Center.

Register by 11/9 – nbrecreation.com

BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) - Only naked pumpkins please.
Paint, glitter, etc. can harm the animals that the smashed pumpkins will be going to.

You can find a home for your used furniture and other items before Bulky Waste!!

Help someone else out, unclutter your house and save the cost of sending items to the landfill.

You can post on the Facebook page: North Branford & Northford Free Items.

Or, post on the New Haven, East Haven or Milford Freecycle.org site.

Or, you can look up furniture in the New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Some places even pick-up large items.

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

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NARFE November Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 2, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Health Benefits Account Executive who will discuss the 2027 Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan and the Postal Service Health Benefit Plan. Brochures will be available.

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

DEATH NOTICE



Janet James Petry, 84, of Northford, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday October 3rd, 2026. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert E. Perry.

Janet was born in New Haven on September 2, 1942, to the late Edward & Barbara James. Janet attended Stone Business Academy and worked for many years as the office manager alongside her husband Robert at Petry Plumbing. She loved 50's music, and was devoted to her family as a loving, tolerant mother and grandmother.

Janet is survived by her daughter Barbara Drummond of Northford; her son Jim Petry of Burlington, MA; grandson Keith-Edward Drummond; step-greatgrandson Ryan White and brother-in-law Henry Petry. In addition to her husband, Janet was predeceased by her granddaughter Lizzie Drummond.

Women's Fellowship Annual Harvest Fair

Come to the Harvest Fair at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th. Have your morning "Coffee &" in Grandma's Café from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fill a container on the Cookie Walk and browse Handcrafted Items, Needlework, Raffle Baskets, and more! Stop by Grandma's Kitchen & Bakery and take home some delicious treats! Shop at the Jewelry Table for great buys. Bring the kids for Face Painting, the Pocket Lady, and games and activities in the Children's Room! Looking for bargains? Stop by the Nearly New Room and the Christmas Room! More treasures can be found in Grandma's Attic; don't miss the collectibles and antique items waiting for you there!

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DECEMBER HOLIDAY BASKET SHARE

The December Holiday Basket Share will take place on, Thursday December 17, 2026 For those that need some assistance with their Holiday dinner and/or gifts for children, you only need to contact the Office of Social Services and request to be a recipient in the December Holiday Basket Share. The requirements are that you are in need and a resident of North Branford or Northford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car. For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card, with or without children’s gifts. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those wishing to include children’s gifts, this Office will provide you with the children’s wish list. Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donors and recipients will receive written confirmation. Last Day to be part of the Program as a recipient: Friday, November 13, 2026. Should you have an interest in being a recipient please contact Office of Social Service by email at ksperry@northbranfordct.gov or by phone at 203.484.6006 by 11/13/2026. There is no end date for donors to participate. Donor drop off will be on 12/18 between 9:30 and 11 am; recipient pick up will be between 11:30 and 1 pm

THANKSGIVING BASKET SHARE

Thanksgiving Basket Share Program will take place on Monday, November 23th, 2026 For those that need some assistance with their Thanksgiving Dinner, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the Thanksgiving Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need, and that you reside in Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car. For those wishing to donate a basket or grocery store gift card, call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and recipients will receive written confirmation. The Thanksgiving Basket Share is scheduled for Monday, November 23th, 2026. Should you have an interest in being a recipient or a donor please contact the Office of Social Service by email, Ibreen@northbranfordct.aov or ksperry@northbranfordct.gov or by phone at 203.484.6006 or 475-655-0412 by 10/30/2026 for recipients, there is no end date for donors.

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NB PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS

Quilters Club

NORTH BRANFORD: Those who enjoy quilting are invited to meet at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, Oct. 23 and 30. Newcomers welcome; bring your own materials. To register, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Tots and Tunes

NORTHFORD: Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 23 and 30. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Movie Matinee - “Project Hail Mary”

NORTHFORD: Join us for our monthly movie matinee at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, on Friday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. This month’s movie is “Project Hail Mary,” the 2026 sci-fi adventure. “A science teacher wakes up alone on a spaceship. As his memory returns, he uncovers a mission to stop a mysterious substance killing Earth’s sun, and realizes that an unexpected friendship may be the key” - IMDB. Starring Ryan Gosling, Sandra Hüller and James Ortiz. To register, visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Mondays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in this family-oriented program at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Recommended for ages 18 months and up. Siblings are welcome. Registration not required.

