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TRISH MASE RECOGNIZED

On March 18th the Town Council presented Trish Mase with a plaque recognizing her service on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Trish served as an alternate from December 13, 2016- October 3, 2017, then as a regular member on the Commission from that date until her resignation January 10, 2025.

We thank Trish for her volunteer service to the residents of the Town!

Photo: Trish Mase receives a plaque from Mayor Angeloni on behalf of the Town Council.

Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus:

Creating Lasting Change in Our Communities

Rotary International, a global humanitarian organization with 1.4 million members, is dedicated to making a positive impact through service projects and advocacy. Rotary clubs worldwide align their efforts with seven key areas of focus, ensuring sustainable and meaningful change. These areas—peacebuilding, disease prevention, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education, economic development, and environmental protection—serve as a blueprint for creating a better world.

1. Promoting Peace

Rotary is committed to peacebuilding and conflict resolution, addressing the root causes of conflict such as poverty, inequality, and lack of access to education. Through peace fellowships, scholarships, and mediation programs, Rotary empowers individuals and communities to resolve disputes peacefully. Rotary's Peace Centers, established in partnership with top universities, train leaders who work in conflict resolution worldwide.

2. Fighting Disease

One of Rotary's most significant contributions to global health is its fight against polio. Since launching the PolioPlus initiative in 1985, Rotary has helped reduce polio cases by 99.9% worldwide. Beyond polio, Rotary supports healthcare initiatives such as malaria prevention, HIV/AIDS awareness, and access to vaccines and medical care. Rotary clubs often fund hospitals, provide medical equipment, and organize free health camps in underserved areas.

3. Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Water is essential for life, yet millions worldwide lack access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation. Rotary's water and sanitation projects focus on building wells, installing filtration systems, and promoting hygiene education. Sustainable solutions, such as rainwater harvesting and water purification technologies, help communities maintain long-term access to clean water, reducing waterborne diseases and improving overall health.

4. Saving Mothers and Children

Every day, thousands of mothers and children die from preventable causes such as malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation. Rotary works to improve maternal and child health by funding prenatal care programs, training healthcare workers, and supporting nutrition initiatives. By partnering with hospitals and NGOs, Rotary helps provide life-saving treatments, vaccines, and education to ensure that mothers and their children thrive.

5. Supporting Education and Literacy

Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty. Rotary's education initiatives provide scholarships, school supplies, and teacher training programs, particularly in underprivileged areas. Literacy projects, such as book donations and reading programs, ensure that children and adults alike have access to quality education. By investing in education, Rotary helps create brighter futures for individuals and entire communities.

6. Growing Local Economies

Economic development is crucial for community sustainability. Rotary supports microfinance programs, vocational training, and entrepreneurship initiatives to help people achieve financial independence. By providing tools, mentorship, and resources, Rotary enables individuals—especially women and marginalized groups—to build businesses, create jobs, and improve their economic standing.

7. Protecting the Environment

Recognizing the urgent need for environmental action, Rotary actively engages in conservation and sustainability projects. Reforestation efforts, climate change mitigation, clean energy initiatives, and waste management programs are key areas of focus. By working with local and international partners, Rotary helps protect natural resources, combat pollution, and promote eco-friendly practices that benefit both people and the planet.

Making a Difference Locally and Globally

Rotary's seven areas of focus serve as a foundation for meaningful and lasting change. Whether through small community projects or large-scale global

initiatives, Rotary clubs work tirelessly to improve lives. By joining Rotary or supporting its initiatives, individuals can contribute to a better world—one project at a time.

For more information on how North Branford Rotary supports this work or to hear more about what we're doing locally and around the world, email us at NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com and we can invite you to one of our meetings.





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Don't Worry

Dear Editor:

Why I don't think we need to be too worried about the closing of the Dept of Education: For starters, the raw data is clear; Prior to the DOE (which had only been around since 1978) the U.S. education system was ranked number 1 in the world. Scores, as well as the standards by which scores are kept, have both dropped significantly ever since. We have been ranking in the mid 40's now for two decades, with no sign of improvement. The feds have simply skimmed more of our tax dollars, and

built themselves another bloated bureaucracy, whose promises are always one budget increase away from being successful. The DOE has simply failed to produce ANY positive results over the last 50 years. To the contrary, through costly mandates, and painfully stressful regu-

lations, the process of getting an education for your child has gone from being relatively simple, to consuming most of a young parents existence. Forms, policies, procedures, quotas, and one-lane testing, are just a few of the damaging things to come out of the DOE. Not to mention the multi-billion dollar failure of attempting to replace basic arithmetic with some untested experiment (Common-Core) that has left an entire generation of kids totally ignorant of basic mathematics. (There's a reason that our STEM jobs are so full of foreign students). Schools have become machines, where the "system" is more important than the student. Our system has gone from 1 administrator per 7 teachers to almost 1 for one. The administrators are making more money than teachers. Teachers have been stripped of their class authority, forced heavily standardized curriculum, and have been totally demoralized by the modern education system. Simply put, nobody wants to be a teacher. It's become a painfully bureaucratic prison, that poses as a school, but more realistically, has become a caotic day-care program. While the solutions are open for a lot of discussion, the problem is clear: We have failing schools, failing students, miserable teachers, and a failed "system" that has usurped the responsibility and authority of parents. This "parent replacement system" has totally failed our children and has encouraged and fostered bad parenting. One thing is certain; while there are no doubt, programs that need important funding, we deserve a level of performance and accountability that the current system, under the DOE, isnt providing. We're being ripped off, and nobody would buy this product if they had other options. Give the money and the authority back to the states, the towns, and the schools.

