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## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MILLIE ANGELONI!

North Branford is extending a Happy 100th birthday to Millie Angeloni, as she celebrated with her family and loved ones at a special event last Sunday.

Born on October 4, 1924, in Graniti, Sicily, to Salvatore and Rosaria Calabro, she came to the U.S. in 1948 with her brother Joseph to join their father, with their mother joining at a later date. She spent three days at Ellis Island with her brother waiting for clearance to enter the country.

She married Daniel Angeloni in 1950 and is the mother of Frank and John; grandmother to Elliot, Sara and Michael; great grandmother (Gigi) to Lina, Emmie, Reese, Ryder, Vivianne, Riley, Van, and Bronson.

Millie provided for her family by working at Rose's Dress Shop with her mother. She later went on to work at Remington Arms and General Electric. During this time, her father and brother were busy establishing the family business, Calabro Cheese Corporation. Millie worked at Calabro Cheese until her retirement at age 88.

Millie's true love was cooking and taking care of her family. You could always find her in the kitchen at family gatherings and later teaching her daughter-in-law how to cook the delicious Italian dishes her family loved. Millie treasured her time watching her grandchildren and even traveled to Virginia to help her niece Rita with her children Connor, Christian, Cameron, and Charlotte.

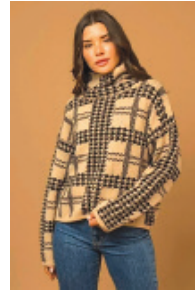
Millie traveled back to her childhood home in Sicily with her mother and brother in 1985 and her final visit was 2010 with her grandson Michael. Graniti will always hold a special place in her heart.

*Photo: Millie Angeloni receives a citation on behalf of the North Branford Town Council congratulating her on her 100th birthday, presented by her daughter-in-law Mayor Rose Angeloni.*

## HAPPENING TODAY, 10-26!



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

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

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

**In addition, on October 26, 2024, starting at 8:30 am, we will hold the traditional community food round up.** Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. **Please remember to check expiration dates of food items prior to donating them.**

**You can assist by placing items by your mailbox on the morning of October 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

We appreciate and are very proud of the North Branford community who have made this event such a great success for the past 34 years!

**Thank you for your generous support!**

### TOTOKET TIMES

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January 17	January 24
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### Notch Hill Brook Trail Hike



Join the NBLCT on Saturday, November 9th from 9:30-11:30 am for a Fall hike on the Notch Hill Brook Trail where you will learn about the geology and forest makeup of the area.

The hike will be in two parts. First, a short

walk will be along the old Trolley line, appropriate for all ages.

Once that is complete there will be two options for the main trail. One is an easy to moderate hike, that will be appropriate for all ages. The second option will be for the more advanced and adventurous hikers to walk the ridge trail with a few very steep sections. Depending upon the selected route, there may be 1-3 bridge crossings of Notch Hill Brook

.Dress comfortably and wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, if you have them.Meet at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ciro Road by 9:15 am.

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# State Representative Vincent Candelora

## Protecting Election Integrity: Why No-Excuse Absentee Voting Raises Concerns



Ensuring election integrity is essential, which is why the proposed expansion of absentee voting on this year’s ballot raises serious concerns.

In November, voters statewide will decide whether to amend the state constitution to allow all voters to cast absentee ballots. The question presented, however, is vague and fails to mention “no-excuse” absentee voting directly. This

ambiguity could open the door for lawmakers to enact sweeping changes, such as mailing ballots to all registered voters, without meaningful public input—an approach that compromises election security.

Connecticut’s election system is already vulnerable, as seen in recent incidents like ballot box drop box stuffing in Bridgeport and the most recent allegations of an immigrant who was misled into registering to vote and obtaining an absentee ballot in Bridgeport. Why expand absentee voting when we haven’t yet resolved the flaws in the current system? In 2022, a race in Southington was decided by a single vote, illustrating the potential impact of problems posed by even small vulnerabilities in our election system.

