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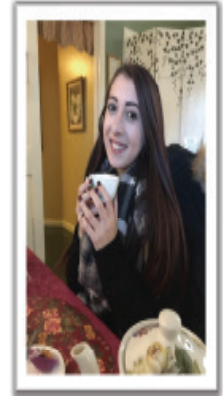
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On the second anniversary of Nicole's passing, her family is again holding a blood drive in her memory. During her brave fight against cancer, Nicole received many blood transfusions that helped her along the way. In true Nicole fashion — always giving and thinking of others — we feel there's no better way to honor her than by helping others in their time of need. We hope you'll consider coming out to donate and make a difference in her memory.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Closing the Gaps on Earmark Accountability



I'm happy to report that the House of Representatives recently took an important step toward tackling a subject I've written about in this space: tightening up the process of awarding earmarks—legislatively-directed funding often aside for nonprofit and community organizations.

As you likely know, this topic exploded into newspaper headlines and nightly television reports when it was revealed that federal investigators were probing the connection between a Hartford-based civic organization, a state agency, a state senator, and his personal ties to funding recipients. The scrutiny was compounded by debate over last year's budget, which included funding for a wide variety of community organizations with little to no vetting.

The focus has centered on the Blue Hills Civic Association, a Hartford-based nonprofit that received more than \$15 million in state funds in recent years. A state audit released in early 2026 found serious problems with how Blue Hills managed taxpayer money, including what auditors described as a troubling pattern of financial mismanagement and a breakdown of internal controls. That controversy deepened broader Republican concerns about earmarks. House and Senate GOP leaders raised alarm, pointing to several nonprofit recipients they said lacked any verifiable public presence or track record of work.

Unable to ignore the furor, Governor Lamont joined my House Republican caucus in issuing proposals aimed at adding more transparency to the earmark process. The House Speaker recognized the problem too and agreed that a major gap needed to be addressed: tracking what happens to state funding provided to one community organization that in turn passes that money to smaller organizations.

The result is H.B. 5039, a bill that received unanimous bipartisan support. It is not perfect. But it moves the needle in meaningful ways. Among the most important elements are reforms targeting a gap that has allowed earmark recipients to pass funds along to other organizations without approval, transparency, or accountability. Under the bill, that practice would require prior approval, and any organization receiving passed-along funds would face the same transparency requirements as the original recipient.

The legislation also requires the Office of Policy and Management—the Governor's budget office—to provide quarterly reports to the Appropriations, Finance, and Government Oversight committees on disbursements and plans for remaining funds. Earmark recipients must report annually on how they used the money. That information would be posted to a publicly accessible website. Funding recipients would also be required to disclose key organizational details and certify that neither they nor any organization they passed funds to has been convicted of or found civilly liable for fraud in connection with a government contract.

These are common-sense, good-government measures that should have been in place years ago. Every time Republicans asked questions about unusual funding awards stuffed in the back of the budget with little to no supporting information, nothing happened. It took a federal probe to spur action. That is a problem in itself.

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Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader
86th Assembly District
North Branford, Durham, East Haven, Guilford

Italian Heritage - One of Future Generations

by Matthew Guarnieri

"Dad, my teacher said Christopher Columbus didn't discover America and he cut off people's hands." I'm not the first Italian American to hear of false accusations about Columbus that were shared with their children at school. We know that beginning in the 1980's, Howard Zinn, a member of Communist Party USA, promoted a history of hatred against the United States by characterizing each key moment of Western Civilization in a negative light, beginning with Christopher Columbus. From his pulpit at Boston University, Zinn became a star of the academic world, twisting the teaching of American history and cultivating generations of social justice warriors with a minimal understanding of history. My child continued by saying, "Can you help me do research, so I can show my teacher that she is wrong about Columbus?" That was music to my ears, but as I tried to navigate to websites, including the New Jersey Heritage Commission, the Christopher Columbus Project, and Official Christopher Columbus, they were blocked on my child's school issued Chromebook. As I sighed, no longer in disbelief after many years addressing revisionism in modern society, I decided to try the Howard Zinn Foundation's website. Of course, it wasn't blocked! Would dad take care of this issue like I've done in the past, or would I empower my child to research and address the issue independently? This time, I chose the latter.