Respectfully,
Edward J Boughton Jr.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Connecticut residents and businesses have been crushed by some of the highest electric rates in the nation. It's a contributor to the affordability crisis in this state, where every month people from all walks of life, as well as businesses, see soaring utility bills that strain their budgets and forced them to make difficult choices.

This is an indisputable fact.

Connecticut is stuck in an energy dead end and desperately needs more generation. The Governor and state bureaucrats have all but eliminated waste-to-energy plants—once a valuable resource. Expanding natural gas could provide much-needed relief, and even the Governor has recently shown interest. Yet, at a recent media-sponsored forum, he faced loud boos from environmentalists the moment the topic was raised. So, it's likely to be a long while before there's any movement on generating more energy.

Still, there are things the legislature can do to chip away at this crisis. Much of the conversation—driven by the public and Republican lawmakers—focuses on the “public benefits” part of your bill. There are 57 state-mandated fees under that banner, and I'm among those who contend they should be removed, sending associated programs into the budgetary process where they can be analyzed and evaluated to determine whether they should be continued. As it stands now, they're just passed along like a hidden tax.

In 2025, it's estimated that the Eversource-associated public benefits charge will be north of \$800 million. It would comprise about 28 percent of the bill. Of that, less than 6 percent is associated with nuclear-related costs, which my Democrat colleagues point to as the big bugaboo. But the fact is, 33 percent—or \$266 million—of the 2025 public benefits charges covered by all ratepayers will be associated with low-income discount rates and hardship arrearages. Legislative contracts and efficiency programs—items mandated by the lawmakers—will make up 14 percent of the total public benefits charge.

Both political parties should be able to agree on addressing this part of the bill—and ratepayers certainly do, given their persistent frustrations.

Earlier in the session, Democrats leading the Energy Committee claimed they were open to all ideas to mitigate this crisis. But when it came time to act, their actions told a different story. They wouldn't add the Republican proposal (S.B. 647) to the agenda and blocked more detailed discussion by rejecting our amendment to force their hand. All we wanted was a fair debate and a simple up-or-down vote on the public benefits charge—yet Democrats, who hold the majority, refused to even engage.

The public benefits charge does fund some valuable programs, like weatherization. But it's also packed with costly green energy mandates that Democrats—and

environmentalists—clearly don't want to discuss. Our proposal aimed to change that, ensuring a full debate on all aspects of the issue.

To those who submitted testimony or showed up in support of S.B. 647—thank you. I'll keep fighting for real solutions at every opportunity this session. We must prioritize affordability over bureaucracy and put ratepayers ahead of ideological, party-driven agendas.

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

Let's Be “Frank”

Well brother, a lot has happened since we spoke last. You know we always talked about Mary being born on March 15 and how she'd remind us starting in February that the Ides of March were coming. She would celebrate most of the month. You and I on the other hand, never thought a celebration was very important and viewed it as was just another day.

However, this month, I seem to have broken that tradition. Turning 69 was a big deal as it is going to be the last birthday I celebrate because 70 pretty much scares me.

On our vacation, the first thing we did was stop to see MT Cobbler. Mike moved to South Carolina. Upon arrival, we celebrated Saint Joseph's and St. Patrick's with a mixed dinner. Carolyn made the most delicious corned beef and cabbage, and then to add Italian she made homemade Zeppoli. Homemade Italian wine and some homemade Zambuca was enjoy with our espresso. I toasted to my birthday coming up.

Next step was Frankie and Ana. On the day before my birthday March 24, Frank and Ana treated us to a surprisingly good meal at an Italian restaurant in Miami Beach Florida. It was just as good as any Italian restaurant we have here in New Haven or in the Bronx.

On my actual birthday I woke up singing “happy birthday to me” which was surprising to SueAnn who is used to my depression on my birthday. As we headed for home, It took us a bit longer to land as the dense fog was prohibiting the pilot from seeing the landing strip. After landing, I had to jump in the car and drive to Derby, pick up the The Totoket Times and then deliver them. I got home around 5 o'clock. At that point, Erica came over with John and the boys and we had dinner with Gina's homemade cheesecake for dessert.

I realized, as I was unusually celebrating my birthday how lucky I was to have a great family who remembered me and who are always there for me whenever I need anything.

I reflected on my 60th birthday when the kids threw a surprise party for me, but of course I found out about it. When I asked my son why is 60th party. Usually you have it at 65. His smart ass respond was, “we didn't think you were going to get to 65.

Well, by hitting 69 I surprised a lot of people, including myself. I am now

looking forward to 79 and then some. Ha ha to the naysayers and paraphrase the great quote by Lou Gehrig. “Today I am the luckiest man in the world.

Take care my brother and I'll see you soon

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Estate Planning for Everyone: The Power of Living Trusts

By Attorney Marc

A living trust, also known as a revocable trust, is a powerful estate planning tool that allows individuals to protect their assets, manage their affairs, and ensure the smooth transfer of wealth to their heirs. The power of living trusts lies in their flexibility, privacy, and ability to minimize the probate process, making them a popular choice for those seeking to secure their legacy and achieve peace of mind.

