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North Branford High School Baseball Coach Billy Mitchell to be Inducted into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame



Billy Mitchell is a cornerstone in the North Branford community. For 30 years he has assisted in the development of several generations of the town's young men through the game of baseball.

After moving to North Branford from his native North Haven, Mitchell helped start the intermediate school baseball team in 1997, coaching there for three years. He coached the 1999 North Branford Little League 11/12-year-old all-star team that won the state championship and advanced to the Eastern Regional tournament in Bristol.

After five years as an assistant at North Branford High School on the staff of Frank Bombace, Mitchell was promoted to varsity head coach in 2008. Since then, his teams have won more than 220 games, qualified for 16 CIAC state tournaments, and produced 21 all-state players. The Thunderbirds won the 2024 and 2025 Shoreline Conference championships.

Mitchell and NBHS have received many accolades during his tenure. He has been honored with multiple Shoreline Conference Coach of the Year awards. He received the inaugural Coach of the Year honor from the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association in 2024. The SCDC named Mitchell its Sam Burrell Coach of the Year in 2011 and its Tom Fahy Coach of the Year in 2025, and his 2024 squad was chosen as the SCDC George Klivak Team of the Year.

Mitchell also guided the Branford American League prep team to a league championship in 2020. This past spring, he coached his district's senior all-star team.

Mitchell got his start in coaching by helping his father lead various Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth teams in North Haven. He is thankful to his father for teaching him and coaching him in the game of baseball as a youth, and to all of his longtime assistant coaches and current and former players. He continues to hold his players to high standards as they develop both on and off the field.

Mitchell is a 1976 graduate of North Haven High School. He lives in North Branford and retired after a 42-year career with Metro-North Railroad. He has one daughter, Kailey

The dinner is on October 22, at Woodwinds in Branford. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.southernctdiamondclub.org

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Whether the race is for a statehouse seat, a town council spot, a governor’s office, or a job in Washington, campaign season is a time of year teeming with promises. A couple of weeks ago, President Trump made headlines when he promised \$5,000 checks to Americans if Republicans held the House and Senate in the midterms. It fell flat with voters and the political class alike, but more on that in a minute.

While that affair generated a bit of buzz over a day or two, a campaign promise made here in Connecticut went largely unnoticed by anyone who isn’t a member of the State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition.

Recently, union leadership notified its more than 40,000 members that Governor Lamont had reached an “understanding” to hold healthcare and pension benefits at their current levels through June 30, 2028, a full year past the expiration of the current agreement.

Nothing has actually been negotiated, and no contract amendment is expected until after voters go to the polls in November. Governors don’t typically make a promise like this, certainly not in the middle of a campaign while the real negotiation is nowhere close to finished. From where I sit, it’s hard to separate the timing from the election calendar.

When the General Assembly convenes in January 2027 to write the next two-year budget, my colleagues and I will be locked into the cost of the current plan for the first year of it. It won’t matter that healthcare costs have gone up. State workers’ benefits will stay put, and everyone in the private sector will pay the difference, whether that’s a tax increase, less money for towns and schools, or cuts to a program somebody is counting on.

Now back to those \$5,000 checks. People across the political spectrum panned that idea, and they were right. Optics aside, I wouldn’t support it for a simple reason: we can’t afford it.

Let’s apply that standard to the Governor. A year of frozen employee costs against rising premiums is not free. Somebody pays the difference, and that somebody is the taxpayer. The difference between the two promises is that one was shouted from a stage in front of the national press and the other was delivered quietly to 40,000 people who vote. If the first was irresponsible, I’d argue the second one is too.

