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State Representative Vincent Candelora



At the close of Biden administration, many speculated where U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona would land. Naturally, the interest was particularly high in Connecticut, where Cardona served as the state's Department of Education commissioner before taking the national role.

Recently, Connecticut and its taxpayers learned a bit more about how Miguel Cardona is paying his bills these days. He secured a \$250k contract to write a report for the Career Pathways Commission—a relatively new panel comprised of education professionals, businesspeople, and labor leaders charged with helping students and workers find jobs in a state economy being changed by AI, automation and increasingly intense global completion.

When Governor Lamont unveiled the panel in April, he announced it would be run by unpaid volunteers, and that Cardona would serve as its chairman. It was Gov. Lamont in 2019 who plucked Cardona out of obscurity from the Meriden school system—he was assistant superintendent—to serve as our state commissioner.

The panel, it was announced, would issue a report to the General Assembly as well as the state's Department of Education.

The recent investigative report published by the CT Mirror brought to my mind a number of issues beyond that someone was getting paid for what was described as a volunteer-powered initiative. Among them is that an individual serving as the volunteer chairman of a commission—Cardona—is also serving as a paid consultant to produce a report. Worse even, is that the \$250k contract was awarded to Cardona without a bid process.

This is political patronage at its worst.

What's more, it really calls into question the panel itself. I can't blame any Connecticut resident who would view this initiative as nothing more than scheme to land Cardona a paycheck.

Connecticut families are watching their property tax bills climb year after year, in no small part because the state piles mandates onto towns and school districts without sending the money to pay for them. So, when \$250,000 goes out the door with no bid, no competition and no public scrutiny, to the man who chairs the very commission the consultancy contract was written for, taxpayers are entitled to be frustrated. I am certainly am.

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LET'S BE "FRANK"

Well brother the road trip was everything I hoped it would be. Relaxing, tiring, and educationally entertaining

Day 1: A four hour drive to Philly. Learned some stuff in the State House. The Liberty Bell is still cracked (with all the blue collar workers in Philly, you'd think someone could fix it. I had the worst Philly cheese steak sub in my life (much better at all the places in North Branford), and I put five miles on my new scooter. Due to a delivery error my new scooter is pink. I affectionately call it Barbie.

Day 2: Went to see Joshua at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The play was outstanding. The special effects were even better. There were many animals on stage and for an added attraction, the horse peed (like a racehorse) right on the stage. The show was moving and the finale gave me goose bumps.

We also went for an (authentic) Amish dinner which consisted of ham (not as good as my buddy Bob's), homemade baked beans (not as good as cousin Patty's) and mashed potatoes (not as good as mom use to make). So much for authenticity.

There are miles and miles of corn fields in Lancaster but nothing parallels the corn on our farms in North Branford.

Day 3: 8 hour road trip to cousin Keith's in North Carolina. The trip really took about ten hours. As I get older, I seem to have to stop for more bathroom breaks. Keith brags about his homemade pizza but I must admit it lived up to the boast. It was a nice family gathering as I was surprise by his sons and niece, who live about an hour away, joined us for dinner. It was an old fashion family gathering, with good food, good company and great memories. His son William is a hoot.

Day 4- 8: Off to Aiken, South Carolina for four days (with a former North Branford legend) Mike and his wife. Mike was the owner of MT Cobbler he is sometimes known as the shoe.

Mike and Carol are great cooks. They made a cocozelle salad, and some pork cutlets with some brown rice. They also made an old fashion, Sunday dinner with macaroni, meatballs and sausage, salad, espresso and Sambuca. Carol made homemade bocconotti. The other two days we went out to dinner and the food was very good. My Philly cheese steak in South Carolina was better than the one in Philadelphia.

Mike and Carol seem very content with her garden and his workshop. As for me the tempo was too slow and if it wasn't for the good company I might have jumped off a bridge.

Day 9 - 12; It was a ten hour drive to get to Miami Florida and visit Frank, Ana and Lucas. Lucas is a hoot. He was much more active then he was two months ago when we visited. I have vowed that the grandson who carries my last name will know us well even though he lives in Florida.

Frank and Ana were very busy as they are picking kitchen appliances for their soon to be "forever" home. That didn't stop them from being very welcoming and letting us have some great grandparent time with our four month old grandson.