One of the most compelling advantages of a living trust is its flexibility. Unlike a will, which becomes effective only after your death, a living trust takes effect immediately upon its creation. This means that you, as the grantor, can maintain control over your assets and make changes or revisions to the trust at any time during your lifetime. You can add or remove assets, change beneficiaries, and modify the terms of the trust as your circumstances evolve. This flexibility allows you to adapt to changes in your family, finances, or preferences without the need for costly and time-consuming legal proceedings.

Privacy is another key aspect of the power of living trusts. When a person passes away and their estate goes through probate, the details of their assets, debts, and beneficiaries become part of the public record. This lack of privacy can lead to unwanted scrutiny and potential disputes among heirs. In contrast, assets held in a living trust remain private and confidential. The distribution of assets, beneficiaries, and the terms of the trust all stay out of the public eye. This privacy can be particularly valuable for those who wish to keep their financial affairs confidential or protect sensitive family information.

Minimizing or outright voiding the probate process is perhaps the most significant benefit of a living trust. Probate is the legal process by which a court validates a will, settles the decedent's debts, and distributes assets to beneficiaries. It can be time-consuming, expensive, and subject to delays, especially when disputes arise. By placing assets in a living trust, you can sidestep much of the probate process. When you pass away, your successor trustee can seamlessly take control of the trust and distribute assets to beneficiaries according to your wishes, without the need for court intervention. This not only saves time and money but also ensures a smoother transition of wealth to your loved ones.

Living trusts also offer a valuable layer of protection in case of incapacity. If you become unable to manage your financial affairs due to illness or injury, your successor trustee can step in and handle matters according to the instructions laid out in the trust document. This prevents the need for a court-appointed guardian or conservator, which can be a costly and intrusive process. It also ensures that your assets are managed and used for your benefit during your incapacity.

Furthermore, living trusts are an effective tool for minimizing estate taxes. While they do not provide direct tax benefits, they can be structured to include tax-saving provisions. By working closely with an experienced estate planning attorney, you can design a trust that maximizes the preservation of your wealth and minimizes the tax burden on your heirs.

The power of living trusts lies in their flexibility, privacy, ability to avoid probate, incapacity protection, and potential for tax savings. These benefits make them a compelling choice for individuals and families looking to secure their legacy and achieve peace of mind. However, it's important to note that while living trusts offer numerous advantages, they may not be suitable for everyone. Estate planning is a complex and individualized process, so it's crucial to consult with a qualified attorney who can assess your specific needs and help you create an estate plan that aligns with your goals and preferences. Ultimately, a well-structured living trust can be a cornerstone of your estate plan, providing you and your loved ones with the security and peace of mind you deserve.

If you would like to talk with me about living trusts- I offer a free consultation. Please call 203-500-0201 or email Marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule a complimentary consultation.

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For the Health of it...

Sleep, Hormones, and The Time Change Hangover



Weeks after the most recent time change, several of my co-workers were talking about still dragging through the day because of it. It was like a chain reaction. First one person mentioned it and then one or two more chimed in to share similar stories. It was unanimously agreed that one hour is enough to disrupt the internal clock and throw us off balance.

The extended daylight is supposed to spring us ahead into the season of new beginnings, right?

But rather than delivering more energy and positivity right from the jump, for most, that one hour difference seems to create an inner struggle to get through the day and zaps the spring from our step. At least for a while, until we adjust. While that one hour difference may not seem like a big deal, your hormones couldn't disagree more. In fact they team up to rebel, create chaos, and induce that groggy disoriented feeling that is often experienced after a long night out. Cortisol, melatonin, and your circadian rhythm are suddenly out of sync. The time change hangover is real.

By now you're probably well on your way to feeling back in balance. It has been long enough that you've moved on to embrace more hours of daylight and the promise of increased energy. Yet, the memory of the former is still fresh in your mind, making this the perfect time to discuss the importance of regular sleep patterns. There are ways to not only combat hormonal jet lag but to keep that hormonal rhythm in check year round. I learned first hand that willpower is not an antidote when raging hormones want their way.

For many years I was stumped as to why being sleep deprived caused me to overeat. It seemed as though nothing truly satisfied me. Even though reason told me otherwise I would have cravings that were hard to resist. Because I never heard anyone speak of this before, I didn't realize that others may experience the same thing. Finally an answer came through my study of nutrition and hormonal balance. It wasn't me—it was my hormones! Leptin and ghrelin were fighting back to regain a semblance of balance because my body wasn't receiving what it needed, sufficient sleep.

Here's what was happening: The hormone ghrelin which turns on the hunger signal is overproduced when we're sleep deprived and leptin, the hormone that signals satiety is underproduced. Our hormones are continually communicating with each other and sometimes our actions interrupt that communication. Learning this increased my own self awareness but knowledge is only power when we put it to use.

