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K of C Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market

Change of Venue Augur (Poco) Field

The Knights of Columbus, St. Ambrose Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill spaces 15'w x 28'd at their Annual Spring Giant Tag Sale / Flea Market on June 6th (rain date June 7) at Augur Field across from the new Police Station.

It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., free admission and parking.

To reserve a space, call 203 484-9737. The cost is \$35.00 per spot. \$30.00 for returning vendors.

Vendors must provide their own tables.

Autism Awareness Month

On April 1st, Mayor Rose Angeloni presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Town Council recognizing the month of April as Autism Awareness Month in the Town of North Branford. She presented the proclamation to Ashley McClain, founder of [Beyond the Horizon, Inc.](#) and her son.



The mission of Beyond the Horizon is to empower individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and those in the special needs community, along with their families and communities, through advocacy, awareness, education, and support.

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Deadline	Publication Date
April 25	May 2
May 9	May 16
May 30	June 6
June 14	June 20
June 28	July 4
July 10	July 17

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Dear editor:

Connecticut went through revaluation in 2024, and homeowners are now feeling the impact in 2025. This comes on top of federal changes affecting Wall Street, our retirements, and our safety nets. Lately, it feels like everyone is feeling the strain. That's why I'm trying to be as active as possible—getting involved in town business, meeting new people, and listening to their stories. We're going through a cycle of change, and if we don't find common ground soon, we risk breaking apart. Many of the current changes are causing suffering for our most vulnerable neighbors. Food pantries—essential for those facing food insecurity—

are being hit the hardest. And this is happening while everyone is feeling it in their wallets. How can we work together to ensure these vital operations stay afloat? When we pull funding, the burden shifts right back to us. Another pressing issue is housing that's achievable for all. A Starbucks is opening in my neighborhood, and I find myself wondering: where will the workers live? The cheapest apartment in town is nearly \$2,000 a month—plus utilities. Can we realistically expect these workers to stay in town and serve us coffee each morning? As tariffs rise, that coffee will only get more expensive. Whether you prefer Starbucks or Dunkin', the person behind the counter deserves a place to live and a private life of their own. I've started to realize that I'll be sharing my home with my son far longer than my parents did with me. It's possible he may never be able to own a home in our community. And then there's the anger—political silos and personal attacks. We're forgetting we're all in the same storm. We may be in different boats, but we're riding the same waves of policy changes, fears of violence against communities, and economic uncertainty. I don't always agree with what I hear, but I try to ask myself: is it better to listen and learn—or react in anger? Anger won't heal the misunderstandings and hurt. Some people feel uncomfortable being asked to share their pronouns. Others feel erased when they have to explain they have two moms or two dads. Maya Angelou is just as much a part of American history as George Washington or Thomas Jefferson. And yes, George Washington wanted to import farmers to the Ohio territory because the settler farmers weren't sustainable enough. A mindful, more humane approach to border security may be the way forward. I'd love to hear what farmers think about this. Leaders should be for the we, not the me. They should support the democratic principles this country was built on—not exploit its weak points for personal gain. When leaders show they are serving themselves instead of us, it's time to vote them out. That's the power of elections: they give us a voice, a choice, and the chance to hold our representatives accountable. Replacing incumbents should never feel disloyal. So next time you vote—whether for union leadership, town or city officials, or state and federal representatives—ask yourself: are they leading for we, or for me? **Kara Papa**

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Roasted Chicken Throat with garlic on par | Salmon with avocado sauce | Seasonal Starch and Vegetables

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

What's really going on with Trump, budget cuts and Connecticut Republicans



President Donald Trump's attempt to curb federal spending and address a \$36 trillion budget deficit has provided a gift to Gov. Ned Lamont and state Democrats to deflect attention from the looming fiscal abyss they created by refusing to adjust Connecticut's biennial budget in 2025 for only the second time in more than three decades. Last session, on the way out the door, Democrats shoveled almost \$400 million to higher education in the last tranche of COVID money, only to recently acknowledge the higher education nest egg of more than \$1 billion hoarded away while our local schools and special education systems go without needed funding.

