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North Branford Rotary Announces 2026 “Service Above Self” Award Honorees

North Branford, CT — May 5, 2026 — The North Branford Rotary Club proudly announces the recipients of the 2026 Service Above Self Award: Phil & Rita Ney, Shaun Heffernan, and Robert Deko Jr. These exceptional individuals have been selected in recognition of their extraordinary dedication, leadership, and lasting impact on the North Branford community. They will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

This annual award celebrates individuals who exemplify Rotary’s guiding principle of “Service Above Self” through their outstanding commitment to community service, leadership, and humanitarian efforts. Each of this year’s recipients has demonstrated a deep and lasting impact on the North Branford community through volunteerism, civic engagement, and a dedication to improving the lives of others.



Phil & Rita Ney are being recognized for their transformative work in re-establishing the North Branford Community Food Bank. Identifying a growing need among local families, they turned compassion into action—investing countless hours and personal and community resources to bring the food bank to life. From securing and rebuilding a previously condemned space after long workdays, to organizing food drives, coordinating volunteers, and distributing food, they have been involved in every aspect of its success. What began as an idea has become a vital lifeline for many in the community.

Beyond providing food, their efforts have restored dignity, inspired generosity, and strengthened community unity.



Shaun Heffernan is honored for a lifetime of public service and community leadership. A resident of North Branford for over 20 years, Shaun began his career as a volunteer firefighter and dispatcher, later becoming a paramedic and advancing to Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal for the Branford Fire Department. He has also served as an instructor, mentoring future medical professionals and teaching Advanced Cardiac Life Support to healthcare providers. Outside of his professional roles, Shaun is deeply committed to community service—mentoring local youth through scouting programs and volunteering extensively with Camp Rising Sun, supporting children affected by cancer.

His compassion and dedication have created lasting, meaningful experiences for countless families.



Robert Deko Jr. is recognized for more than two decades of distinguished service with the North Branford Police Department, as well as his extraordinary contributions beyond the badge. Known throughout the community for his compassion and leadership, Robert is the founder and director of Our Community Heroes Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to supporting individuals and families in need. Through this organization and his personal efforts, he has raised significant funds, organized outreach initiatives, and provided direct assistance to those facing hardship. A participant in the World Trade Center rescue mission, a mentor to

youth, and a volunteer with numerous charitable causes, Robert’s impact reaches far beyond his official duties. His work has strengthened trust, fostered connection, and exemplified the true meaning of service.

“The Service Above Self Award recognizes individuals whose actions define the very best of our community,” said a representative of the North Branford Rotary Club. “This year’s honorees have each demonstrated an unwavering commitment to helping others, improving lives, and building a stronger, more compassionate North Branford.”

The Service Above Self Awards dinner will take place on Thursday June 18, 2026 at The Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets can be purchased by following this link or scanning the QR Code. Adult (age 11 & up) \$50 Children (age 3-10) \$25.00.

Have a question or need more information about the event; email northbranfordrotary@gmail.com or contact Melinda Fonda at 203-988-0883.



NORTH BRANFORD

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - 2026

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Northford section of town. The Veterans Service Commission and the Town of North Branford extend an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. The groups will line-up at St. Monica’s Church on Middletown Avenue, Northford at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off down Route 17 at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

The parade line will proceed north on Route 17/Middletown Avenue to the monument at the Northford Village Green. All are invited to the Company 2 Fire House immediately following the parade for refreshments.

Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and remembering the men & women who have served our country and have since passed way. Anyone who has a family member or acquaintance who is deceased veteran is invited to carry a picture of this person in our Memorial Day parade to honor their memory

Interested groups contact Gina Cox in the Town Manager’s Office, gcox@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6000, ext 301 or Kathy Poston at Parks, Recreation and Senior Center, kposton@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6017. This is necessary to be included in the parade lineup. **RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2026.** We look forward to another successful parade.

Calling all past and present Military to Walk in the Memorial Day Parade

REMEMBER AND HONOR



On Monday, May 25, 2026



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**** There will be vehicles for you to ride in**** Kindly inform us by Wednesday,

May 20, 2026, if you need transportation in the parade.