An article from the National Sleep Foundation states, "Having a regular sleep schedule can positively affect key areas in your life including your mental and physical health as well as performance. Getting enough sleep from a regular sleep schedule can make it easier for you to cope with daily stress and less likely to be impacted by minor negative things that can come up." So if regulating your sleep patterns seems insignificant to you, take note that your overall health, mood, and memory can benefit. We can all benefit from the following sleep hacks, even those of you who think having a restful night's sleep is nothing more than a dream.

Have a Regular Sleep Pattern: Our bodies like routine even if we don't. Figure out the number of hours per night that are right for you (usually between 7 &9) and set your sleep and wake time accordingly.

Set The Tone: Reserve the bedroom for sleep and eliminate clutter. Avoid using your bed as your office where you just need to roll over and pull out your laptop or phone.

Exercise: Exercise can boost the body's natural sleep hormones like melatonin. According to Harvard Health Publishing, exercise in the morning daylight will help the natural circadian rhythm.

Keep it Dark and Quiet: Melatonin is released in darkness and is inhibited by light. Keep the shades and curtains closed; you can even try an eye mask.

Avoid Alcohol: If you are having a drink, it's best to have it 2-3 hours before bedtime.

Nighttime Rituals: Sleep rituals are not just for children. Find a comforting ritual that lulls you to sleep, do whatever relaxes you. Read a book, take a bath, listen to music, anything that says "wind down" will help.

And finally: to avoid or drastically minimize the dreaded time change hangover, experts agree that going to bed and waking up 15 minutes earlier 4-5 days before will help with the transition and is great for kids too!

I hope this sets you up for better sleep habits that lead to positive lasting changes so you'll be well prepared when we "fall back" in October.

For a more extensive list of Sleep Hacks, reach out to joann@wellnessfusion.net. Remember the monthly article is here for you - For The Health of It!

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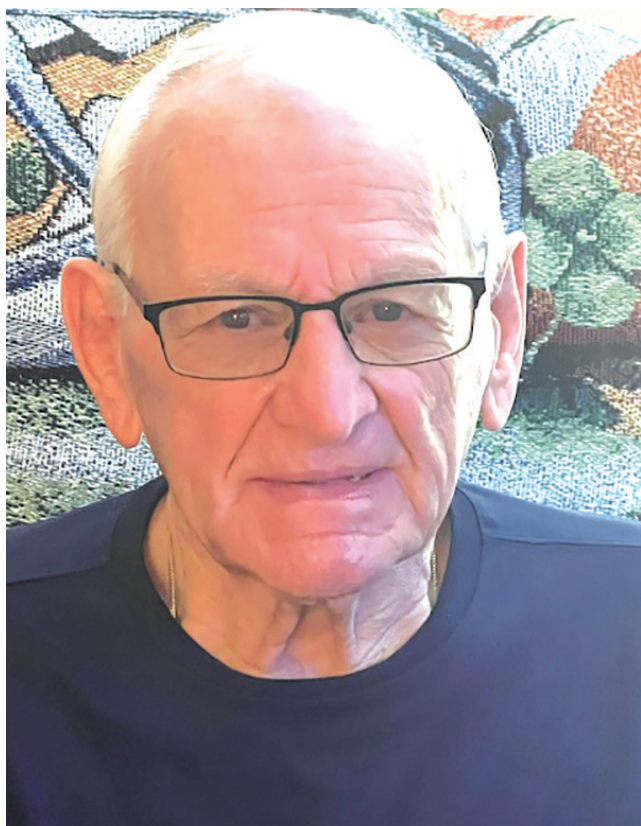
North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy to Honor Three

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge # 2805 will be recognizing State Representative Vincent Candelora, Nathan Vestal and Raymond Ciarleglio for their outstanding community service.

The dinner will take place at Woodwinds in Branford and tickets are \$55.00 per person which includes appetizers, a full buffet meal and a cash bar. Appetizers and cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner starting promptly at 6:15.

For tickets or more information call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254 or email Fmentonejr@comcast.net.

The ticket deadline is May 15th



Ray (Ray Ray) Ciarleglio



Vincent Candelora



Nathan Vestal



PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RECOGNIZED FOR LIFE SAVING

On March 18th the North Branford Town Council recognized Police, Fire and Public Works personnel that, through quick action and decisive action, saved the life of a motorist who was in medical distress on Forest Road on February 11th. Those recognized were NB Police Sgt. Brian Hannon, NB Fire Dept. members Lt. Ken Ash, Deputy Fire Chief Robert Colangelo, Lt. Kyle Conklin, Jared Cacopardo, and Connor Coyne, as well as Branford Fire Dept. members Paramedic

Eleftherios Gionteris, EMT Andrew Raffile, EMT Andrew Seward, and NB Public Works Director Fran Merola.

The personnel were recognized by the Council, Police Chief James Lovelace, Fire Chief Anthony Esposito, State Representative Vincent Candelora, and State Senator Paul Cicarella.