Predictably, Connecticut's 20024-2025 surplus shrunk from \$297 million to \$70 million. Due to a legally questionable fund transfer of more than \$340 million at the beginning of the year, it has bounced back up to \$390 million. Overruns continue to mount in Medicaid, partly driven by illegal immigrant health care, overtime payments to state workers and other overruns in several agencies. House Republicans offered a balanced budget last spring that addressed these overages and reflected the new fiscal realities. Democrats ignored our warnings, and as spending continued to balloon into the new year, only minor rescissions were made by Governor Lamont, no real structural adjustments, and no calls for legislative action to control these deficiencies by the same leaders who find time to get to the nearest podium daily.

Connecticut, for the first time in history, has seen expenditures grow over the enacted budget by \$500 million in this current budget year. The only other time the legislature refused to adjust its budget was 2008 and that inaction turned a \$30 million deficit into \$960 million in red ink within months. Do you sense a pattern? It took a decade to get out from underneath the crushing downward fiscal spiral.

So, as we enter a new budget cycle, what is the governor's strategy? Blame Trump for potential future Medicaid and education cuts with road shows and news conferences, as our state continues to spend beyond its means. Sadly, the fiscal guardrails we once unanimously supported will be forever altered to fit the narrative of one-party rule. Democrats are taking a deep sigh of relief that they have President Trump in the White House to lay blame for their budgetary malfeasance over the past year. So far this session, Democrats have proposed everything from expanding free college programming and illegal immigrant alien health care to free diapers and tax breaks for people who don't pay income taxes at all. Salary increases for state employees are in the cards, too.

All of this, of course, sets the table for future tax increases, less job growth — if that's even possible — and a markedly unaffordable Connecticut.

In Trump, statehouse Democrats have their boogeyman — but it's just a distraction. They're the real problem, and it's time to pull off the mask and hold them accountable for their role in Connecticut's looming financial nightmare.

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Recycling News

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

The drop-off is located around the field to the left of the police station. Be aware that it is Spring and it may be muddy. The leaf drop off will be open on April 19th and 26th. There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of April 28th to May 2nd.

You Missed Bulky Waste!

If you find something you forgot to put out for bulky waste you can post useful items on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items.](#)

There is also [Freecycle.org](#) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can look up your item in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Earth Day – April 26th 2025

For Earth Day, the NB Recycling Committee will be having an event at Wall Field on April 26th during Little League opening day. There will be tables, displays, handouts and we will be available to answer your recycling questions.

We would like to invite any organizations/businesses/hobbyists in town that can offer information about protecting our environment, conservation or recycling to be part of our Earth Day event. For more information or to reserve a table, you can email us at NBEarthday@gmail.com or call Bill Savastano at 203-484-2784.

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

Hazwaste Central is opening Saturday May 17th

Safe & Free Disposal of Residential Household Hazardous Waste

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 17th through mid-October. They are closed on the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from **9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays only**. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden. A visit to HazWaste Central is quick and easy. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. Some of the household wastes that can be dropped off include aerosol cleaners and sprays, antifreeze, oil-based paint and pool chemicals. We also list some of the accepted items on your yellow trash information card.

Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/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.

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Poppo's serves up premium espresso and drip coffee drinks as well as a variety of teas and pastry. Their homemade syrups set them apart and they will offer seasonal lattes and monthly specials. Poppo's will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 6 AM – 2 PM and Saturdays 7 AM – 3 PM, closed Wednesday & Sunday. Their cozy space is the perfect place to meet friends and family, study, or work. You can find more information at www.popposcfeeshop.com or on social media at @popposcfeeshop.

Pictured: EDC Chair Elisabeth Caplan, Alison LoRusso, Ashlyn & Kaia LoRusso, Co-Owner Brandon LoRusso, Lance LoRusso, Alberta Hinkelman, Dawn LoRusso, Mayor Rose Angeloni, Town Manager Michael P. Downes, Chris Henry of Guilford Saving Bank.

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 Danner, Nathan
 Dell'Aquila, Vincent
 DeLucia, Ryan
 Dion, Gabrielle
 Esposito, Benjamin
 Falcioni, Alexa
 Fortier, Aidan
 Franco, Willie
 Guerrero, Aleksander
 Hanna, Mary
 Higgins, Joshua
 Hills, Adriana
 Izzo, Tanner
 Kamienski, Daytona
 Krebs, Marley
 McCullough, Giana
 Melillo, Samantha
 Meneo, Jeremy
 Nay, Emilyn
 Onofrio, Isabella
 Patel, Preet
 Piccirillo, Gennaro
 Pitcher, Madison
 Raynor, Catherine
 Regino, Nicolette
 Rizzuti, Aaliyah
 Scalia, Matthew
 Schmidt, Alivia
 Spanier, Sofia
 Torowus, Calyncia