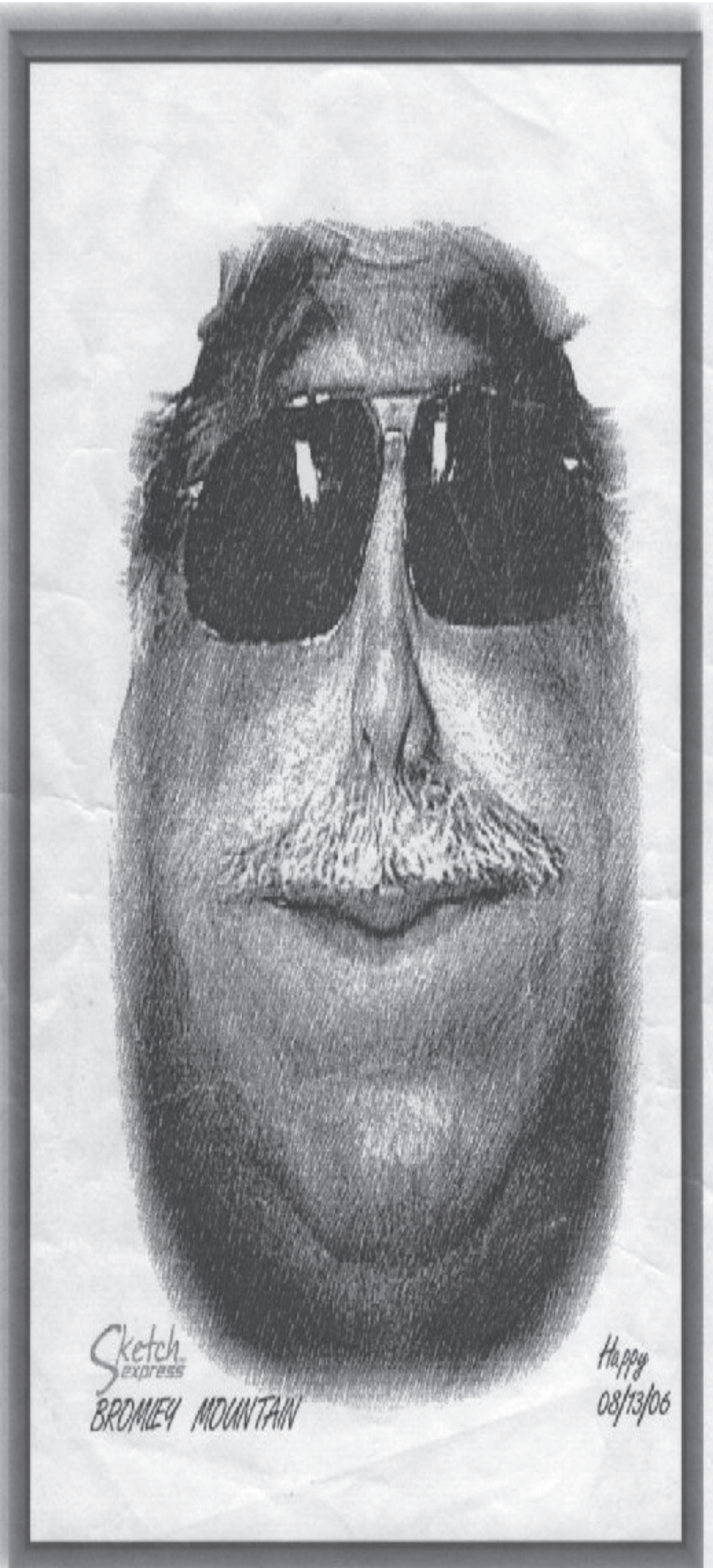
The cost isn’t hypothetical. Connecticut still owes more than \$30 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, one of the heaviest burdens per person in the country. The bipartisan fiscal guardrails we adopted in 2017 have started to chip away at it, and the Governor points to those payments often. But we are nowhere near out from under it, and this pledge means no changes to what the state promises until at least the summer of 2028, with a projected deficit approaching \$1 billion waiting for whoever gets seated in January.

Tough times—and choices—lie ahead, and I worry that what I consider to be an obvious campaign gambit from the Governor will only make things more difficult.

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

LET’S BE “FRANK”

Well brother, remember when I use to hate vacations. Twenty years ago I was a product of this sketch. It depicted the frustration I felt whenever I went on vacation. After twenty years, I have done a complete turn around. I am fully retired and I now enjoy vacations more than I enjoy being home. This sketch (20 years later) now depicts how I feel when I return home.



Take care and I’ll see you soon.

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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. 25 and Oct. 2. 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. 25 and Oct. 9. Parent or guardian must attend. 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. 28 and Oct. 5. 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. 29, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Today we will make a lion mask. Recommended for ages 2-6. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTH BRANFORD: Personal tech help is available from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, 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.

Can You Dig It?

NORTH BRANFORD: Learn about ancient civilizations with our real-life archaeologist, Becca, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. We will make crafts inspired by what we learn each month. Recommended for children in grades 2-6. This month, we will learn about Stonehenge. Registration required; 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 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, (and every Wednesday). For more information, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Chess Club

NORTHFORD: Join us for Chess Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Chess Club is for tweens and teens looking to play chess or join a group of players. Some previous knowledge is required, but beginners are welcome. Registration not required. Tweens under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

3D Printer Drop-In Event

NORTH BRANFORD: Drop in anytime from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, 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.