Day 13 & 14: We had originally planned to take three days to return home but I decided to do it in two. Once it was time to leave, I just wanted to get home The first day I drove fifteen hours and day two (our 45th Anniversary), I drove eleven. For our anniversary we treated our selves to jerky, pretzels and some Florida oranges. We celebrated for two weeks and we were anxious to get home and unload the car, check the mail and do some laundry before having to get up the next morning and get right back into the swing of things with the 8AM Mass at our Beloved Saint Anthony's in New Haven.

Well that's it for now brother. It was a great two weeks and a very relaxing time after six months of visiting nurses and doctors.

Take care and I'll see you soon.

Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

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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.

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The Editor

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For the Health of it...

The Cortisol Hormone, Friend or Foe?



There is a current trend in the world of well-ness that gives cortisol top billing as the latest health villain. Word has it that it is the hormone we should all be trying to “get rid of.” It seems to be blamed for everything from weight gain, belly fat, and poor sleep to fatigue and cravings. This is where facts get blurred and “sound bites” of information can lead us astray. Read on for encouraging news that I hope you will find em-

powering. Cortisol itself isn’t something to fear. In fact, it’s an important and essential hormone that we couldn’t live without. Cortisol is produced by the adrenal glands. It helps regulate blood sugar, blood pressure, metabolism, inflammation, immune function, and the body’s response to stress. And, as though that list of tasks isn’t impressive enough, It also plays an important role in helping you wake up and get going in the morning. (And you thought only coffee could do that!)

So why does cortisol get such a bad rap? The issue isn’t cortisol itself. The problem will arise when the body is exposed to ongoing stress and the stress response stays switched on for too long. As your body’s built-in alarm system, when you encounter a stressful situation, cortisol helps mobilize energy and puts you on alert. That can be extremely helpful when you need to react quickly. The problem is when the alarm stays on high alert too long.

Chronic stress, inadequate sleep, poor nutrition, excessive alcohol, excessive caffeine, illness, and overtraining can all place additional demands on the body. When stress becomes a constant companion, the effects can show up as difficulty sleeping, feeling “wired but tired”, irritability, gut issues, changes in appetite, difficulty concentrating, and other unwelcome symptoms. These are messages that we need to pay more attention to and where the cortisol conversation gets more confusing.

You may see advice promising to “balance your cortisol” with a particular food, supplement, morning routine, or workout. While healthy habits can absolutely support your stress-response system, there is no magic solution that makes chronic stressors disappear. However, the body in its infinite wisdom already knows what to do. Cortisol naturally follows a daily rhythm.

Levels are generally higher in the morning to help you wake up and be-

come more alert and gradually decline as the day progresses. So rather than trying to micromanage cortisol, a better goal is to support the systems that help your body regulate it naturally.

Start with the basics. They may not be as glamorous as the latest wellness trend, but they are powerful.

- Prioritize sleep. A consistent sleep schedule and adequate restorative sleep give your body an opportunity to recover from the demands of the day.
- Eat regularly and nutritiously. Meals built around protein, fiber-rich carbohydrates, healthy fats, fruits, and vegetables provide the nutrients and steady energy your body needs. Sometimes the very foods we reach for (fried foods, over processed foods, sweets, chips, alcohol) when we’re stressed can contribute to cortisol levels being at an all-time high!
- Move your body. Regular movement can help your body become more resilient to stress. Just remember that more isn’t always better. Your body also needs recovery.
- Build in moments of calm. Deep breathing, meditation, time outdoors, stretching, laughter, music, hobbies, and meaningful connection can all help shift your nervous system out of high alert.
- Most importantly, pay attention to the stressors you can actually change. Sometimes the best cortisol strategy may be setting a boundary, saying no, asking for help, or finally addressing something that has been draining you for far too long.

It’s easy to fall victim to the “cortisol culprit” mentality. I’ve done it myself. However it is far more empowering to learn cortisol isn’t something to fear or eliminate. Welcome it as the essential part of the body’s remarkable stress-response system that it is. Rather than having an unrealistic goal of eliminating cortisol, reframe it. With consistent lifestyle changes that include the right combination of challenge, nourishment, movement, rest, and recovery, your internal alarm system can do its job, and then, be regulated well enough to turn itself off.