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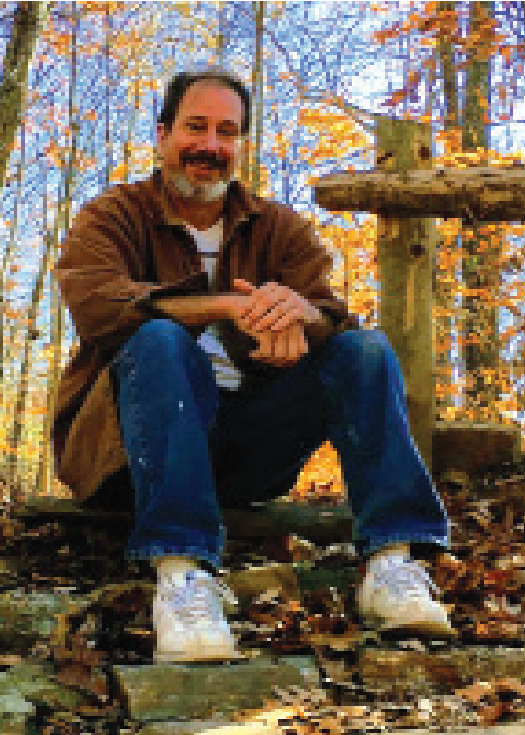
NBLCT has been awarded a planning grant of \$3,750 from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) as part of their climate smart agriculture and forestry grant program! The grant will pay 75% of the cost of the Forest Stewardship/Climate Smart Forestry Plans for the Beech Street Demonstration Forest and for Poms Woodlands.

NBLCT has retained the forestry consultant Eric Hansen to write the "forestry" plan. That forestry plan is intended to be a key pillar of a broader "Property Plan" that is being developed by a planning committee made up of NBLCT volunteers including regular members and some board members. We are very pleased to share this good news with you.

Funding for this project was paid for by the Climate Smart Farming: Agriculture and Forestry Grant. Funding awarded and administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Connecticut Land Conservation Council.

David Sargent Earns Prestigious Award

David Sargent has been a driving force behind land conservation in North Branford for over a decade as President of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT).



To that end, he was named the winner of the 2025 Katchen Coley Award for Land Conservation by the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, at its recent Conference.

Under his leadership, NBLCT has expanded protected lands, strengthened community engagement, and elevated the organization's reputation. Despite limitations on available land due to Regional Water Authority ownership, David has successfully navigated complex negotiations to acquire key properties, including Harrison Farm Preserve, Starry Lane, Angeloni Woodland Preserve, and Beech Street &

Poms Lane. These efforts have preserved critical habitats, enhanced public access, and connected trails for recreation and education.

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Beyond land acquisition, David has played a vital role in conservation initiatives such as the Farm River Restoration Project, regional collaborations, and trail expansions. His leadership has revitalized NBLCT, making it a recognized force in conservation, and inspiring future stewardship. Through advocacy, fundraising, and hand-on efforts, David has transformed the land trust into a thriving organization, ensuring North Branford's natural spaces remain protected for generations to come.

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Jaidyn Wein and Noah Yeager were named to the Dean’s List at Emerson college in Boston, MA.

Felicia Hortillo and Marcus Williams were named to the Dean’s List at Holy Cross in Worcester, MA

North Branford High School Class of 1975 50th Class Reunion

Save the date: August 22, 2025, 6 to 10pm
Amarante’s, New Haven, CT

For more information and updates: Facebook group **NBHS Class of 1975**
Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) NOBranfordhclassof1975@gmail.com Please share this information with other classmates.

APRIL VACATION BASKETBALL CAMP

Madison Hoop Dream (MHD) is pleased to announce they will have their April Vacation camp (4-5 to 4-18) at HK Middle School (451 Rte 81) in Killingworth. If your son or daughter in grade 3-8 loves basketball this is a great opportunity for them to improve their skills and use them in daily competition. They have three leagues to create grade appropriate competition and they balance the teams to keep the players excited. Last year there were 69 campers and the capacity is 80 so please register early to ensure you have a spot.

The coaching staff is very good at what they do. They love basketball and they love to help each player improve. The goal is to have every player on the gym floor leave excited to come back the next day for more fun. If any camper does not feel that way, parents should call so we can improve it for the next day.

Camp is from 9-1 each day. The cost is \$60 per day, however the cost is \$200 for the full 4 days. If finances are too tight please call or text coach Bill Barker to request financial aid. Payment plans are also available. Since MHD feels that attending their camp is a very valuable experience they do not want finances to be a determining factor. Every young person deserves a chance to make new friends and compete against others in exciting games.

Please check www.madisonhoopdreams.com for more information and to register.

If you have any questions call or text coach Bill Barker at 203-494-6905 or e-mail wab6933@gmail.com.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



John Joseph Festa, Jr. July 7, 1938 – January 6, 2025

DEATH NOTICE: John Joseph Festa, Jr. of Northford, CT, passed away tragically on January 6, 2025. He was the beloved husband of Marie Grace (Cusano) and together they shared 62 years of marriage. Born in New Haven and raised in Hamden, he was the eldest son of John J. Festa, Sr. and Marion (Mazzacane) Festa.

Along with his beloved wife Grace, John is survived by his loving children Brian Festa, of Northford, CT, Jeff Festa and his wife Julie of Old Saybrook, CT, and Keith Festa and his wife Nancy of Newton, MA. He was the proud and adoring “Pop Pop” to Taylor, Ella, and Mia Festa. John was also survived by his wonderful brother Paul E. Festa and his sister-in-law Teresa Cusano, as well as nephews, Paul E. Festa Jr. (Lily), John, niece Holly Hinesley (Gary), and great niece Kaelyn Hinesley. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law Joseph L. Cusano, Jr. and sister-in-law, MaryLou Festa.