Read to a Therapy Dog

NORTHFORD: Children in grades 3-5 are invited to take turns reading to Libby, a trained therapy dog, on Monday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Reading to a therapy dog can boost reading skills in children, develop emotional and social skills, and encourage a love of reading. Bring a favorite book or pick one from the library before the event. Registration required. To register, visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg

NORTHFORD: Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited to the Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets. To register, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Little Makers

NORTHFORD: Join us for a simple craft activity that we do together, 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTH BRANFORD: Personal tech help is available from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Halloween Stuffed Animal Sleepover

NORTH BRANFORD: Put on a costume, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and come to the Atwater Library, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. We will sing songs, make a craft, and read bedtime stories. Then we’ll tuck our stuffed animals in for an overnight stay at the library. Pick up your stuffed animal the next day, and you’ll get to see what shenanigans they got up to during their library sleepover. Recommended for ages 4-11. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Monarchs: An Icon on the Edge

NORTHFORD: Come to Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., to learn about beautiful monarch butterflies, their life history, threats, and what you can do to help this iconic species. Presented by Nancy Tipping of the Xerces Society, a nationwide nonprofit that works to protect the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Needle Arts

NORTH BRANFORD: Those who like to knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, etc. are invited to Atwater Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, (and every Wednesday). For more information, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Chess Club

NORTHFORD: Join us for Chess Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Chess Club is for tweens and teens looking to play chess or join a group of players. Some previous knowledge is required, but beginners are welcome. Registration not required. Tweens under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

3D Printer Drop-In Event

NORTHFORD: Drop in anytime from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, to see our 3D printer in action. Ask about the process and get more information on how you can use 3D printing software from home. Registration not required.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTHFORD: Personal tech help is available from 10 to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Bowties And Books

NORTH BRANFORD: Put on your most elegant bowties and fanciest tutus (or whatever you find comfortable), and join us on Thursdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., for songs, stories, and silliness at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Recommended for ages 6 months to 4 years with a parent or caregiver. Registration not required.

The Thin Blue Lie: An Honest Cop vs The FBI

NORTHFORD: Local author Greg Dillon, a veteran state investigator and former FBI agent, will speak on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Dillon found himself caught up in an FBI misconduct scandal resulting in cover-ups, retaliation, a federal trial, and a landmark court ruling. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Wacky Wildlife

NORTH BRANFORD: Calling all animal lovers! Come to Atwater Library from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, to learn about walruses and to make your own walrus craft to take home. Recommended for ages 6-11 years. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

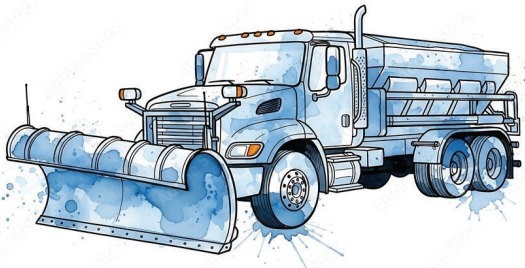
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YOU ARE INVITED TO PAINT-A-PLOW!

Residents will make hand-print snowflakes for one of Public Works' snow plows that will be plowing this winter season.

Senior residents

Thursday, October 15th from 1:00-2:00pm

Children & Families

Monday, November 2nd from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration is required.

NOTE: We will be using acrylic paint. Please ensure that participants are dressed appropriately as this paint will stain clothing.



NOVEMBER
DAY CAMP

North Branford Public Schools have professional development days on November 2nd and 3rd. Come join us for 2 days of games, activities and crafts!

November 2nd & 3rd, 2026
8:30am - 4:30pm

STW Community Center

\$35 per day or \$65 for both days
Grades K-6

LUNCH INCLUDED!