My child still is young and optimistic, determined to change the teacher's opinion by creating a slide presentation setting Columbus's record straight. With the websites blocked, and realizing the many historical accounts and books that I own are far above my child's reading level, I needed Plan B. Then I remembered about Rafael Ortiz's book: *Christopher Columbus The Hero: Defending Columbus from Modern-Day Revisionism and Christopher Columbus: The Hero* picture book with illustrations by Kevin Cantrell. My child quickly found the table of contents and flipped to the chapter titled, Discover, not "Discoverer," and then to the chapter, The Cutting of Hands. After proclaiming, "This is so cool, there is an answer for everything my teacher and friends said about Columbus. I am going to take this and read it to them at lunch!" Here is what was discovered on page 22. (Even though the following words were already there and known by Rafael Ortiz, my child and I didn't know the words were there, so we discovered them.)

1. Columbus discovered and proved that one can sail safely and straight from Spain (or Europe) to the other side. (Chapter 3)
2. Because of him, and him alone, it was later discovered that they were on another continent, and not in Asia. (Chapter 3)
3. Columbus is the one who brought two different worlds back together, and hundreds of years of lost communication. (Chapter 3)
4. He, and those who follow after him, discovered people and lands the Old World did not know existed. (Chapter 3)
5. Columbus was the first European to explore the Caribbean, and probably the first European to reach Central America, including Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panamá and Venezuela in South America. (Chapter 3)
6. So when revisionists quote, "they would cut an Indian's hand and leave them dangling by a shred of skin," they are actually jumping timelines either purposely, or just by ignorance. They are quoting events that took place years after Columbus. (Chapter 19)

I discovered that Rafael Ortiz's first book can be used as a User's Manual against revisionism. My child did report that the teacher was impressed by all of Ortiz's sources. Unlike Zinn! Maybe we didn't change the teacher's mind, but at least we opened her eyes to another perspective. I thought this story is

worthy of sharing because it reminds me that the preservation of Italian heritage is not only our battle, but one of future generations, one person at a time. We will succeed, and it all starts in our own homes.

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On to the World Tournament

The Olliebots and independent robotics team made up of local students, won the Vex IQ Robotics State Championship, rising above 60 other teams from across Connecticut. Their win secured them a place in the Vex Robotics World Championship in St. Louis Missouri, where they will compete against top teams from over 50 countries around the globe. "It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun", one of the teammates Cassidy shared. "Winning State makes it exciting for us to see how we do against teams from around the world."

Although this is only their second year as a team, the Olliebots have quickly established themselves, as a standup group in connecticut Vex IQ robotics community. For team members Alex Babu, Kayden Giacamaro, Cassidy Anderson, and Dan Candelora, the journey to this moment has been months in the making. Their team includes a mix of both homeschool and traditional school participants. This blend is helped to shape a dynamic team that is built on flexibility, communication and shared problem-solving. Beyond competition, the experiences helped the team members developed valuable skills in engineering, coding, and problem-solving, as well as teamwork and time management. These skills will extend beyond robotics and continue to benefit them in future academic and career pursuits.

Throughout the season, Olliebots worked on developing their robot for success. heir early ideas continue through a series of building testing and improving their design. Like many robotic teams, they faced challenges along the way from mechanical issues to the program adjustments, but each obstacle became an opportunity to learn and improve. Persistence in adaptability played a key role in their success, which helped them earn the Teamwork and Skills award several times during the season.

This year's VEX IQ competition game, Mix and Match" requires teams to collaborate in matches to score points by building stacks out of colored pins and beams, and then in different5 scoring zones for each of the three colors. Points are awarded based on how the stacks are constructed, including the number of pieces used, the combination of colors and then the placement on the field. The game emphasizes, not only technical skills, but also teamwork, strategy and the ability to work effectively with alliance partners during live matches.

The Connecticut State Championship brought together 60 of the top teams from across the state, all competing for a spot in the World Championships. The level of competition was high with each match requiring focus, quick thinking in strong coordination, the Olliebots performed well throughout the entire event, demonstrating reliable robotic performance and strong teamwork with their alliance partners. They came in first at the State Championship, match and earned the team Work Championship award, one of the most competitive awards of the VEX IQ. The award recognizes teams that can consistently achieve high scores while working collaboratively with others, highlighting both technical and excellent strong communication skills. For the Olliebots, the achievement reflects the months of dedication preparation and commitment.