Republicans have proposed commonsense safeguards, such as requiring photo ID and verifying signatures on absentee ballots, but these reforms have been consistently blocked. Early this year, as the stomach-turning Bridgeport controversy unfolded, our colleagues across the aisle rejected an obvious and necessary deterrent: mandatory jail time for criminal election violations. It’s hard to believe that security will suddenly become a priority if this measure passes.

We’ve seen this pattern before. A vague ballot question on early voting led to 14 days of early voting, creating logistical challenges for municipalities with little voter turnout. Republicans offered a more practical three-day alternative, but Democrats forced through the longer plan that costs municipalities—and property taxpayers—more money.

While voting access is important, it should not come at the expense of public trust in elections. The proposal on this year’s ballot shifts too much control to one party who control the legislative agenda, leaving voters with no guarantee that the system will be secure. Most people want easier access to the voting booth, but should this ballot measure pass, Connecticut must consider a more balanced approach, like Massachusetts, where voters must request their mail-in ballots, rather than third party special interest groups requesting and distributing thousands of applications.

Voters should think carefully about the risks of no-excuse absentee voting before making this critical decision. The integrity of our elections depends on it.

**Rep. Vincent Candelora**  
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To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.

To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of “Yes” being a vote for approval, and a vote of “No” being a vote for disapproval:

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with Sec. §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk’s Office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places on Election Day is as follows:

Election Day Voting District	Election Day Polling Place
<b>District 1</b>	Jerome Harrison Elementary School 354 Foxon Road – Route 80
<b>District 2</b>	Stanely T. Williams Community Center - Gymnasium 1332 Middletown Avenue – Rte 17
<b>District 3</b>	Stanely T. Williams Community Center – Board Meeting Room 1332 Middletown Avenue – Rte 17

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:  
 North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road – Route 80

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o’clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

During the 14-day early voting period before said election, the hours and location of early voting will be as indicated below. Each early voting location will also offer Same-Day Registration (SDR).

### Remaining Early Voting Day: Hours

#### Early Voting / SDR Location

October 25-28 & 30, 2024: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers  
 909 Foxon Road – Route 80

October 29 & 31, 2024: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers  
 909 Foxon Road – Route 80

November 1-3, 2024: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers  
 909 Foxon Road – Route 80

On Election Day, the hours and location of SDR will be as follows:

#### Election Day: Hours

#### SDR Location

November 5, 2024: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers  
 909 Foxon Road – Route 80

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut this 26th day of September, 2024.

**Lisa A. Valenti, MMC**

**North Branford Town Clerk**

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All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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For additional information, please contact Ed Boughton @ 203-496-2370 Or email [Ed@ejboughtonco.com](mailto:Ed@ejboughtonco.com)

**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD  
OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
THANKSGIVING BASKET SHARE**

The Thanksgiving Basket Share Program will take place on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

For those that need some assistance with their Thanksgiving Dinner, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the Thanksgiving Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need, and that you reside in Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car.

For those wishing to donate a basket or grocery store gift card, call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and recipients will receive written confirmation.

The Thanksgiving Basket Share is scheduled for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Should you have an interest in being a recipient or a donor please contact the Office of Social Service by email, [lbreen@northbranfordct.gov](mailto:lbreen@northbranfordct.gov) or [ksperry@northbranfordct.gov](mailto:ksperry@northbranfordct.gov) or by phone at 203.484.6006 or 475-655-0412 by 10/31/2024 for recipients, there is no end date for donors.