For a list of stress busting tips reach out at joannbegley@wellnessfusion.net Keep the questions and comments coming! I love hearing from you!

JoAnn Begley is a Board Certified Nutritionist, Health & Lifestyle Coach and Holistic Wellness Practitioner. This monthly article is here for you, “For the Health of it”.

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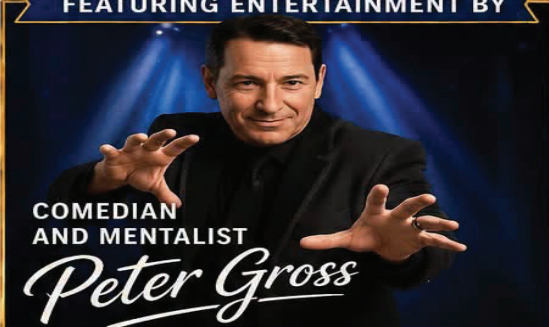
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Quilters Club

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, Sept. 11 and 18. 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. Friday, Sept. 11 and 18. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Paint-a-Plow

NORTHFORD: Children can leave their mark on the Town of North Branford at our Paint-a-Plow event, 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 11, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Children will be able to stamp their handprint onto one of the snow plows that will be active this winter. Registration not required. NOTE: We will be using acrylic paint. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as the paint will stain clothing.

Teen Outdoor Movie Night

NORTH BRANFORD: Teens in 6th grade and up can join us on the lawn at Atwater Library for an outdoor showing of “The Princess Bride,” at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy free popcorn and cotton candy while supplies last. Treats from home are welcome. “A bedridden boy’s grandfather reads him the story of a farmboy-turned-pirate who encounters numerous obstacles, enemies and allies in his quest to be reunited with Princess Buttercup.” - IMDB

Saturday Story Time

NORTHFORD: Join Children’s Librarian Miss Mary at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, for 30 minutes of stories, music, and movement on Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:30 to 11 a.m. All ages. Registration not required.

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., Monday, Sept. 14. 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., Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Today we will make a donut painting. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

NORTH BRANFORD: Personal tech help is available from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 22, 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.

Wacky Wildlife

NORTH BRANFORD: Calling all animal lovers! Come learn about red pandas and to make your own red panda to take home, from 5:30 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Recommended for ages 6-11 years. Registration required; visit 203-315-6020 or visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com.

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., Wednesday, Sept. 16 and 23, (and every Wednesday). For more information, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Paint-a-Plow

NORTH BRANFORD: Children can leave their mark on the Town of North Branford at our Paint-a-Plow event, 1 to 4:45 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Children will be able to stamp their handprint onto one of the snow plows that will be active this winter. Registration not required. NOTE: We will be using acrylic paint. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as the paint will stain clothing. This program repeats from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Atwater.

Assessing the Best Care Options

NORTHFORD: Join us from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, for a presentation with Julie Cruz, RN, CSA, from Assisted Living Home Care Services. Evaluate care choices based on individual needs, preferences, and circumstances. Learn how to identify the most appropriate services and develop a personalized plan that promotes safety, independence, and quality of life. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

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NORTHFORD: Personal tech help is available from 10 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, 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 Thursday, Sept. 17, 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.

Lego Robotics

NORTHFORD: Join us at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, from 5 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, to build with Legos and learn simple coding, using Lego Education Spike Essentials Kits. Recommended for grades 1 through 5. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Annual Book Sale

NORTH BRANFORD: The North Branford Public Libraries will hold the annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Browse a large selection of books, DVDs, and puzzles to find new and old favorites. Proceeds benefit Atwater and Smith libraries.

Smith Library Closing

NORTHFORD: Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, will be closed Monday, Sept. 21, through Thursday, Sept. 24, for installation of insulation - a final phase for the new HVAC system that was installed over the summer. The library will reopen Friday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. Please visit Atwater Library during this time, at 1720 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Monday, Sept. 21, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in this family-oriented program at Atwater Library, 1720

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NORTH BRANFORD: The Mah-Jongg event normally held at Smith Library from 6 to 8 p.m., will be relocated to Atwater Library on Monday, Sept. 21. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets. To register, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com.