Please contact Gina Cox in the Town Manager’s Office at gcox@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6000 or Kathy Poston at Parks, Recreation and Senior Center, kposton@northbranfordct.gov 203-484-6017. **RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

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July 17	July 10
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State Representative Vincent Candelora



In the early-to-mid 2010s, as Gov. Dannel Malloy struggled to close chronic budget deficits, one phrase came up constantly in conversations about Connecticut's state budget: "Kicking the can down the road." More than seven years into Ned Lamont's tenure as governor, I can't blame anyone suddenly gripped by *déjà vu*. I know I am.

The General Assembly recently passed a budget adjustment bill on May 2nd that does exactly that, leaving the next legislature, seated this coming January, to grapple with growing financial storm clouds. That storm is taking shape in the form of a projected deficit of nearly \$1 billion over the biennium beginning July 1, 2027. That's a major problem, to put it mildly.

There are some positives in this bill, which earned bipartisan support. But I couldn't hit the "yes" button and look past its serious flaws.

The main reason many colleagues voted for it, many reluctantly, is that it delivers more state dollars to towns. North Branford, for example, will receive \$293,254 in a supplemental educational grant, plus another \$49,136 through the state's Pequot Fund. Municipalities can spend that money or use it to ease the property tax burden, a real and growing concern for communities across Connecticut.

The problem is that the roughly \$260 million divided among towns simply isn't enough, and the distribution is skewed. As usual, the big cities made out well. Hartford alone received more than \$20 million of the \$160 million in supplemental education money, and more than \$13 million of the \$100 million in additional Pequot funding. Everyone's allotment of education money was decided using the broken Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula that towns wanted fixed (and didn't get). On top of all that, there's a \$20 million fund set aside for cities that can't balance their own budgets.

I'm glad municipalities got something. But I can't blame any local leader wondering why the state didn't do more.

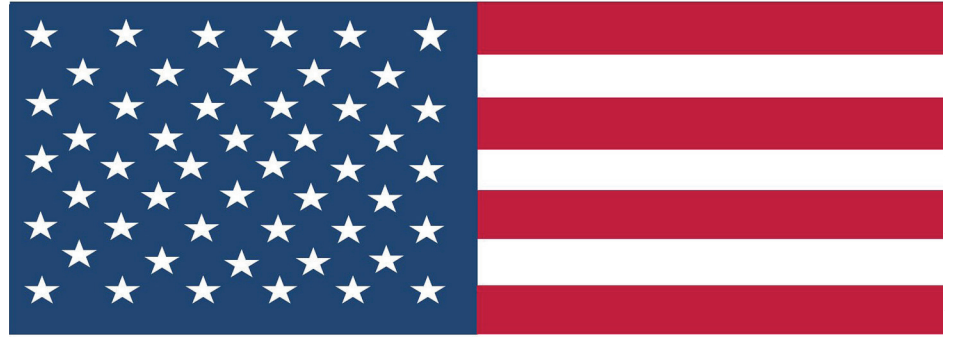
I also can't blame residents frustrated by the budget as they struggle with Connecticut's high cost of living, especially given that a bill titled "An Act Concerning Affordability" delivers no direct tax relief. Eliminating the state tax on Social Security benefits, a proposal backed by both Republicans and Democrats, didn't make the cut. High electric bills went largely unaddressed. The budget even delays the release of a report on the notorious public benefits portion of our utility bills until after Election Day.

My House Republican caucus put forward an alternative. "Our Pathway to Affordability" proposal would have brought North Branford \$1,089,500 in additional funding while also delivering direct tax relief to residents. I understand that budgets are the product of negotiation, and I don't expect to get everything I want. But when a bill is named "An Act Concerning Affordability" and Connecticut residents walk away without a dollar of direct tax relief, that's hard to accept.

And then there's the shaky architecture of the budget itself. It relies on roughly \$800 million in volatile revenue, a detail missing from most news coverage, including approximately \$400 million that can only be accessed by declaring a fiscal emergency. There are no structural fixes to runaway Medicaid costs or the state's failure to fully fund employee healthcare. And the number one structural change cities and towns wanted, a reformed ECS formula, never happened. Instead, the governor punted that to a Blue Ribbon commission to study. So, while Gov. Lamont touts the additional education money in this budget as permanent, promises made today could look very different once a new legislature is seated and the next biennium budget is negotiated. That's not a foundation. That's a gamble.