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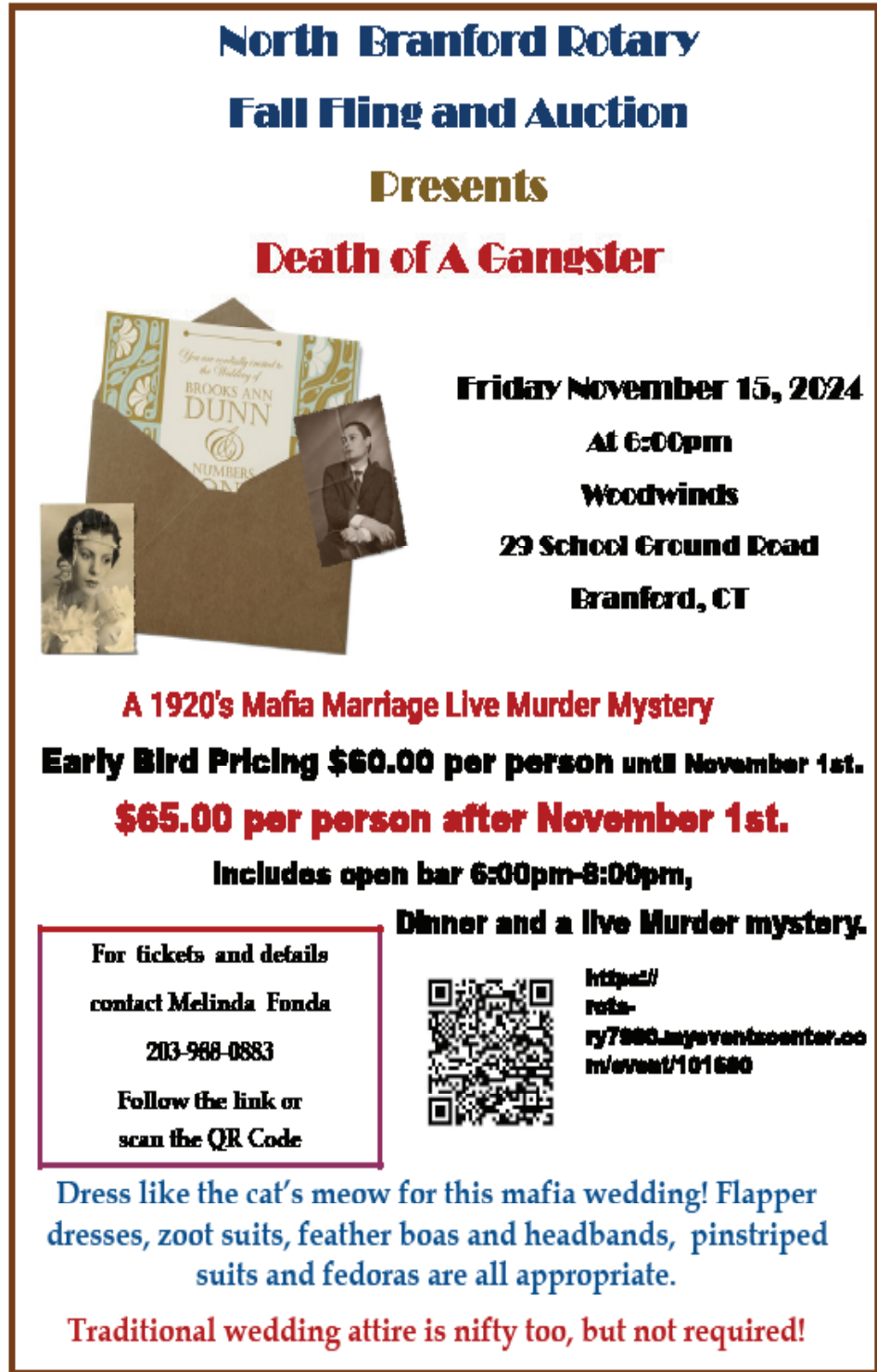
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## Recycling News

### Important Dates for the Fall

**The Leaf Drop-Off is open on Saturdays until 11/23, 9-3**  
**Electronics Collection at Public Works – Saturday 11-2**  
**Bulky Waste Pickup – week of November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### Happy Halloween!

Please remember that most of those candy bar wrappers and bags go into the trash. They are not plastic film and they are not recyclable. When your pumpkin has lost its decorating use, you can throw it into the woods or backyard to feed the wildlife. Make a squirrel very happy. Be sure to remove any non-organic features.

Dead potted plants are compostable. You can put them into your backyard compost pile.

### **North Branford Fall Leaf Drop-Off Location is open on Saturdays, 9-3.**

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located to the left of the old police station, near the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9am to 3pm. Just follow the signs. No brush or grass clippings. The leaf drop off will be open on Saturdays October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

There will be a curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the weeks of December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Hazwaste Central will be closing on October 26<sup>th</sup>**

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 orange 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](mailto:ask.hazwaste@rwater.com).