Little Makers

NORTH BRANFORD: Join us for a simple craft activity that we do together, 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. Today we will make a donut painting. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com.

3D Printer Drop-In Event

NORTH BRANFORD: Drop in anytime from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon 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.

Afternoon Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 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, Sept. 24, 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.a

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The newly formed **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish** officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community. Rooted in the spirit and example of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, the parish begins this new chapter of faith, service and community. Parish leaders say the merger is an opportunity to strengthen ministries, foster deeper connections among parishioners and continue the mission of the Church with renewed energy and hope. The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Ave., Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Ave. North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

MASS TIMES, SATURDAY VIGIL MASS, 4 PM St. Barnabas, 4:30 PM St. Augustine

SUNDAY MASS, 8 AM St. Barnabas | 9 AM St. Monica, 10 AM St. Therese | 11 AM St. Augustine. DAILY MASS Monday-Thursday 8 AM St. Barnabas Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 AM St. Augustine

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Sat. Vigil, during Monday & Wednesday Adoration 5-6 PM Mon. St. Augustine | 5-6 PM Wed. St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions 203-484-0403 or 203-239-5378

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship always follow. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! The church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas gift and food basket share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005

The North Branford Congregational Church, NACCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford CT. Join us for meaningful worship and Bible based teaching every Sunday at 10 am. Sunday School for children during service. Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We offer Bible study, choir, lunch bunch, 2nd Sunday brunch, charity work, book club, praise team, men's fellowship and more. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Come grow in faith with us!

Northford Community Church. 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: northfordcc@gmail.com. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-1pm; Other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. 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.northfordcommunity.church.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. While we are in transition, we continue to hold services of Morning Prayer following Rite 2 in the Book of Common Prayer, and do have services of Holy Eucharist when we are fortunate to get a supply priest. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

DEATH NOTICE



Alexander Brenton DeFrancesco, 37, of Northford, passed away on August 3rd, 2026. Born in New Haven on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, 1988, son of Joseph F. DeFrancesco, Jr. and Linda M. Totz DeFrancesco. A graduate of North Branford High School where he was a member of the Fencing Team, he was a 2nd degree Black Belt in Karate. Alex later earned a master's degree in environmental science from UConn. He spent two summers in Costa Rico cataloging plant species and later worked on the family farm for many years before venturing into making beer, which was his passion and later opened Stewards of the Land Brewery in Northford. He later opened his own farm venture which he sold to the public at his roadside stand and donated the extras to the North Branford Food Bank. At the time of his passing, Alex worked for ORAFOL America, Inc. Besides his parents, Alex leaves behind his beautiful sons Cy and Nolan who already miss him so much; his brothers Joseph (Ida) DeFrancesco, Michael (Corine) DeFrancesco, Darren (Sue) DeFrancesco. Also survived by six nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his faithful companion, his dog Guinness.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be to Alexander B. DeFrancesco Sons Education Fund at <https://gofund.me/ff4119869>



Military Whist Card Party

Friday, September 18, 2026, North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford

Tickets \$15 per person Must be purchased prior to the card party night. Doors open at 6:15 pm for Light Refreshments and Raffles The game starts promptly at 7pm. For tickets, please contact Jan Cattaruzza @ 203-671-8223.

Northford Community Church

Community Fall Festival

Food ~ Fun ~ Music

Friday Oct 2nd 5pm-9pm

Saturday Oct 3rd 10am-9pm

Sunday Oct 4th 12pm-5pm

4 Old Post Road, Northford CT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MYSTERY MURDER DINNER

INSIDERS ANNOUNCEMENT

September 19, 2026

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Saint Monica's Church Hall
1331 Middletown Avenue
Northford, CT 06472



COUNCIL 6801



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Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Raffle
\$50.00 per person