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 Berardesco, Ashley
 Carusone, Justin
 Ciampi, Luca
 Cioffi-Smith, Chase
 Connelly, Tyler
 Crane, Abigail
 DePino, Payton
 Esposito, Alexa
 Haeckel, Jason
 Heffernan, Tyler
 Ianniello, Gianna

Lacroix, Cameron
 Navarrete, Cassidy
 Papa, Samantha
 Pienkosz, Olivia
 Poston, Jacob
 Preiss, Emma
 Sargent, Brock
 Sudusky, Kyle
 Tang, Meghan
 Torres, Sury
 Traill, Gavin
 Urbina, Mateo
 Valente, Jonna
 Venturini, Leo
 Vitarisi, Lauren
 Westefeld, John

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Ahmed, Afran
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 Biehle, Aiden
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 Chasanoff, Ella
 Dolzani, Steven
 Dowson, Marina
 Duggan, Finn
 Ferraro, Myles
 Forgione, Matthew
 Guerrero, Gabriel
 Johnson, Samantha
 Kilstrom, Mason
 Kleckner, Kayla
 Kundrath, Brianna
 Lahun, Baidu
 LeBeau, Autumn
 Magazzi, Marcus
 Marashi, Edmira
 Martone, Alia
 Miller, Craig
 Nargi, Joseph
 Paolini, Natalia
 Perrelli, Mya
 Patel, Vedi
 Peterson, Leif
 Podzikowski, Siena
 Rish, Aesop
 Rosado, Haylee
 Sigal, Alexandra
 Sigal, Michael
 Spinelli, Valentina
 Wang, Natalee
 Wojciechowski, Emma

Wright, Carly
 Zulawski, Kathryn

High Honors – 9th Grade

Acampora, Justin
 Allan, Taylor
 Anderson, Matteo
 Behrens, Greta
 Beisaw, Mia
 Biolzi, Sadie
 Camarco, Logan
 Castro, Lance
 Cereni, Mariela
 Chittenden, Shelby
 Cicarella, Gianna
 Collins, Andrew
 Connelly, Kylie
 Cronan, Alexander
 Kirmali, Layla
 Knoob, Tyler
 LeClaire, Isabellla
 Lorenti, Olivia
 Merry, Jacob
 Murphy, Ryan
 Parisi, Francesca
 Patel, Risha
 Pavic, Marin
 Pelczar, Carson
 Pitcher, Payton
 Redman, Colby
 Smith, Broden
 Traill, Ian
 Vitale, Liliana
 Wyatt, Adilyn

Honors – 12th Grade

DeFrancesco, Alexa
 Delfino, Matthew
 Donnelly, Ava
 Godoy, Noah
 Keil, Jordan
 Minnocci, Brody
 Monde, Jack
 Nuzzo, Megan
 O'Connor, Jason
 Perez, Yamil
 Perrelli, Ava
 Scott, Tyler
 Stegina, Kyle
 Trindade, Michael

Honors – 11th Grade

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 Brindisi, Marcus
 Brittell, Avery

Brockett, Jack
 Brustman, Leah
 Budd, Michael
 Budeit, Aijalyn
 Carbone, Santino
 Cenotti-Green, Jasmine
 Douglas, Da'Riana
 Estrada, Nylis
 Gage, Sebastian
 Kilstrom, Liam
 Krista, Christopher
 Leone, Gavin
 Morehead, Logan
 O'Brien, Charles
 O'Rourke, Ashlyn
 Piercey, Christopher
 Raymond, Caleb
 Ryszczyk, Ava
 Sigel, Anthony
 Sorrell, Sophia
 Warren, Isabella

Honors – 10th Grade

Budeit, Alana
 Cameron, Peyton
 Carbone, Armani
 Cassella, Anthony
 Esposito, Ava
 Famiglietti, Gabriela
 Frani, Daniel
 Gauvin, Cameron
 Gildersleeve, Dustin
 Harper, Mallory
 Harper, Mia
 Ianniello, William
 Iitli, Semih
 Jara, Javier
 Keil, Brianna
 Koelle, Adam
 Landau, Brian
 Macauley, Kate
 Martone, Santino
 Masella, Izabella
 Meneo, Makayla
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 Pereira, Alexander
 Pinette, Eliza
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 Sunday | 8:00 am St. Barnabas | 9:00 am St. Monica | 9:30 am St. Barnabas | 11:00 am St. Therese
 Sunday | 11:00 am St. Augustine - solemn entrance with procession of palm
 Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) | 5:30 pm St. Monica Church