Drop-In Tech Help

NORTHFORD: Personal tech help is available from 10 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 and 8, 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, Oct. 1 and 8, 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.

Exploring and Accessing Benefits

NORTHFORD: Join us from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, for a presentation with Julie Cruz, RN, CSA, director of Adult Family Living Services at the Assisted Living Home Care Services. Discover the wide range of benefits, financial assistance, and community resources available to caregivers and care recipients. Gain practical guidance on navigating programs and accessing the support you deserve. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Open Craft Night

NORTHFORD: Join us for our Open Craft Night for adults and teens

from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Work on your own craft project or try something new. Book bedazzling, cross stitch bookmarks, and scrapbooking supplies will be provided. No registration required, but do so if you would like e-mail reminders; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469. This program is for adults and teens ages 13 and over.

Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Monday, Oct. 5, 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.

Wacky Wildlife

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

Afternoon Dance Mode

NORTH BRANFORD: Get ready to dance, sing, and play instruments on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 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.

Witches in Connecticut

NORTH BRANFORD: The harrowing history of hanging witches in Colonial New England will be discussed on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. We'll hear the stories of women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence. Presented by the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. Registration required; northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-315-6020.

Support Group For Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregivers

NORTHFORD: Caregiving is challenging. Join facilitator Karen LaBanca for our monthly Drop-In Caregiving Support Group from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Caregiver support groups are a way for you and others to share information, insight, advice, or words of encouragement in a safe and supporting space. To register, go to northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Lego Robotics, Grades 1-2

NORTHFORD: Build with Legos and learn simple coding using Lego Education Spike Essentials Kits, from 5 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Recommended for grades 1-2. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

Lego Robotics, Grades 3-5

NORTHFORD: Build with Legos and learn simple coding using Lego Education Spike Essentials Kits, from 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road. Recommended for grades 3-5. Registration required; visit northbranford.librarycalendar.com or call 203-484-0469.

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, Oct. 10, 10:30 to 11 a.m. All ages. Registration not required.

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Italian American Defense League Newsletter

Italian immigrants in the late nineteenth century based their cultural identities on their paese, or little village, they left behind in Italy. They thought of themselves not simply as Italians, but as Neapolitans, Sicilians, Calabrians, or wherever they came from in their homeland. No matter where these new immigrants originated, events in America began to forge them into a new Italian American identity. The hostility and discrimination directed at Italian immigrants in America from the newly formed Kingdom of Italy created a shared experience in the United States.

Right here in Connecticut, news of violence against Italians in other locations in the country resonated deeply within the Wooster Square neighborhood of New Haven, sometimes referred to as little Naples. The lynchings of eleven Italians in New Orleans in 1891 ignited Italian immigrants from different towns in Italy to unite under the umbrella called United Italian Societies. After a meeting of Italian community leaders took place in 1891, plans were developed to not only respond to the New Orleans lynchings that created an international diplomatic crisis between the United States and Italy, but also the discrimination and injustice that Italians faced every day of their lives in Connecticut.

New Haven's Italian community responded not only with protest, but with public participation and activism. These united Italians responded to the events in New Orleans by organizing an extraordinary Columbus Day celebration in 1892 involving Italian societies from throughout Connecticut and financing the creation of the Columbus monument in Wooster Square. The monument was more than a statue honoring the great Italian explorer; it represented the ability of Italian immigrants, many of whom had arrived with strong regional identities, to come together around a shared heritage and publicly created a bond between immigrants and their adopted country.

Read "Italians and Blacks in New Haven: The Establishment of Two Ethnic Communities" by Alice Mick and Lula White to learn more about how Italian immigrants in 1892 responded to the March 14, 1891 lynchings of eleven Italians in New Orleans by financing and dedicating a Christopher Columbus monument a year later, which united Italians in Connecticut.

This Past Week in Italian American History

September 21, 1924 — Italy opens what is generally recognized as the world's first modern motorway, the Milano–Varese autostrada, designed by engineer Piero Puricelli.

September 22, 1903 — Italo Marchioni files his ice-cream-cup patent application making edible ice-cream cups, a precursor to the modern ice cream cone.