John was raised in Hamden and graduated from Hamden High School in 1956. He attended Quinnipiac College for two years and served in the United States Army Reserves. John worked at Blakeslee Prestress, Inc. in Branford, CT, and for more than 30 years worked side-by-side with his dear friend Robert Silvestro who was the co-owner of B & J Auto Service Center in North Branford. He enjoyed automotive and mechanical work and took great pride in his 1931 Model A Ford Woody. He was gifted with a special talent for building model airplanes and boats and always found time to watch and discuss a good hockey game.

Nothing gave John more joy than spending time with his friends and family. He would organize monthly dinners with longtime friends and cherished celebrating Christmas Eve in his barn surrounded by them while sharing his delicious cooking. Every summer he looked forward to the annual family trips to Misquamicut and, later, Block Island.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12th at St. Monica’s Church, 1331 Middletown Ave., Northford, at 11:00 am. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions in John’s memory may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

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MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE

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10am - 6pm **FRIDAY May 9TH**
10am - 6pm **SATURDAY May 10TH**
9am - 1pm **SUNDAY May 11TH**

Visit us at: Northfordcommunity.church
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Check out our Facebook: Northford Community Church

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Sat., May 10th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
The White Church on the Hill
in the Heart of Northford



1382 Middletown Avenue



All are welcome to participate!!
Tag Sale tables for rent only \$25
Can set up day before
Call Nan Monde to reserve
a table 203-710-7005



Night of Prizes at

Saint Anthony's

Come join the fun at ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY's 46th annual Night of Prizes, (formally known as the Card Party) to be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, 70 Washington Ave., New Haven on Friday, April 25,

2025 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Food and beverage available for purchase or you can bring your own. Admission ticket is \$10.00 which includes coffee, Italian pastry and chance for door prizes. Raffle tickets for sale that night for fantastic prizes and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. For information or tickets please call Anna Simeone 203-710-5004. No admission tickets will be sold after Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Memorial Day Mass Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA)

Join us for Mass on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day). **If you would like to honor a Veteran**, please visit our website at www.ccacem.org and select the **Blog & News Tab**, and click on **Events** to open the calendar. Select May 26th on the calendar and fill out the form included.

All Veterans names will be honored at **all** the Masses held at our cemeteries.

Mass offered on Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day .

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum-North Haven
700 Middletown Ave. (RT 17)

Celebrant: Rev. Ajeesh Ouseph

Time: 10:30 am



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EASTER FLOWER SALE

VARIOUS EASTER FLOWERS AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE

10am - 6pm FRIDAY April 18TH
10am - 6pm SATURDAY April 19TH
9am - 1pm SUNDAY April 20TH

Visit us at: Northfordcommunity.church or on
 Instagram, TikTok, & YouTube, [NCCCHSMove](https://www.facebook.com/NCCCHSMove)
 Check out our Facebook:
[Northford Community Church](https://www.facebook.com/NorthfordCommunityChurch)

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 realife" (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 a.m., except during the Summer are held at 9 a.m.(from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall. St. Andrew's annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; 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 a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the 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."

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

North Banford Fire Department

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Here's what you need to know!

- A closed door will slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions yet mitigate false alarms.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

Carbon monoxide alarms Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

- The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2016, local fire departments responded to an estimated 79,600 carbon monoxide incidents, or an average of nine such calls per hour. This does not include the 91,400 carbon monoxide alarm malfunctions and the 68,000 unintentional carbon monoxide alarms.
- Data from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Center for Health Statistics shows that in 2017, 399 people died of unintentional non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning.

Sen. Cicarella, CT Republicans Call Out Ethical Lapses in State Government, Push for Stronger Accountability Measures

HARTFORD – Senior Deputy Senate Republican Leader Paul Cicarella (R-North Haven), member of the Government Oversight Committee, yesterday joined Republican leaders to criticize the Lamont administration and legislative Democrats for fostering a culture of ethical lapses in state government, pointing to a troubling pattern of scandals and mismanagement. Citing controversies ranging from excessive spending in higher education to a canceled audit and misuse of government resources, Republicans called for an expansion in the authority of the state's Inspector General to ensure adequate accountability among state employees and their managers.

"We have repeatedly witnessed major ethical lapses that were trivialized as 'small ball' and dismissed without serious consequences. Reckless

spending, missing or ignoring essential audits, and questionable awards of public dollars are all red flags that must be addressed," said Sen. Cicarella.

Among the controversies highlighted by Sen. Cicarella and Republicans:

CSCU Spending Scandal: CSCU President Terrence Cheng and other leaders faced scrutiny for reckless spending while students endured tuition hikes and the system claimed funding shortages. Cheng remains employed.

DSS Audit Cancellation (Diamantis/Ziogas case): Serious transparency and accountability concerns tied to the case of Kosta Diamantis and former Democrat Rep. Christopher Ziogas and questions involving an audit canceled on the watch of Former DSS Commissioner and current OHS Commissioner Deidre Gifford.

Social Equity Council Grants: Questions remain concerning the fairness and transparency of grant allocations to community organizations.

"How much longer can this continue? The simple answer is that it will certainly continue if we allow it to. We must empower an independent

Inspector General to hold bad actors accountable with real consequences," he added.