For questions or tickets
email:

knightout6801@gmail.com

or
Call 203-684-3014

PROCEEDS WILL HELP MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

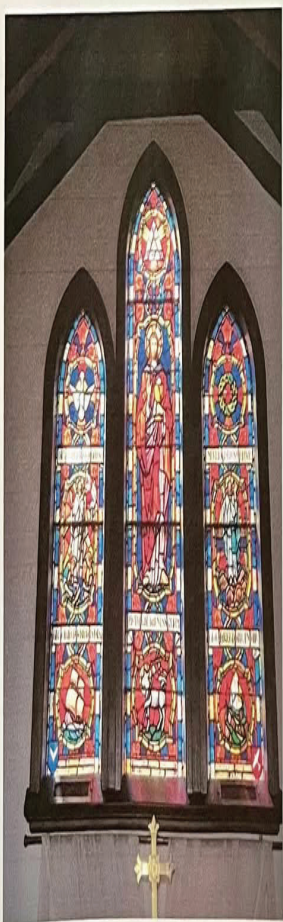
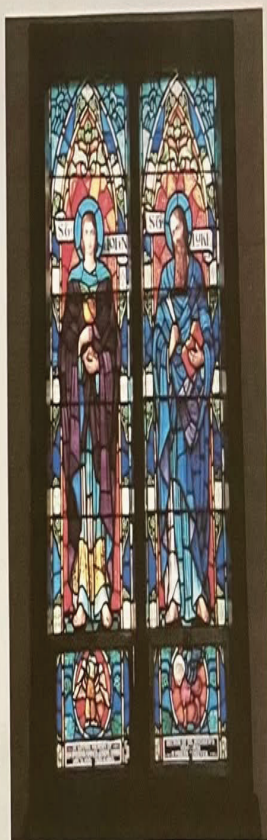
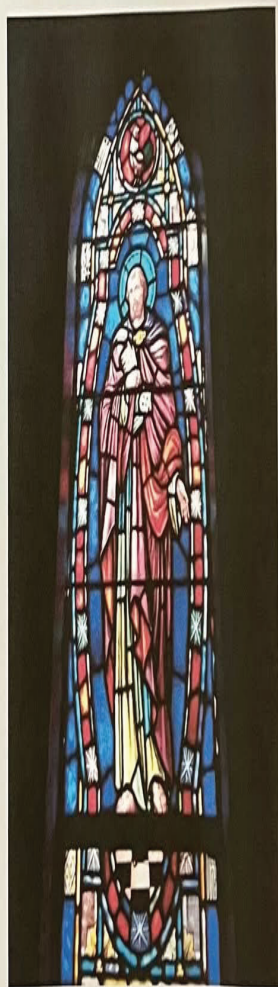
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The White Church On The Hill In The Heart Of Northford
1382 Middletown Avenue



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Visit and
Individual Prayer

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FROM NOON TO 2:00
All Are Always Welcome!



St. Andrew's opens its doors
to the community every
Tuesday. Come in to enjoy
the peace and beauty of this
historic church. Sit for

individual contemplation, meditation, prayer. View the
beautiful architecture of the church and the gorgeous
memorial stained glass windows in the sanctuary,
dedicated to local family war heroes.



Recycling News

Labor Day is September 7th. This is a trash Holiday. Trash pickup will be one day later this week.

Hazwaste Central in New Haven is also closed for Labor Day weekend.

Important Dates for the Fall

Leaf Drop-Off opens – Saturday October 17th.

Scrap Metal Pickup – week of October 26th.

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

Bulky Waste Pickup – week of November 9th.

Hazwaste Central is open

Safe & Free Disposal of Residential Household Hazardous Waste

They take household batteries.

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays through mid-October. They will be closed the weekend of 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.

When having your picnics, try to have a separate bin for recyclable bottles. Now that the deposits are 10 cents, someone will want to cash them in when the picnic is over. Or there are plenty of non-profits that would love to have them.

Plastic Film Reminder

As a reminder, the town's drop off locations are:

The new collection bin at Public Works, Northford Store, The Food Pantry of NB, Country Paint and Hardware, T.J.'s Launderette

Helpful Hints for Plastic Recycling

You can keep the caps on the bottles when putting them into the blue bin.

Black plastic, as in plant pots and take-out containers, are not recyclable.

The sorting machines don't work on the black plastic. All other colors work fine.

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. Please remember that it is your neighbors that are sorting through this plastic film.