September 23, 63 BC — Gaius Octavius, later known as Augustus Caesar, was born on September 23, 63 BC. He became Rome's first emperor, ruling from 27 BC until his death in AD 14, marking the beginning of the Roman Empire.

September 23, 1943 — During the German occupation of Italy, Vice Brigadier Salvo D'Acquisto of the Carabinieri was executed after offering himself in place of 22 innocent hostages. Italy later awarded him the Gold Medal of Military Valor.

September 24, 1501 — Renaissance mathematician, physician and philosopher Gerolamo Cardano was born in Pavia. His *Ars Magna* (1545) became a landmark work in algebra and included the solution of the cubic equation as well as the solution of the quartic equation developed by his student Lodovico Ferrari.

September 25, 1896 — Born on this date, Alessandro "Sandro" Pertini eventually became Italy's seventh president. He was born at Stella in Liguria. He became a prominent anti-Fascist.

September 25, 1917 — Italian-American baseball legend Phil Rizzuto was born on this date in Brooklyn. Phil "The Scooter" Rizzuto had family roots in Calabria. He became a star shortstop for the New York Yankees, winning the 1950 American League MVP Award, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994. He later became a successful broadcaster.

September 26, 1986 — Antonin Scalia, the son of Italian immigrants, took the oath of office as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court on September 26, 1986. He had been confirmed by the Senate 98–0 and served on the Court until his death in 2016.

September 26, 1997 — A powerful earthquake struck central Italy, severely damaging the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Parts of the basilica's frescoes collapsed, which led to a major restoration effort.

Italian Heritage News & Culture

Basil Russo Leads Historic Summit Between Italian American Leaders and Pope Leo XIV

The COPOMIAO Delegation held a meeting at the U.S. Embassy in Italy, an exclusive conference with Cardinal Parolin, and high-level talks with Italian leaders in courts and the parliament.

The Italian American Connection Index 2026

We the Italians is launching a survey about a question for the future of the Italian American community: how strong is its connection with Italy today? Take the survey by clicking the link above.

Italian Fest crowd weighs in on Columbus monument debate

Festival goers give their opinion about reimagining the space where Syracuse's Columbus monument continues to stand today.

I'm an American mom raising 2 kids in Italy. Parenting here is completely different.

"Over the years, I've noticed that children in Italy seem to have more freedom, and their parents are less likely to monitor their every move." - Caroline Chirichella

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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.

Pact Collective

Have you been tossing your empty mascara tubes, makeup palettes, and more in your trash or recycling bin? You might be surprised to learn that most beauty packaging isn't accepted through curbside recycling programs. Pact Collective is a nonprofit on a mission to close the loop on hard-to-recycle packaging waste in the beauty and wellness industries. What can I drop off?

PLASTIC - Must be 2x2 inches or smaller - small tubes, bottles, jars, caps, lipstick, lip gloss, mascara tubes, wands, and applicators, eyeliner, brow, and lip pencils, pumps, dispensers.
COLORED GLASS - Small bottles, jars.
MIXED MATERIALS - Palettes, compacts, pumps, dental floss containers.

So how does it work?

1. Clean out your empties.
2. Visit most beauty stores and discard your unbagged empties in the Pact bin (hint: it's usually near checkout).

Check out the Pact website for more details on exactly what you can drop off, what happens with your empties after drop-off, and more!

<https://www.pactcollective.org/consumers>

Can I recycle it?

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

They also have an app.

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

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

37th ANNUAL COMMUNITY ROUND UP

Each year, the North Branford community celebrates **Make a Difference Day** by holding a food drive. For the last thirty-six years students and parents from NBPS have traveled through the community collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations which were then gathered, sorted, and sent to our town's food bank.

The food bank distributes the items to our neighbors in need of a little help maintaining nutritious meals for their families. Over the years, thanks to the support of our students, their families, and the staff of North Branford Public Schools, the food pantry shelves have been well-stocked and able to support the needs of our town members.

Always there for us, we try to support the food pantry as best we can. For the entire month of October, we are asking for donations of gift cards to supermarkets such as Stop & Shop, Big Y, ShopRite, Aldi's or T&J Market or cash gift cards for the food pantry to purchase needed items. Donation boxes will be located in the main lobby of our schools for you and your child to drop off the cards.

When making a donation, please ensure the monetary amount is listed clearly. Donations will be accepted throughout the month. At the end of the month, all donations will be given to our food pantry for their use in supporting those in the town who need them.