MONDAY - April 14

Reconciliation | A half hour prior to daily Masses
 Daily Mass | 8:00 am St. Barnabas | 9:00 am St. Augustine
 Adoration | 5:00-6:00 pm St. Augustine

TUESDAY - April 15

Reconciliation | A half hour prior to daily Masses
 Daily Mass | 8:00 am St. Barnabas | 9:00 am St. Augustine | *No Low Mass*

WEDNESDAY - April 16

Reconciliation | A half hour prior to daily Masses
 Daily Mass | 8:00 am St. Barnabas | 9:00 am St. Augustine
 Adoration | 5:00-6:00 pm St. Barnabas

HOLY TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - April 17

RECONCILIATION | 8:30-8:55am St. Augustine Church
 LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) | 9:00am St. Augustine Church
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | 7:00pm St. Augustine Church | 7:00pm St. Barnabas Church

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) | 9:00am St. Augustine Church
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Noon St. Augustine Church | Noon St. Barnabas Church
 RECONCILIATION | 2:00-2:45pm St. Augustine Church | 2:00-2:45p St. Barnabas Church
 THE LORD'S PASSION | 3:00pm St. Augustine Church | 3:00pm St. Barnabas Church

HOLY SATURDAY - April 19

RECONCILIATION | 8:30-8:55am St. Augustine Church
 LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) | 9:00am St. Augustine Church
 THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL | 8:00pm St. Augustine Church | 8:00pm St. Barnabas Church

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20 - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:00 am St. Barnabas | 9 am St. Monica | 9:30 am St. Barnabas | 11 am St. Augustine | 11 am St. Therese

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Come experience a Good Friday you will never forget. Stained is an evening with a mix of speaking, videos, reflection, music, activities, and visual imagery that strongly contrast the sadness, loss, and death that happened on Good Friday. It is the perfect complement for hearts and souls preparing to gather together and celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

COME HOME THIS EASTER

Whatever the reason you have run away from God, your faith, your spiritual home, Easter is your invitation to stop running. Jesus' resurrection is the assurance that you don't have to live with regret, shame or emptiness anymore, you can come home to God who runs toward you with arms wide open and a family at Hope Church that will do the same. Don't let another Easter pass you by, don't keep running. The Father is waiting..... Are you ready to Come Home? \

Our vision is the same every day of the year ...
 "REALPEOPLE...REALHOPE...
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Hope Christian Church

211 Montowese Ave North Haven, CT
06473 hopeag.com

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning: 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Community Baptist Church. 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. Adult bible study and prayer meeting, and children's clubs on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more info.: 203-488-8581; info@cbcbranford.org; www.cbcbranford.org

Hope Christian Church (we are an Assemblies of God affiliated church) 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven CT www.hopeag.com. Sunday Service 10:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook. "realpeople realhope reallife" (203) 234-7328

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. Our pastor is the Rev. Wendy Tarry. 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.

St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 1 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. 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. 4/2/202

Please join us for worship at **St. John's Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John's Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

Shoreline Community Church located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website www.sccbranford.org. SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller's Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. "The Church on the Rock," led by Pastor . We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God's love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God's word, and stay connected.

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



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TENNIS AT NORTHFORD PARK

Due to the overwhelming success of our Tennis Program last year we are excited to offer it again!

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

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

INTRO TO TENNIS

Ages 11-13 • 5:00-5:45pm • April 23 - May 21
Ages 5-10 • 6:00-6:45pm • April 23 - May 21

\$75
per session

SAFE BOATING Personal Watercraft Class

May 31st & June 7th

9:00am-1:00pm • STW Gym/Cafe • \$20res/25non-res

A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in two Saturday classes. With successful completion of this basic safe boating class students will be able to obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, enabling them to operate recreational vessels up to 65 feet in length, including Jet Skis. This class can be taken by anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

All students must bring their Conservation Identification number to the class. Student who have a fishing or hunting license will find the Conservation ID number on their license. Students who do not have a fishing or hunting license can create a free Conservation ID number at ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales



Saturday, May 17th

11:00am-1:00pm

Quiet Time 12:30-1:00pm

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

FREE ADMISSION

STW Community Center Parking Lot

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK!