The North Branford's Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for people with fresh ideas to join us. You are invited to attend one of our meetings to see if you may **be interested**. **Our meeting schedule is on the Community Calendar on the Town Website.**

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

Town of North Branford

Office of Social Service 203-484-6006

Generation Power Generation Power and Energy Assistance are two different programs with different requirements and Income limits. You may apply for both. WHEN TO APPLY (GenerationPower) CPCT has (3) emergency energy assistance cycles and only accepts applications during the established application cycle window, as listed below. Cycle 1: September 1-15, 2026 [All decision letters emailed no later than November13, 2026.] Cycle 2: December1-15, 2026 [All decision letters emailed no later than February 12, 2027.] Cycle 3: March 1-15, 2027 [All decision letters emailed no later than May 14, 2027.] INCOME LIMITS Earn up to 75% of Federal Poverty Level, for example a household ofl can earn up to \$59705, household of 2 earn up to \$780.76 per year based on household size (all members over 21 years of age) and gross income. Informational flyers listing requirements are available in the Lobby of the Office of Social Services, both public libraries and on the towns webpage. Please pick up a flyer prior to applying. You may apply with this office of online at www.gpct.org.

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE-LUISA BREEN

KILL A — Kill — A- WATT Watt meters available to all North Branford and Northford residents. Measuring your electricity, where is your money going? A — Kill — Watt meters are now available in both Smith and Atwater Library. Meters identify which items in your home are using the most amount of electricity as well as how much power is used per day, per month, or per year. Once you know the amount of power an item uses you can then determine how much that item costs you in dollars, per day, month, or year. Each meter checked out of the library will also come with the directions. The meter is simple to use. Plug the meter into a wall outlet, plug the appliance into the meter, press the purple button to display kilowatts. At the end of the day you will see a number on the display of the meter, multiply that number by your electric rate. You can find your electric rate on your electric bil

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

The 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

Annual Lake Gaillard Walk Returns!

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club GFWC, in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 26th Annual Lake Gaillard Walk in North Branford on Sunday, September 27th from 9 am to 1 pm. Rain or shine.

Lake Gaillard is normally closed to the public and is not included in the Regional Water Authority’s pass. So, this is a once-a-year opportunity to enjoy a walk around this beautiful property. The distance around the lake is seven miles and walkers can choose to do the full loop or a partial section. Participants must start the trail by 11 am to allow enough time to finish. All walkers must exit the property no later than 1pm.

Buses will be available to transport participants to Lake Gaillard property from ATWATER LIBRARY starting at 8:30 am. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking on Beech Street and Poms Lane is prohibited where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome. Bicycles, rollerblades, and pets are not allowed on the trail.

Advance registration fee is \$10.00 for ages 11 and up, \$5 for children ages 3- 10, and under 3 are free. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on-site the day of the walk for \$15. Payment can be sent through Venmo @NorthfordWomens-Club or by check made out to the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club and mailed to Lake Gaillard Walk, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Please include your full name and a cell phone number with either payment method. Cash is recommended for onsite payment due to cell service.

FREE LAPTOP PROGRAM COMES TO NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARIES

NORTH BRANFORD - The North Branford Public Libraries are participating in Laptop ConneCT, a state program that provides free laptop computers to residents who qualify.

This is a long-term loan program. Those who qualify will receive a new Dell Pro 16 with the Microsoft Windows operating system; a carrying case; a mouse; and headset.

To be eligible for a laptop, you must:

- Be a North Branford resident.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid North Branford library card (which you can apply for if you don’t have one).

You must also be enrolled in a qualifying state or federal assistance program:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Medicare
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid/The Children’s Health Insurance Program)

Before laptops are distributed, recipients also must attend two meetings at the library:

- An eligibility and intake meeting with a librarian to check if they qualify.
- A skills and training session to learn how to use your laptop.To participate, call the library at 203-315-6020 to schedule an appointment.
- The state program is run by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in partnership with the Connecticut State Library.

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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AUTUMN NIGHTS AT AUGUR

FALL CONCERT SERIES

SAVE THE DATES!