In addition, on October 24, 2026, starting at 8:30 am, we will hold the traditional community food round up. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. Please remember to check expiration dates of food items prior to donating them.

You can assist by placing items by your mailbox on the morning of October 24th

When teams have completed their route, each team will return to the NBIS cafeteria and present their items for the official tallying. The three teams with the most donations will receive prizes.

The drive is spearheaded by North Branford teachers, administrators and students. In addition, the North Branford Public Works Department has volunteered their services to help deliver the food to the local food pantry.

We appreciate and are very proud of the North Branford community who have made this event such a great success for the past 36 years!

Thank you for your generous support!

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Health records of former students who attended North Branford Public Schools, who have a birth date between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2019, will have their health records destroyed on October 30, 2026. Former students who wish to pick up these records may contact Nurse Morgan Vorio, mvorio@northbranfordschools.org or 203-484-1465, to make arrangements, before October 30, 2026.

Destruction of these records is permitted in accordance with Section 7-109, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

FOOTBALL

After defeating Old saybrook 49-0 in the season opener, the North Branford High School football team threw up another 49 points against Seymour to start the season 2-0. They did let up 19 to get a thirty point decision over the Wildcats.

Junior quarterback Matteo Anderson carried the ball just 8 times for a total of 269 yards. He had a long run of 81 yards and scored four touchdowns. The junior quarterback also completed 3 passes for 60 yards. Junior Jack Segal had six carries and added 145 yards. Segal had a long run of 45 yards and also added a touchdown..

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Landen Burns lead the team with 12 tackles and freshman Brian Tripp added 11 as senior Craig Miller Jr. added another 6. Segal had a sack to compliment his offensive statistics as did junior Josh Watson.

The T-Birds will be hosting Haddam-Killingworth on Friday, September 25 at 6:30.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Girls field hockey has started the season with three wins, defeating Valley Regional 4-0, Morgan 5-0, and Amity 4-1

BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer team has gone scoreless in four games letting up a total of 32 goals.

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls soccer team has also dropped four games: Cromwell - 11-0, East Hampton 8-1, Haddam Killingworth 8-3 and Montville 5-4.



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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 Blessed 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 | 5 PM St. Therese 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 and during Adoration

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

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The White Church On The Hill In The Heart of Northford

1382 Middletown Ave., at the intersection of Rts 17 & 22

ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER

October 10, 2026

Baked Ham; Roast Turkey; Roast Beef & many side dishes & desserts

Take-out: 4:00 - 5:00; \$30 per person

** OR **

Dine-in: 5:30 - 7:30; \$30 per person, \$10 kids 12 & under

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Reservations required and will be taken through October 3rd

** Contact: Nan Monde 203-710-7005 **

Cash and checks accepted

This fundraising event helps support community outreach programs. PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS!!!!



ST. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI PARISH INVITES YOU TO A

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

ST. THERESE CHURCH | 6:00 PM

555 Middletown Ave. North Haven

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Fried dough and refreshments following \$5 per person

Men & Women in Uniform and children 5 & under - Free

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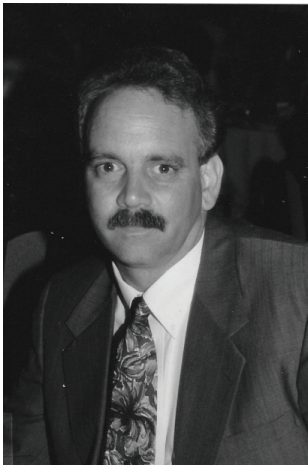
Friday Oct 2nd 5pm-9pm

Saturday Oct 3rd 10am-9pm

Sunday Oct 4th 12pm-5pm

4 Old Post Road, Northford CT





William C. Raccio, Jr. (Bill), age 69, of Branford, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2026. He was a cherished son, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many and his presence will be deeply missed.

Born in New Haven, on March 28, 1957, to Gloria and William C. Raccio, Sr. Bill lived most of his life in the North Branford/Branford area of Connecticut and was the loving father of Rachel Raccio of NC. Bill will forever be remembered by his sisters, Nancy Robak (Ted) of FL and Anne Baker (Jim) of CT; his nephews Matthew Strucaly of CT, TJ Robak (Kristen) of SC, Robert Robak of FL, and Joseph Baker of NC, as well as his nieces Stephanie Strucaly and Jessica (John) Ziolk of CT who all held a special place in his heart. In addition to family, he leaves behind many lifelong friends. Bill was pre-deceased by his parents Gloria and William Raccio, Sr.