Sen. Cicarella and Republicans say the Inspector General should have broader investigative authority, ensuring that no official—regardless of political affiliation or position—is shielded from scrutiny. The proposed expanded responsibilities include:

Expand Inspector General ("IG") responsibilities to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in the expenditure or use of state resources

Review of Auditors' reports on Agencies and investigate findings of fraud, waste, and abuse

Intake complaints, including from whistleblowers

Intake referrals from the Auditors and state agencies

Refer cases to state/federal authorities

Recommend policies to limit fraud/waste

Review/make recommendations on legislation

Submit reports to the General Assembly annually starting in 2026

Seek civil recovery of funds

Fire extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely.

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a [home fire escape plan](#) and working [smoke alarms](#).

Safety tips

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and it is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
 - Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.
 - Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
 - Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher training.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a [home fire escape plan](#) and working smoke alarms.

Please Display Your House Numbers

Please help us help you. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the proper address when responding to an emergency. Please have proper house numbers that can be viewed from both directions on the street.

1. At least 3 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the background
2. Visible from the street
3. If the building is set back by more than 100 feet, the number should be affixed to a post or mailbox not more than 10 feet from the driveway.

Any questions or concerns, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or jobrien@townofnorthbranfordct.gov

Recycling News

The Leaf Drop-off will be opening on Saturday April 5th.

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 also be open on April 12th, 19th and 26th.

There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of April 28th to May 2nd.

The Electronics Waste Drop-off will be on Saturday 4-12 Public Works 290 Forest Road – 9am – noon

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

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

When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

There is a small fee for recycling propane tanks in reusable condition. Cash only.

Bulky Waste will be the week of April 14th – 18th on your normal trash day.

Bulky Waste includes rugs and tree branches (no thicker than 4") if less than 4' long and tied into bundles. Also included are couches, mattresses, wooden furniture and most items that won't fit in your tote. These large items are only taken during bulky waste which is twice a year. For a complete list, see your 2025 yellow Recycling/Trash card.

Bulky Waste will NOT take:

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

The next Bulky Waste will be in November.

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.

Change to North Branford's Plastic Bag Recycling Program

You may have noticed that the town buildings are no longer taking plastic film. Because of this, we have started a new recycling station at Public Works. It is directly in front of you as you drive in the entrance at 290 Forest Road, outside of the gate. There are bins to collect plastic film, eye glasses and cell phones. No batteries will be collected, as it's a safety issue. Some retailers such as Staples, Home Depot and Lowes take household batteries for recycling.

Please - If bin is full, please do not leave plastic film outside bin, as getting wet makes things much more difficult to sort.

Shop or Donate to the ReStore - This is a great way to give a second life to used furniture.

The ReStore provides an environmentally and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable articles out of the waste stream while providing funding for Habitat's community improvement work. The ReStore store accepts gently used furniture, appliances, lighting, cabinets, vanities, and other household-related items. To inquire about a donation please contact the store by text at (203) 800-5517 or email at Restore@habitatgnh.org. Please include photos of the items you would like to donate. There is a list of acceptable donations on their 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

ESDHD Has Achieved National Accreditation

East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD), the local full-service health department for the towns of Branford, East Haven, and North Branford, has announced that it has achieved national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). PHAB is the sole national accrediting body for state, local, Tribal, and territory/freely associated state public health departments in the United States. PHAB accreditation is regarded as the most prestigious form of accreditation.

The national accreditation program sets standards against which the roughly 3,000 governmental public health departments nationwide can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds quality standards and measures.

Founded in 1974, ESDHD is one of fewer than 500 health departments across the country that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011. It is the second local health district in Connecticut to achieve accreditation.

Over the past ten years, ESDHD has conducted a comprehensive review of its department policies and practices, to ensure that it's meeting nationally recognized, evidence-based standards in delivering high-quality public health services to the community.

ESDHD recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. This significant milestone served as an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and successes over the past five decades. On behalf of the ESDHD Board of Directors and Staff, Dr. Michael Pascucilla, the CEO/Director of Public Health, wants to emphasize that this achievement would not have happened without the support of the numerous community members, partners, and town/state leaders, who work to make our community a better place.

Make Reservations for a Craft & Tag Sale Table

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!

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 7, 1:PM, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Audrey Grove, Director, Masonicare, who will present: CareConnect Navigator - to connect seniors to resources for senior living and healthcare.

NARFE is dedication to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: <http://www.NARFE.org>

Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on **Friday, April 4th** at Totoket Valley Elementary School, 1388 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT. Doors open at 5:45PM and games start at 6:30 PM. Entry is \$12 per person and the proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area.

For advanced tickets and to save your spot, reach out to Elisa Orio @ elissa.08@comcast.net or by phone at 203-793-7180 or Venmo@NorthfordWomens-Club. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We will be collecting donations for the North Branford food pantry. They need cereal, canned goods, non-perishables, cake mixes and icing. Anyone who brings a donation will receive one **FREE** ticket for the raffle. There will be door prizes, and the club will be raffling off gift baskets and other donated prizes.

Refreshments, including appetizers and desserts, will be served.

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among the women of our town and surrounding areas. Participating in community service and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs. Check us out on Facebook: Northford North Branford Women's Club, GFWC.