Now is they prepared for the world championship. They are focused on continuing to improve. They are refining their robot design testing new strategies to compete against some of the best teams from around the world. The VEX IQ world competition is the largest robotic competition in the world each year brings together, thousands of students, all sharing a passion for the robotic innovation.

For the Olliebots, qualifying for the World Championship represents not just a chance to compete for a global title, but an opportunity to connect with peers, exchange ideas and experience the excitement of international competition. As they get ready to take on the next challenge, they are proud to represent Connecticut on the international stage showcasing the results of their hard work, teamwork, and determination.

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. Friday, April 17 and 24 (and every Friday). 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 Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 17 and 24. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Movie Matinee, "Blue Moon"

NORTHFORD: Join us from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 17, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, for this month's movie, "Blue Moon," the 2025 biographical-drama. "Tells the story of Lorenz Hart's struggles with alcoholism and mental health as he tries to save face during the opening of 'Oklahoma!'" - IMDB. Starring Ethan Hawke, Bobby Cannavale and Andrew Scott. Light refreshments served. Register at northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Saturday Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Saturday, April 18, 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.

Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Monday, April 20 and 27, 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.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg

NORTHFORD: Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited to the Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd., from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 20 and 27 (and every Monday night). Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets. To register, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Little Makers

NORTHFORD: Come to Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, for a Little Makers session - a simple craft activity that we do together. Today we will make a "Pete the Cat" craft. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Monthly Writing Group

NORTH BRANFORD: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. The workshop is for beginning and unpublished writers, but writers of all levels are encouraged to attend. Share your past and current writing, ask and offer thoughts and criticisms, and enjoy discussions with fellow writers. To register, visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Bring Back the Fireflies

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., to learn about the life cycle of fireflies, and the simple things you can do in your own yard to increase their survival. Presented by Nancy Tipping of the Xerces Society a non-profit working to protect invertebrates and their habitats. To register, visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Needle Arts

NORTH BRANFORD: Those who like to knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, etc. are invited to Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd., from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 and 29 (and every Wednesday). For more information, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Afternoon Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Wednesday, April 22, from 4:30 to 5 p.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.

Bowties And Books

NORTH BRANFORD: Put on your most elegant bowties and fanciest tutus (or whatever you find comfortable), and join us on Thursday, April 23 and 30, 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.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTHFORD: 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 23 and 30, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Free drop-in sessions of personal tech help. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Library Lab: Lava Lamps

NORTHFORD: Come to Library Lab, Thursday, April 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, when we'll transform our Community Room into a science lab for kids. We will go over the scientific method and do a hands-on science lab. This month we will learn about density and chemical reactions by making our own lava lamps. Ages 6-12. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Afternoon Little Makers

NORTHFORD: Come to Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 27, for a Little Makers session - a simple craft activity that we do together. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTHFORD: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Free drop-in sessions of personal tech help. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Scrapbooking Class

NORTHFORD: Bring your own projects or blank pages along with pictures and supplies to Smith Library on Thursday, April 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.. We'll provide stickers as well as paper and decorative scrapbook scissors, to create different types of cuts. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

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Recycling News

Earth Day – Friday, April 17th at 5pm

For Earth Day, the NB Solid/Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee will be having an event at Wall Field on April 17th during Little League opening day.

There will be tables, displays, handouts and we will be available to answer your recycling questions. Stop by to see what our committee does for the North Branford community.

We would like to invite any organizations/businesses/hobbyists in town that can offer information about protecting our environment, conservation or recycling to be part of our Earth Day event. For more information or to reserve a table, you can email us at NBEarthday@gmail.com or call Bill Savastano at 203-484-2784. There is no rain date for this event.

On Earth Day, we encourage everyone to do a little to help mother nature. Do a cleanup around your neighborhood. Clean up a hiking trail on your next hike. Teach others not to litter. Learn how to recycle one new thing this week.