Bill grew up in North Branford CT and attended Vinal Technical High School completing the Machinist program. Early on in his career, he worked at Echlin in Branford and then transitioned to the propane industry working for Amerigas as a service technician and Hocon Gas in Guilford as the showroom manager for many years until his retirement. It was there that everyone knew him as the smiling and friendly guy who knew “all things propane”.

Bill’s early interests included boating, fishing, riding snowmobiles, and attending van & truck rallies with his friends. Bill had many talents and always enjoyed good food, his favorite being barbecue - everything and anything barbecue. He was very mechanical and was always willing to help out a friend, whether it was repairing a propane heater or a vehicle. He got great enjoyment helping work on his brother-in-law Jim’s 1965 Barracuda. He especially loved older classic cars, and the classic car community became his passion. For many years, Bill was much more than a car enthusiast; he was one of the people who helped bring the entire classic car community together. He seemed to know every classic and hotrod in the state, who owned it, their history, and of course, what was under the hood. If you had a question about a car, there was a good chance Bill knew the answer, or he knew who to ask.

Bill found his calling and passion in helping organize numerous car cruises and shows. He was extremely good at it and would assist anyway he could. One of Bill’s greatest contributions was creating the Ted Aub Car Show, held in memory of his dear friend. What made the show so special was that it wasn’t just about beautiful cars and great people, Bill made sure that the proceeds went to support different Veteran organizations throughout the state, turning his love of the car community into something that made a real difference to the men and women who served our country. He strongly believed all Military Veterans and those who had lost their lives serving our country deserve the utmost respect, and he was proud to be the son of a World War II Veteran. This says a lot about the kind of person Bill was. He loved cars, but he loved the people and the friendships that came with them even more. His knowledge, enthusiasm, generosity, and friendship will be deeply missed.

Those who knew Bill will remember a man who would drop everything to help them out. He valued time with family and friends and will be remembered with love and happy memories of time spent together.

Visiting hours will be held from 10 am – 12 pm on Tuesday, September 29th at Keenan Funeral Home in North Branford followed by a Graveside Service at All Saint’s Cemetery in North Haven. Those with classic cars are asked to bring them and participate in the procession from the funeral home to All Saints Cemetery for Bill’s last ride in Jim’s Barracuda. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Bill to The Fisher House, 950 Campbell Avenue West Haven, CT 06516, Attn: Amanda Salt-house, make check payable to VA Connecticut Healthcare System (VACT).



A much-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Louis Michael (Lou) Adinolfi, Jr 70 of North Branford, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 1, 2026. Born September 8, 1955, in New Haven, CT to the late Louis M. Adinolfi, Sr. and Angelina Marie Papa.

Lou lived in East Haven before moving to North Haven where he graduated from North Haven High School. Following graduation, he went on to drive a truck following in his father and grandfather’s footsteps. Lou drove for many companies but was happiest when he fulfilled his dream of owning his own truck. Lou brought laughter into the lives of everyone who knew him and even those who were just meeting him for the first time.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren, drawing, doing projects outside in the yard, fixing things and talking classic vehicles with anyone who offered their ear. He will be remembered dearly for his long-winded stories, wit, profound humor and the quiet and loud ways he helped his family, friends and neighbors out when they needed him. He will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Lou is survived by his wife, Kathryn, his son, Louis III (Alexandra) of Wallingford, daughters Angela Mandel (Matthew) of Guilford, Alicia (Daniel) of North Branford, brother Charles (Penny) of New Haven, sister Laura of North Branford, granddaughter Ava, grandson Louis IV, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Patti & Tim Volzing of Branford, nephews Justin, Bryan, Dominic and niece Alexa. Besides his beloved parents he is preceded in death by his beloved father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rod and Janet Rau.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to CT Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405 (hospice.com), The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 7th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851 (themmrf.org).

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to those who cared for him in such a kind and loving way; Smilow North Haven, especially Dr. Sabrina Browning and her team, CT Hospice in Branford and everyone at Yale Smilow Med Oncology and MICU.

Sen. Cohen Welcomes \$52.9M for Connecticut Farmers

Today, State Senator Christine Cohen welcomed news that Connecticut will receive a \$52.9 million Farm Recovery and Support Block Grant for farmers who experienced weather related losses in 2023 and 2024.