6:00-8:00pm at Augur Park - 290 Forest Rd

Sunset Drive
September 17th

The Flying Ivories - Dueling Pianos
September 24th

Jen and Tonic
October 1st

Juicebox
October 8th

FOOD TRUCKS



9/24, 10/8



9/17, 9/24,
10/8



9/17, 10/8



9/24, 10/1
10/8

Mary's Culinary Classes

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on culinary experience that will engage children in preparing delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

Grades 3-5 at STW Community Center

****EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS****

1:00 - 3:00pm Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non-res per class

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

LEMON CHICKEN GNOCCHI AND S'MORES
MARSHMALLOW POPS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026

EYEBALL PIZZAS AND HALLOWEEN
WHOOPIE PIES



LEARN HOW TO DECOUPAGE SHELLS

**STW COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:00-8:00PM**

This is a beginner-friendly shell crafting workshop where participants create beautiful, personalized coastal artwork using locally sourced shells. Everyone leaves with a one-of-a-kind piece they are proud to display! (All materials are supplied) Instructed by: Jellybeaches

**\$50 RES
\$55 NR**

please register
by 9/16



BREAKFAST AT STW

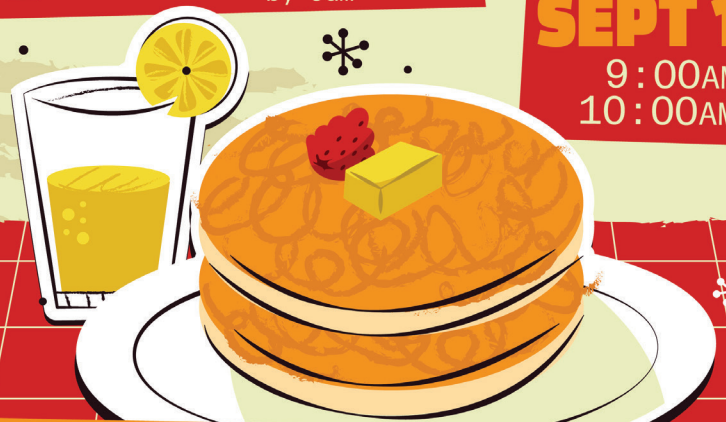
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Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Please pre-register for meals at least one day prior, by 9am

**TOMATO AND
FETA BAKED
EGGS**

SEPT 16

9:00AM-
10:00AM



— SENIOR CENTER —

Join us for Oktoberfest!

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food & beverages, festive music, and good company.

September 23, 2026 - 12:00-1:30pm - \$8res/\$10nr

STW Cafe - Please register by 9/16

Our main dish will be catered by Colossal Kielbasa, bringing a delicious taste of Oktoberfest to the celebration. Enjoy the festive sounds of accordion music by David Goclawski as well as a selection of non-alcoholic beer generously provided by Athletic Brewing Company, so everyone can join in the fun!



CRAFTING HEALTHY HABITS

Sept 30, 2026 10:00am - 12:00pm

Join East Shore Health District staff for a fun and engaging program that combines creativity with healthy living! Participants will enjoy a simple, hands-on craft while learning about practical nutrition tips to support healthy aging.

LOW VISION SERVICES LIONS CLUB

Wednesday Sept 30 12:45 - 2:00 - STW SR Room

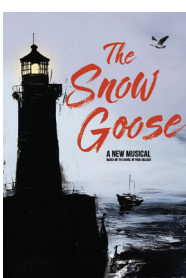
The Lions Club is best known for vision screenings, eyeglass collections, and programs to end preventable blindness. They offer Occupational Therapy to help vision loss people stay safe, be independent, and remain confident in daily life. Learn about their services, free adaptive equipment and OT support.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE

The Snow Goose

October 8, 2026

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



Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House and a show at the Goodspeed Opera House!

On the windswept coast of England an unlikely bond forms between Philip, a reclusive artist shunned by society, and Frith, a resilient young woman, when they rescue a wounded snow goose.

Please register by 9/11

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NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

COMMUNITY TAG SALE

Join us for a fun community tag sale!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NORTH BRANFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

VENDOR INFORMATION

- 10 x 10 vendor space
- \$25 per space
- Bring your own table and setup
- Great opportunity to sell unwanted items!

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"Beautiful and peaceful space, staff was very kind and sympathetic... Their kindness will not be forgotten."

Scan below to visit our website!!

Save The Date!

CRAFT FAIR

CRAFTERS CARE

An Event That Stocks The Food
Pantry of North Branford

SATURDAY, SEPT 19, 2026
(RAIN DATE – SATURDAY SEPT 26, 2026)

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafted vendors, raffles,
amazing food and more!

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