The Electronics Waste Drop-off will be on Saturday April 18th Public Works 290 Forest Road – 9am – noon

Take2Recycling is collecting electronics including TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking mattresses and box springs (clean and dry), most propane tanks and used clean oil for free.

Please bring your clean mattresses and box springs instead of leaving them for bulk pickup. Mattresses take up a lot of space in the waste stream. If you aren't able to bring the mattress yourself, please find a friend to help you out.

ByeBye Mattress collects the mattresses from us and can recycle up to 75% of a used mattress' components. By bringing us your mattress you are diverting them from the waste stream and creating recycling jobs.

For more information, please visit <https://byebyemattress.com/why-recycle/>

There is now NO FEE for propane tanks 20 lbs. and smaller. Also, we can now take helium, butane and other gas cylinders 20 lbs. and smaller for free.

The Leaf Drop-off is open Saturdays 9-3 for 2 more weeks.

The drop-off is located around the field to the left of the police station. Be aware that it is Spring and it may be muddy. The leaf drop off will be open on April 18th and 25th.

There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untaped biodegradable paper bags the week of April 27th to May 8th.

Bulky Waste will be the week of April 20th – 24th on your normal trash day.

Bulky Waste includes rugs and tree branches (no thicker than 4") if less than 4' long and tied into bundles. Also included are couches, mattresses, wooden furniture and most items that won't fit in your tote. These large items are only taken during bulky waste which is twice a year. For a complete list, see your 2026 blue Recycling/Trash card.

Bulky Waste will NOT take:

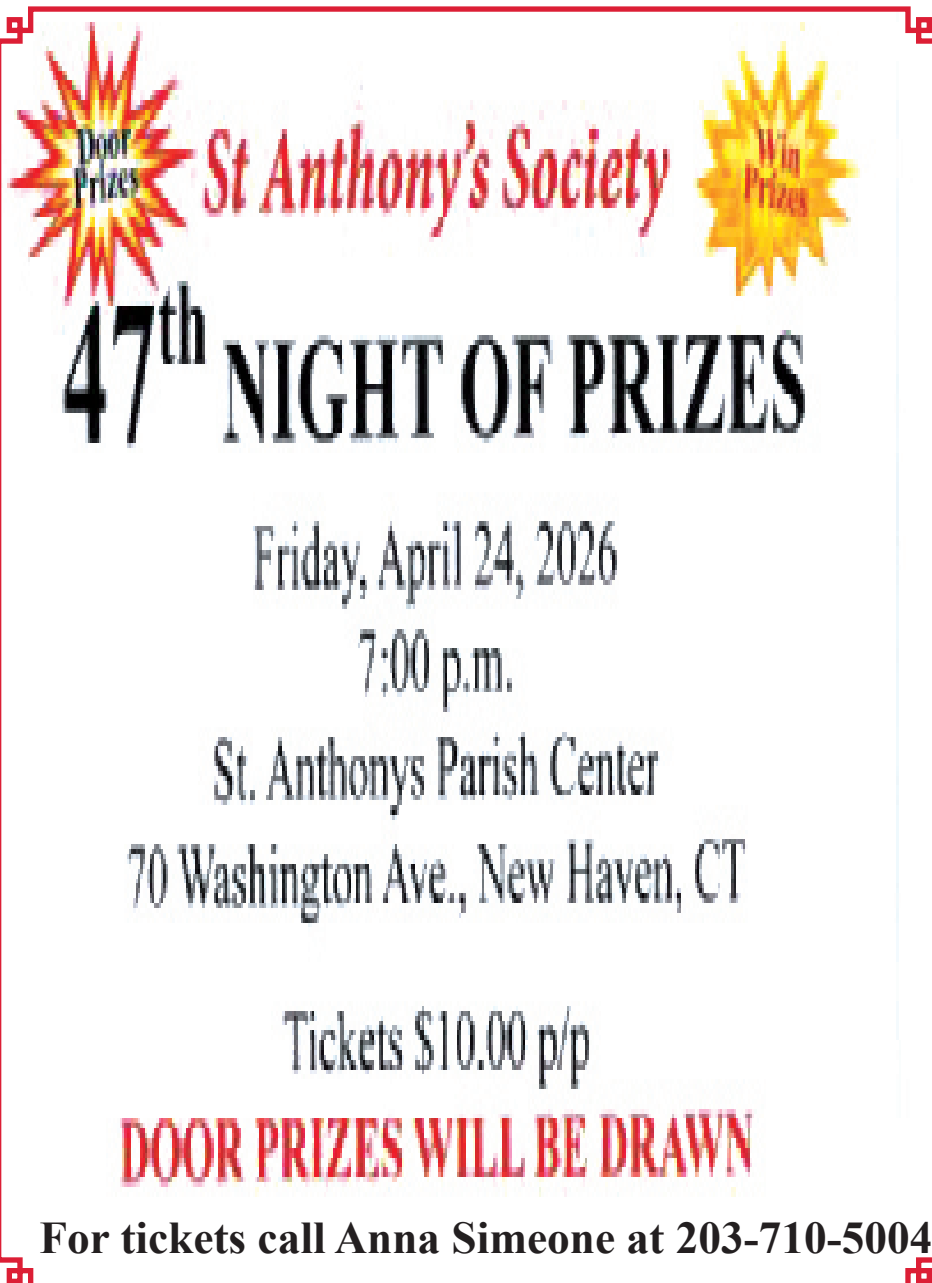
Electronics including TVs and computers, construction waste, grass clippings, tires, hazardous materials or scrap vehicle parts. It is also not meant for total home cleanouts.