Constituent Willie Dellacamera of Cecarelli’s Harrison Hill Farm in Northford has been instrumental in getting these dollars to Connecticut farmers. He made headlines in 2024 when a hail storm decimated his crops and ability to make a living. Demanding federal assistance for local farmers across the country, Willie drove his tractor to Washington D.C. to advocate for a \$220 million federal block grant to support small and medium farms like his, as well as \$21 billion to cover agriculture losses caused by natural disasters.

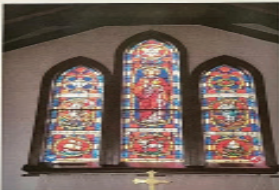
The block grant funding was approved in December of 2024 and included \$23 million for Connecticut farms; however funding was not released until July 2026.

In 2025 while the federal support remained in limbo, Senator Cohen, Willie Dellacamera, Keith Bishop of Bishop’s Orchards and many others worked together to pass comprehensive legislation to support Connecticut farms, including a state-backed safety net for farmers facing crop losses due to extreme weather.

“Farmers are critical to our food supply and they are faced with all sorts of obstacles – extreme weather events, tariffs, cold snaps, insects and more,” said Sen. Cohen. “When they are facing tough times, they need to know that we have their backs. I am so grateful to Willie for his advocacy and resilience, ensuring these dollars will finally reach the farmers who need it. I hope that the federal government will answer the call more promptly the next time our farmers need a hand.” If you are a Connecticut farmer who experienced weather-related losses please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/FRS> to apply for assistance.

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

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 of 2 can earn up to \$59705, household of 3 can 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

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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 bill.

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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September 24th

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3 DAYS A WEEK- \$188/month 2 DAYS A WEEK- \$125/month

2:45pm-5:30pm

12:55pm-5:30pm - Early Dismissal

Enrollment closes 2 business days prior to the start of the new month. If your child(ren) are not enrolled by then, they will not be able to attend After School R.E.C. Crew.

Register at nbrecreation.com or call the office
Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFO CALL: (203) 484-6017

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— SENIOR CENTER —

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.

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays October 6 — November 24

10:30—11:30am \$45 res / \$50 nr



Instructor: Sharon Bailey
Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is done while sitting and using a chair for support. Chair yoga helps build strength, improve coordination, and promotes relaxation, reduces stress.



Wednesday Oct 14, 2026

9:00am - 1:00pm

No lunch break.

Pre-registration is required

Pasquale Castaldo, a certified Instructor with AARP, will conduct the Smart Driver Program. During this program you will learn preventative measures to use when driving. You will also learn how aging affects reaction time, hear tips to sharpen driving skills, review the new state laws and regulations, refine existing skills, and develop safe defensive driving techniques that save lives.

Participants, age 60 and older are eligible for a two-year, insurance discount on liability, collision and personal protection on insurance premiums.

Please bring a check made out to AARP to the class; Cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non AARP members.

SENIOR CENTER "SEEING POSSIBILITIES"

Wednesday Oct 14 10:30 - 12:00 - STW SR Room

Maureen Carr leads this group for those dealing with decreasing vision and those who support them.

Maureen has been legally blind since birth, having the opportunity to learn strategies which have allowed her to maximize resources. These skills have allowed her to flourish in a world that is visually oriented and develop alternative solutions for ordinary daily tasks. Maureen has developed many overlapping techniques for everyday life for everyone!

SENIOR CENTER ARTS & CRAFTS

Puzzle Piece Pumpkins

October 14, 2026 - 12:45 - 2:00pm

STW Art Room - FREE

please register by 10/9



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Rain or Shine, Indoor Event

Mini Therapy Horses & Dogs - 12:30 pm

Blessing of the Animals - 1:30 pm

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The Greater New Haven Cat Project Presents:

Come celebrate 30 years of The Greater New Haven Cat Project with an arts & music festival!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Arts & Vendor Fair: 11am - 4pm

Find the perfect something among a collection of local artists and creators.

Including:

Portraits by local CT artist Shawna Lee

Bring a photo of your cat to have sketched!

Food Truck from *The Plate*

Grab a bite from a local Milford eatery.

Kidz Korner - Hands-on crafts for kids, face painting, photobooth, and more.

Copies of *Feral Freddie Finds a Forever Family* available!

Wine Tasting from Stappa Vineyard: 4pm -5pm

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