Monday: Chicken patty, fries, and fruit

Tuesday: French toast sticks, yogurt, and hash browns

Please register by 10/28

NORTH BRANFORD'S
GREAT PUMPKIN SMASH



November 14, 2026
STW Community Center
10:00am - 12:00pm

Register by 11/9 - nbrecreation.com

BREAKFAST
AT STW

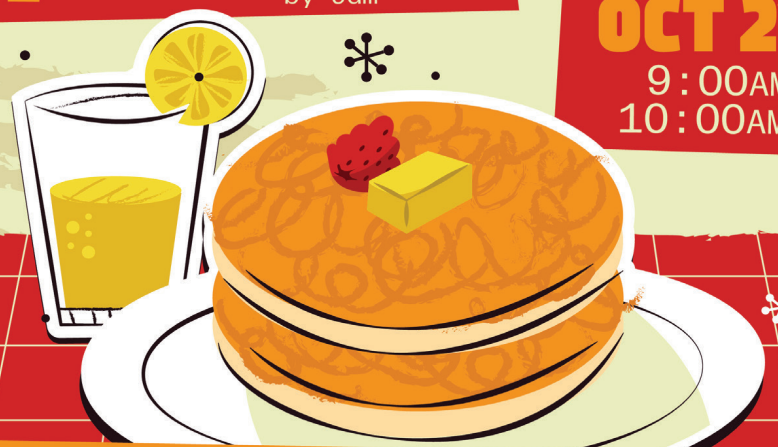
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Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Please pre-register for meals at least one day prior, by 9am

PUMPKIN PANCAKES

OCT 21

9:00AM - 10:00AM



STW COMMUNITY CENTER

— SENIOR CENTER —

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30th 1:00-2:00pm - FREE

Join us for a special Halloween edition of the Left, Center, Right game, some Halloween games, and make a special Halloween cupcake treat with Kathy!

Please register by October 25th

Costumes are encouraged!

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday November 10, 2026

12:00pm STW Cafe

Veterans Eat Free! \$6 - Non-Veteran

Menu: Salad, chicken & dumpling casserole, & blondies a la mode

Kindly register by October 30, 2026

AQUA TURF

Holiday Classics with the Cartells!

At Aqua Turf Club

December 8, 2026- \$62res/\$67nr

Featuring a sing-a-long with The Glamour Girls, Santa & Mrs. Claus! Menu: Roasted Turkey & Baked Cod

Departs 10:15 am Returns: appx. 5:00 pm

Register by: 10/30 Payment is due at time of registration



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Caregiver Available. I am kind, reliable help with daily activities and companionship, cooking and light housework. Call 475-201-8219.

Marine Navigation Seminar

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club, will hold a two-hour seminar for boaters who need information about marine navigation. Class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 14, at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main St., Branford.

This seminar offers practical instruction from experienced boaters who share our commitment to having a safe, enjoyable time on the water. It will cover real-world navigation techniques you can use right away, whether you captain a cruiser, sailboat, or small powerboat.

All students must sign up by Sat., Nov. 7. People can sign up online and charge it to a credit card. The class costs \$10 per person. To register and pay online, use the Zeffy link that follows.<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/marine-navigation-seminar>

There is no processing fee. Or, contact Squadron Education Officer Marshall Quin at 203-314-5395 and leave a message, or email him at wmarshallq@gmail.com.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

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North Branford Public Schools Vacancies

Special Education
Instructional
Paraprofessionals

QUALIFICATIONS:

Previous work in a school setting is preferred.

SALARY & BENEFITS:

\$17.06 to \$22.03 per hour and benefits including paid time off per the paraprofessionals’ contract.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Support instruction in a special education and regular education classrooms; maintain and report student records; communicate with classroom teachers regarding student progress.

(1) SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
(to instruct students in the Preschool Special Education Program)

NE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
(for Elementary School Resource Grades K-2)
ONE (1)

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
(for Elementary School Resource Grades 3-5)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applicants should go to the Employment tab on www.northbranfordschools.org to complete an on-line application.