So here we are. The can has been kicked again, this time right past an election and into the lap of the next General Assembly. The clouds are gathering. Someone else will have to deal with the storm.

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



Honor Them With a Flag

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is sponsoring Honor Them With a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel, veterans and first responders. Please help us celebrate our veterans and our country's 250th anniversary! The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military, first responder or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall before Flag Day, from Wednesday, June 10th to July 4th. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier, first responder or loved one. Flags will be available for collection for one week after July 4th from the lawn of the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, fill out a form and mail a check made out to the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC for \$10 per flag to: The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Information is also available online at: www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 6th. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Collett at 203-484-9079.

A ceremony has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00pm on the North Branford town hall lawn. Please come and join us for this moving program.

Please fill out the following information and make a check out to
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 Bernardo, Talia Rose
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 Brown, Aubrey
 Connelly, Emma Rose
 Coplin, Rya Nicole
 Furtak, Lilliana
 Gularte, Madison Sofia
 Hollenbeck, Heidi Bell
 Kleckner, Zoey Nicole
 Leete, Norah Shea
 Martinelli, Nathaniel
 Martinez, Emma Rose
 Morrell, Reagan Sophie
 Murphy, Madeline
 Paul, Emma Elizabeth
 Pelczar, Anna
 Richardson, Breanna
 Saccu, Mason Joseph
 Saja, Austin Martin
 Tobias, Julia Isabelle
 Velasco, Samantha
 Venturini, Nino
 Wheaton, Mara

Grade 7 High Honors

Anderson, Rocco Sean
 Bernier, Ava

Bevilacqua,
 Biron, Gabriella Lucia
 Brindisi, Livia Joy
 Bronit, Mila Cataleya
 Brown, Adriana Marie
 Buontempo, Mila Elle
 Byrd, Jeremiah Robert
 Cahill, Cooper Flynn
 Camp, Geneviese Rose
 Cousino, Giuliaanna
 Dadashzadeh, Anita
 DeMartino, Logan
 Estrada, Valentina
 Falcigno, Luciana
 Farotti, Jackson Parker
 Forsyth, McKayla
 Garcia, Rose Anna
 Girardi, Taylor Sutton
 Gularte, Emma Victoria
 Horn, Aubrey Claire
 Jimenez, Skylah Idalis
 Longley, Preslie James
 Mazzucco, Jason
 Peterson, Tristan
 Piekarski, Hayden
 Rapuano, Topanga
 Reding, Jacqueline
 Romano, Ella Marie
 Sermabekian, Victoria
 Skinner, LilyAnn Grace
 Smith, Mason Allan

Sorrentino, Nicholas
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 Wenzel, Isabella Sloane
 Wilson, Payton Sophia
 Wood, Fiona Elizabeth
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 Broderick, Adeline Eve
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 DiLungo, Ariana Alexis
 Dowson, Callie Emma
 Fernandez, Lilliana
 Forsyth, Hailey Jean
 Furtak, Caden Perry
 Gambardella, Grace
 Giovanni, Penelope
 Hall, Catherine Rose
 Hewitt, Ada May
 Lovelace, Eden Rae
 Manner, Addison Mia
 Maybury, Addie Lynn
 Mignosa, Paige
 Miller, Aubrey Rose
 Miller, Hailey Madison
 Moroniti, Vincenzo
 Morrell, Natalie Grace
 O'Grady, Dylan Michael
 Ozoria, Chloe Grace
 Page, Hailey May

Palladino, Ava Grace
 Paradis, Carmen
 Redman, Kathleen Mae
 Reyes, Alexander
 Ripani, Ella Rose
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 Wright, Penelope Iris
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 Calvo, Allison Rose
 Casteel, Jerimiah
 Ciancola, Tyle
 Claude, Mason Noah
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 Cretella, Sofia
 Doughty, Eli Joseph
 Elliston, Aden John
 Esposito, Lily Amelia
 Frani, Gabriella
 Gauvin, Presley Jude
 Guarderas Soto, Danna
 Hurley, Aishlyn
 Lucibello, Amalia
 Maybury, Myla Blake
 Mickiewicz, Emma
 Muratti, Luciana