**Not Accepted at HazWaste Central: Asbestos, Commercial Waste, Electronics, Fire Extinguishers, Gas-Grill Size Propane Tanks, Medicine, Needles, Smoke Detectors.**

### **Electronics Drop Off will be on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. Take2 Recycling will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. They cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking **MATTRESSES** (clean and dry), **BATTERIES** and **USED OIL** for FREE.

There is a small fee for recycling **PROPANE TANKS** in reusable condition and **TIRES**.

**The above items should not be taken by the Bulky Waste pick-up.**

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

### **You can find a home for your used furniture before Bulky Waste!!**

Help someone else out, unclutter your house and save the cost of sending items to the landfill.

You can post on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#). Or, post on the New Haven, East Haven or Milford Freecycle.org site.

Or, you can look up furniture in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**.

It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Some places even pick-up large items.

### **Recycling of Household Batteries**

Take2 Recycling no longer accepts household batteries. Lowes will take your rechargeable batteries for recycling. Staples will take your single use and rechargeable batteries. If the batteries are damaged, please put them in the trash.

You can visit [www.call2recycle.org/](http://www.call2recycle.org/) for more information.

## December Holiday Basket Share

### Office of Social Service - Town of North Branford

Over the years many community members, religious and civic organizations as well as businesses, large and small have been integral members of the community through their time, donations, and generosity. Some participate just one year or through one program. Others participate each year. Every effort is appreciated. If you are interested in assisting an individual, family, or a child in the North Branford/Northford Community, we encourage you to do so through a variety of programs. The extent of your participation is entirely yours; no involvement is too small.

The December Holiday Basket Share Program will take place on Thursday, December 19, 2024. For those that need some assistance with their Holiday dinner and/or gifts for children, you only need to email at [ksperry@northbranfordct.gov](mailto:ksperry@northbranfordct.gov) or [lbreen@northbranfordct.gov](mailto:lbreen@northbranfordct.gov) or call the Office of Social Service at 203-484-6006 or 475-655-0412 and request to be a recipient in the December Holiday Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need and that you reside in either Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick-up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket with or without toys. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those donors that wish to include children's gifts, this Office will provide you with the children's wish list.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and the recipients will receive written confirmation. The Program Schedule is as follows:

Donor Drop Off: Thursday, December 19, 2024 (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

Recipient Pick-up: Thursday, December 19, 2024 (11:30 AM– 1:00 PM)

Last Day to be part of the Program as a recipient: Friday, November 8, 2024

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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](http://townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx) or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

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**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](mailto:info@cbcbranford.org); [www.cbcbranford.org](http://www.cbcbranford.org)

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

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC,** 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: [nobdcong@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:nobdcong@sbcbglobal.net), website: [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org) Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey; you will always be welcome here.

**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](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor . Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. 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.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.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](http://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!

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Kent Jackson. 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](http://zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish will be having their Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm at St. Therese Church Hall, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven. Santa will be there for pictures on Saturday morning, and we will have food from our kitchen as well as raffles and many seasonal items for all to purchase. We are currently looking for vendors for our Bazaar selling giftable Christmas merchandise. If interested in being a vendor call 203-239-5378 Monday through Friday for a vendor application or for more information.



### ShoreGrass to Perform at Congregational Church

ShoreGrass will be performing a fun-filled concert on Saturday October 26 at 7:00, doors open 6:30 North Haven Congregational Church 28 Church St

Tickets available at the door: : \$15 adults \$10 students under 12 free Reception will follow the concert. Ample free parking, handicap accessible Call the church office for more information 203-239-5691