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4 DAY APRIL BREAK CAMP

Ages 5-13 STW Community Center

FULL DAY - April 14-17 - 9:00am - 4:00pm
\$165 res/\$175 nr

HALF DAY - June 12-14 - 9:00am - 12:00pm
\$115 res/\$125 nr

The Multi-Sport Camp will be held at the STW Community Center April 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th (no camp on 4/18 due to the holiday). Half day and full day options are available.

The April vacation Multi-sport camp will feature sports activities and games that combine learning and fun! Activities and games will vary from basketball, capture the flag, dodgeball, kickball, relay races, soccer, tag games, whiffle ball and much more!

The camp will also feature sports trivia, contests and fun team building activities.

Participants should bring a sneakers, sports attire, water bottle, snack, and lunch.

ARTISAN SERIES: BASKET CHEESE

Join master cheese maker and resident, Frank Angeloni in this hands on cheese making class. Basket cheese is an Easter tradition that is still made the old fashioned way, by hand. This cheese makes a beautiful table-top presentation when unmolded, showing off the "weaves" of the basket.

Tuesday April 15, 2025 - 5:00-7:30pm

STW Gym/Cafe - Adult (18+) - \$25

Wednesday April 16, 2025 - 5:00-7:30pm

STW Gym/Cafe - Adult (18+) - \$25

Thursday April 17, 2025 - 5:00-7:30pm

STW Gym/Cafe - Adult (18+) - \$25

Register by 4/11



MY FIRST LEMONADE STAND

April Break Camp - (Grades K-2)

April 14th - 17th 9:00am - 12:00pm - \$160
STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave.

My First Lemonade Stand k-2: Learn how to make sweet and tangy lemonade – and make money by selling it! Experiment with recipes, design flyers, learn how to count money, make change and tally your profits. Then, in a showcase finale event, launch your lemonade stand and sell, sell, sell, and raise funds for a charity students select! Instructed by: SPARK Business Academy

Register by: 4/7



— SENIOR CENTER — OLDE MISTICK VILLAGE!

April 30th– Shopping and lunch at
Olde Mistick Village

Departs: 10:00am Returns 4:30pm - Register by 4/23
Trip cost \$5 & Lunch costs on your own

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



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



DEBATE CLUB

April Break Camp - (Grades 3-5)

April 14th - 17th 1:00 - 4:00pm - \$160
STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave.

Learn the art of persuasion! Students work in rotating groups and practice their debating skills in a supportive environment, including developing arguments, issuing rebuttals, providing examples, rebuilding their case and summarizing points of view. Students learn to think on their feet and enhance their public-speaking skills, gaining self-confidence in the process.

Instructed by: SPARK Business Academy
Register by: 4/7



WEIGHT WISE

Mondays, April 7 - 28 - 5:30 - 6:30pm

Ages 16+ STW Senior Room \$45 Res/ \$50 NR

Join Jackie Gargano, Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach, for a weekly weight management/weight loss support group.

Each week we will discuss a new topic such as goal setting, motivation, movement and mindset. Time will also be set a side for open coaching to discuss some of the challenges we face while trying to navigate a healthier lifestyle.



SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS

April 16, 2025

12:45-2:00pm - FREE

Arnie Pritchard shares the remarkable letters, medals, pictures & mementos of his father, Lt. Anton Pritchard, from his time serving in WWII.

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

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HELP WANTED

R.E.C. Crew (Seasonal) – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for R.E.C. Crew Counselors. This position is responsible for planning & leading activities and experiences for children in a group setting, as well as overseeing the general development and safety of the children under their supervision. R.E.C. Crew Counselors are expected to be available to work the entire summer season, Monday through Friday from June 18 – August 15. Part-time and full-time seasonal opportunities are available. Prior experience working with children is highly preferred. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Additional opportunities are available during school breaks. Please note your interest on your application. Starting rate \$16.45/hour. Full job description is available on the Town of North Branford website www.northbranfordct.cgov/jobs. Please submit application and other materials via website, email (rburke@northbranfordct.gov), in person, or by mail to Town Manager/909 Foxon Road/North Branford, CT 06471. EEO/AA
Seasonal Laborer – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Seasonal Laborer in the Public Works Department. Assists with all types of manual labor related to road, grounds, and facility maintenance. Work involves routine and non-scheduled maintenance and repairs of the Town’s public grounds and facilities. Position assists permanent, full-time employees with the execution of their duties. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a valid Connecticut Driver’s license. Salary is \$18/hour with no benefits. This is a seasonal position. Hours will be 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM from May 1 through Labor Day and 7 AM to 3:30 PM otherwise. Position runs from April 1 through October 31.

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Part-Time Seasonal Grounds Attendant- The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Seasonal Grounds Attendant in the Public Works Department to assist the Grounds Division within the Public Works Department by keeping local municipal properties clean and removing litter from designated areas. Cleans and/or removes graffiti and makes minor repairs to vandalism. High School or GED diploma preferred. As a minimum, the employee must have a valid State of Connecticut driver’s license. Starting wage is \$17.00/hr., no benefits. Applications are available on the Town’s website www.northbranfordct.gov/jobs. Please submit applications via Town website, in-person at 909 Foxon Road, by mail, or email: rburke@northbranfordct.gov. The position is open until filled. EEO/AA

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.