Pizarro, Liangeliz
 Ritter, Joseph Russell
 Salvati, Isabella Anne
 Savo, Andrew
 Sciuto, Abbey Lynn
 Toti, Giuliana Lidia
 Wyatt, Coltyn Jason
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 Barraco, Lillian Grace
 Bayusik, Hailey Grace
 Beauchemin, Jackson
 Bradley, Aubrey Mae
 Buchter, Alana Marie
 Busetta, Gianna Marie
 Camp, Madison Rose
 Casteel, Jaire
 Cifaldi, Madison
 Crane, Jackson
 Cushen, Ace Phillip
 Dotson, Natalie
 Fryer, Avery Carol
 Fusco-Cuneo, Gavin
 Guerra, Charlotte Rita
 Karbowski, Kaci Rose
 Knowlton, Matthew
 Kokorus, Alexander
 Mastriano, Mila Paige
 Melillo, Anderson
 Page, Cody Robert
 Reynolds, Kassidy
 Russo, Vada Lillian
 Salz, Hailey Marie
 Sampson, Giavanna
 Sandagata, Matteo
 Sciuto, Brooke Helen
 Seward, Abigail Julia
 Sherwood, Logan
 Sommo, Louis Michael
 Stadolnik, Peter John

Stavrvides, Eva
 Taylor, Jeremiah Walsh
 Tracz, Bennett Reide
 Tracz, Parker Weldon
 Verzi, Mitchell Allan
 Vitale, Michael
 Yarnall, Travis Kellan
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 Calvo, Taylor Emma
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 Cerrone, Aviela Sandy
 Chamberlain, Asher
 Colafati, Xavier Michael
 Colangelo, Dominic
 Como, Elizabeth Rose
 D'Aria, Liliana
 Davis, Savannah Jane
 DeFrancesco, Farah
 Forgione, Gabriel
 Giannopoulos, Angelo
 Golebiewski, Lukas
 Jennings, Thomas
 Kavanaugh, Ryan Felix
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North Branford High School Class of 76 reunion

North Branford Class of 1976 will be getting together for a weekend of reminiscing on August 14-16.

The event will kickoff with a get together at Doody's from 6:00 till closing. Food and drinks can be purchased on your own.

On Saturday, August 15, we will be gathering together at Rosabianca Vineyards located on Middletown Avenue. They have reserved to Forge room and there is limited seating so reserve now. Tickets for the event are \$75.00 per person for a light buffet and cash bar.

Sunday, August 16 will be time to say goodbye. Meet up at the Northford Park where we have reserved the pavilion. from 10AM to 1PM rain or shine. Check us out on Facebook <https://FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/NORTHBRANFORD.H.S.CLASSOF76> OR E-MAIL BOBSWICK@SNET.NET FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday May 23rd after 7pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at the first quarter moon, Jupiter and Venus. The constellations Leo, Hercules and many others can be seen. The summer triangle of bright stars will be pointed out. Learn how to find these objects when you get home. If you have a telescope, you can bring it.

There will be additional stargazing events on June 13, October 17 and November 14.

Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.

Totoket Historical Society Quarry Tour June 24, 2026

The Totoket Historical Society will host a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry in North Branford on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 PM. Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. This 90-minute guided tour includes the opportunity to ask questions and, weather permitting, walk the quarry floor.

Cost: \$30 per person. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Reservations required (confirmed upon receipt of payment)

Mail checks (payable to Totoket Historical Society, Inc.) to: 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471. ATTN: TILCON. Please include a phone number.

Arrival: North Branford Town Hall by 5:30 PM

Boarding: 5:45 PM (prompt departure)

For information and reservation: Call Lynn: 203-214-9172 or Jessica: 203-895-6655

Proceeds support the preservation of historic buildings maintained by the Totoket Historical Society.

NBLCT Beech Street Grand Opening And Annual Meeting

Join NBLCT on June 6, at 9:30 a.m. for the Grand Opening of our Beech Street Demonstration Forest and CT Trails Day Event. (Rain date June 7)

Meet at our new timber-framed kiosk for a short meeting, ribbon cutting, and forestry talk.