Please bring non-perishable food items to Touch -A- Truck and help our NB Public Works Crew put an end to hunger!

All collected items will go to The Food Pantry of North Branford

— SENIOR CENTER —

SENIOR CENTER HANDS-ONLY CPR & STOP-THE-BLEED

Wednesday April 23, 2025

10:00-12:00pm - STW Yoga Room

Stop-the-Bleed and Hands-Only CPR courses can help you to Be The Help.

Be The Help Until Help Arrives! Emergencies happen anywhere and at any time. Rescuers respond as soon as possible, but sometimes it's too late. Your help can save the life of a loved one or friend!

Fee: \$5 per person to be collected the day of the class.



Registration required before 4/16

Instructor: David Burich, North Branford FD Ambulance

In the Kitchen with Kathy

Let's get together to create simple, yummy snacks.

Five-minute fruit mousse Tuesday, April 29th

12:30-2:00pm • FREE

STW Gym/Cafe Please register by 4/25

Fraud & Medicare Presentation with GSB

Wednesday, April 30 - 12:45-2:00pm

STW Senior Room - FREE

We'll provide an overview of common bank fraud schemes targeting seniors and how to spot red flags like urgent money requests or suspicious messages. You'll learn simple ways to protect your accounts as well as steps to take if fraud occurs. We'll also break down the basics of Medicare, including Parts A, B, C, and D, the differences between Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Medigap plans, and how to choose the best option based on your needs. Staying informed is your best defense—for both your finances and your health coverage.



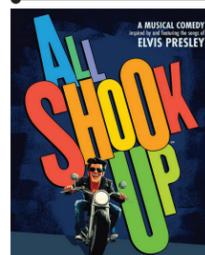
NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM TOUR AND SKOOTERS RESTAURANT

Wednesday May 28, 2025

9:15-3:00pm - \$22 res /\$25 nr

Departing STW at 9:15 am, enjoy a one hour guided exploration of the New England Air Museum. After the tour, we will eat lunch (on your own) at Skooter's Restaurant, a retro-style diner.

Register by 5/21



ALL SHOOK UP

At the Goodspeed Opera House

July 16, 2025- \$120res/\$130nr

Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show!
Departs 11:00 am Returns: appx. 5:00 pm

Payment is due at time of registration

Please register by June 11th to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show!

The legendary songs of Elvis Presley ignite a rockin' romp set in the Fabulous '50s. When a guitar-playing stranger on a motorcycle roars into a sleepy town, nothing will be the same. Boy meets girl and soon everybody can't help falling in love. Mistaken identity, mismatched lovers and the magic of romance come together in a free-wheeling rock and roll comedy. Celebrate the 20th anniversary production of a show that began at Goodspeed with non-stop classics, from "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Hound Dog," to "Love Me Tender" and "Don't Be Cruel."

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HELP WANTED

North Branford Public Schools Vacancies Special Education Instructional Paraprofessionals

QUALIFICATIONS: Previous work in a school setting is preferred.

SALARY: As per paraprofessionals' contract.

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

Special Education Extended Year Program Summer 2025

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

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

ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER-
(for Elementary School Resource Grades 3-5)

* Final positions will be determined upon receipt of student count.

WORK YEAR/HOURS:

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Preschool program

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ICM A program

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Resource program

DAYS: 19 days (Monday – Friday) June 23rd –July 18th 2025 No School July 4th

SCHOOL: Jerome Harrison

SALARY: As Per Contract

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

TAG SALE

The North Haven Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10th, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside on the church lawn, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Set up begins at 7:30 am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. The cost for an outside space is \$30.00, prepaid, non-refundable, bring your own table and chair. Limited indoor spaces with table and chair provided are available with a reservation for \$35.00, prepaid, non-refundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information. Spaces will go fast so make your reservation soon!

GIANT TAG SALE
Saturday, April 26, 2025
Guilford Fairgrounds
111 Lovers Lane, Guilford

8:00 am to 2:00 pm
NO EARLY BIRDS!
Rain or shine

Contact Patty for information about when & where to drop off donations. 203-990-9391

Items CANNOT be brought to the shelter

All proceeds benefit Guilford's Adoption Center