The next Bulky Waste will be in November.

The North Branford's Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members.

We are an advisory committee to the Town Manager. Our goal is to develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of our town. We are always looking for people with fresh ideas to join us. Please call the Town Manager if you are interested. 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

Thank You for Your Participation




St. Anthony's Society


47th NIGHT OF PRIZES

Friday, April 24, 2026
7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's Parish Center
70 Washington Ave., New Haven, CT

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Join us for 5-week Introduction to Tennis program at Northford Park! Lessons will be offered with Guilford Racquet Club Pros once a week for 45 minutes and included age appropriate skills and drills! Lessons include a Racquet!

Meet our Instructor: Austin is a certified USPTA tennis teaching professional and worked at Fairfield County Tennis and Milford Indoor Tennis before landing in Guilford and North Branford. He played high school tennis at Brookfield High School and college tennis at Western Connecticut State University, where his teams made the playoffs every year. When he's not teaching tennis he can be found playing tennis, as he belongs to several USTA league teams.

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Saturday, May 16th

11:00am-1:00pm

Quiet Time 12:30-1:00pm

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SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
STW GYM/CAFE

9:00 - 2:00PM \$65 RES/\$70 NR
AGES 12 - 15

Please register by 4/27

Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)
Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4



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April 22nd— Shopping and lunch at Olde Mistick Village

Departs: 10:00am Returns 4:30pm Register by 4/13
Trip cost \$5 & Lunch costs on your own

Take a ride on the Senior Center bus to enjoy shopping and get some lunch on your own at the Olde Mistick Village!



GENOA PHARMACY INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

April 29 - 12:30 - 2:00pm

Join us for an informative session about Genoa pharmacy, now serving our community! Come meet pharmacy technician, Reagan, and learn will about their services, including prescription filling and convenient home delivery options! Please register by 4/28



MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

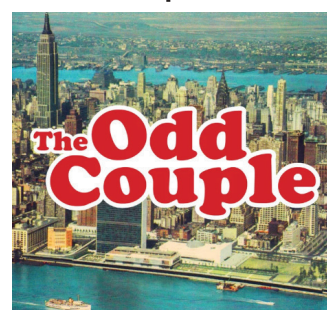
Monday, April 20 - 8:00am - 4:00pm
\$20 res / \$25 nr

If you are meeting at the STW Community Center, we will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. Departs Mohegan at 2:30pm. Please register by 4/17

LEGACY THEATRE

September 17, 2026

Departs 11:00am Approx. Return 5:00pm



Join us at Key Diner (pay on your own) Then off to this classic comedy of the untidy apartment of divorced Oscar Madison, enter Felix Ungar, who is a "neat freak"!

Please register by 7/31

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GIANT TAG SALE
Bake sale, too

Saturday, April 25, 2026
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Guilford Fairgrounds
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8:00 am to 2:00 pm
NO EARLY BIRDS!
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