There will be an easy walk on our newly created trails, which will include a scavenger hunt.

Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

The mission of the NBLCT is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation and enjoyment of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford.

For additional information, visit the NBLCT website at <http://nblandtrust.org> or our Facebook page.



Recycling News

Memorial Day is a trash holiday. Pickups will be delayed by one day.

Hazwaste Central is opening Saturday May 30th
Safe & Free Disposal of Residential Household Hazardous Waste
They take household batteries.

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 30th through mid-October. They are closed on the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays only. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

A visit to HazWaste Central is quick and easy. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. Some of the household wastes that can be dropped off include aerosol cleaners and sprays, antifreeze, oil-based paint and pool chemicals. We also list some of the accepted items on your blue trash information card.

Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/about-us/in-the-community/hazwaste-central> for a complete list of what is accepted along with the online registration form. You can also call 203-401-2712 or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com.

Plastic Wrap Reminder

Most bird seed, pet food and mulch bags are not made of the right plastic to be considered plastic film. And even if they are labeled as recyclable, they would need to be clean to go into the plastic film bin. Please put these items into the trash unless it has a recycle symbol on it and has been turned inside out and clean.

Black plastic plant pots and takeout containers are not recyclable. The machinery can't detect the black plastic. Either try to return the plant pots to the place where you bought your plants or try to reuse them. I find the takeout containers have many uses around the house.

Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain

Is there a storm drain nearby your home that is covered with leaves? It may not be 'your' storm drain but please take a few minutes to rake the leaves off so the water can flow into it.

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues. Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens can also end up in your drinking water, threatening water quality. Please clean the street of grass clippings. Blowing grass clippings onto the road is dangerous to drivers, motorcycles, bicyclists, harms local storm sewers and aquatic life.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com.

They also have an app.

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



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11:00am-1:00pm

Quiet Time 12:30-1:00pm

Come touch, climb, explore and experience the excitement of many interesting and unique vehicles!

FREE ADMISSION

STW Community Center Parking Lot

HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

LOW COST!

June 12th

10AM - 1PM
Stanley T. Williams
Community Center
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Northford, CT 06472

Register by June 9th
to Reserve Your Spot
(Limited to 25)
(Cash/Check Only)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$60 per pet for qualifying Seniors and Veterans
\$100 per pet for all others

Register Online at:
VetCareEverywhere.org
Or Call: 203-484-6017

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- + Wellness check
- + Rabies vaccines
- + Basic deworming
- + Heartworm testing (dogs only)
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- All cats must be in carrier and all dogs must be leashed
- No litters of puppies or kittens
- Prior proof of rabies required for 3 year rabies certificate

* NEW *

BREAKFAST AT STW

\$3

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

STRAWBERRY PANCAKES WITH A SIDE OF BACON

MAY 20

8:30AM-10:00AM

* STW COMMUNITY CENTER

1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT 06472

— SENIOR CENTER —

Walking for Wellness Kickoff!

CHATFIELD HOLLOW

May 19, 2026

9:30am - 1:00pm

Walk this way to better health!

East Shore Health and Wellness team will join us, provide pedometers and other freebies for a nice stroll. We are offering a free bagged lunch or you can bring your own. Turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato on a roll, chips, cookies and a small water bottle. Register by 5/18

ESSEX LUNCH TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT

June 26, 2026

\$90res / \$95 nr

Departs STW at 10:00am

Returns 4:00pm Register by June 5th

Departing STW at 10:00 am, we will have lunch on the Steam Train on our way to board the Riverboat, which will take us out on the Connecticut River. Your meal, train and steamboat ride are included. Adult beverages may be purchased on your own.

BASKETBALL CAMP

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BASKETBALL CAMP

Grades 2-8
June 15-June 19
Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Jerome Harrison School
\$179 res \$179 nr

Instructor: Slamma-Jamma Coaches

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BERRY SWEET SOCIAL

June 4th STW Cafe

12:30-1:30pm - \$3

Join us for an after lunch sweet treat of strawberries, shortcake and lots of whipped cream!

Please register for this event by 5/29!

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- Box Truck driving experience a plus
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