ShoreGrass is a five-piece bluegrass band from the Connecticut shoreline led by Frank & Barbara Shaw of Branford. The group has performed locally as well as around the Northeast since 1999. Their music is a lively mix of traditional bluegrass, old-time, early country, gospel and folk songs as well as original pieces reflecting their roots in contemporary music with a local flavor. The group has several singers who alternate leads on 3-part vocal harmonies, and that unique bluegrass blend of guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, bass and sometimes Dobro. Their musicianship demonstrates the range and uniqueness of each instrument as well as an unusually rich vocal blend, all delivered with the special sense of humor that marks all ShoreGrass performances. Barbara writes original songs for the band and for her own creative joy, several of which have been recorded. ShoreGrass has released several singles and four albums, including "In Connecticut" (2001), "Songs of the Civil War Era" (2005), "Going Home" (2007) and "Hummingbird" (2014). "Sing Out! magazine called ShoreGrass "a refreshing reminder of what bluegrass music is really all about: a talented, family-based band that seem to truly relish playing and singing together."

## 60th Annual Harvest Fair

The 60th Annual Harvest Fair of North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a walk down the "Cookie Walk" and fill a container. Browse the Handcrafted items. We have fabric, yarn, craft materials (needle point), sewing supplies, and more! Stop by Grandma's Kitchen and Bakery and take home some delicious treats. Shop at the JewelryTable for some great buys. Also, Face Painting for the children! Looking for bargains? Visit the Nearly New Room for lots of great items. Don't forget the Christmas Room; you just may find what you're looking for. More treasures can be found in Grandma's Attic, including antique items at great prices. Great raffle baskets, including a 50/50 raffle! Plenty of free parking and handicapped accessible (elevator). Additional information, please call the church office 203-239-5691.

### All Souls Mass-All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum

**North Haven-Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am.** Please join Archbishop Coyne as he celebrates Mass for **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.** Mass will be offered for all our dearly departed loved ones. Program books will be provided. Handicapped parking is available around the entrance of the Mausoleum. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or email her at [bgode@ccacem.org](mailto:bgode@ccacem.org). We hope to see you there. No registration is required to attend.







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## — SENIOR CENTER —

### VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday November 7, 2024

12:00pm STW Cafe

Veterans Eat Free! \$6 - Non-Veteran

Meet the Veterans Service Commission!

Special guest speakers Anne Mosher and Edward Porto from Veterans Affairs Office of Advocacy and Assistance

Menu:

Salad

Lasagna

Garlic Knot

Apple crisp

Kindly register by November 4, 2024

# Embrace

An Adaptive Dance Program

*Join us for an adaptive, sensory friendly dance class for individuals of differing abilities!*

November 14, 2024

Ages 16 and under

5:30pm- 6:00pm - \$10

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## PURPOSEFUL PARENTING

Family to Family Networking Group

If you are a parent, caregiver, guardian, etc. please join us for this family to family networking opportunity.

- Connect and engage
- Share experiences and resources
- Provide support and encouragement
- Develop meaningful relationships

Purposeful Parenting will meet at the STW Community Center on the first Tuesday of every month from 11:30-1:00pm as well as the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Finding **STRENGTH** in your community!

For more information or questions please reach out to Kerry Haynes - khaynes@northbranfordct.gov



## FASCIA'S CHOCOLATES

Chocolate Experience & Bar Making

Wednesday November 12, 2024

10:00am—2:00pm \$20res / \$25 non-res



Join us for the Fascia's Chocolates experience, including chocolate bar making, chocolate sampling, viewing the factory via cameras, and listening to an informational presentation about how chocolate gets from bean to bar!

Register by 11/8

## UKULELE CLUB SING A LONG

Tuesday November 19, 2024

1:00—2:00pm - FREE - STW Senior Room

The Wallingford Ukulele Club is a relatively new group, established in January of this year and is coming to share their music with us! The Wallingford Ukulele Club members are ukulele enthusiasts who meet to share the joy of music. They are comprised of members from neighboring towns with varying levels of experience.

Register by: 11/15



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## Public Stargazing at Young's Park



The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday October 26th at 7pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford.

Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. We may be able to see the comet in the West.

The telescopes will be pointed at Saturn, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Hercules star cluster along with other deep

sky star clusters and nebulae.

Learn where to find some constellations.

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

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

## NARFE November Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 4, at 1:00 PM at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Health Benefits Account Executive, who will discuss the 2025 Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan and the Postal Service Health Benefit Plan; brochures will be available.

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Info: <http://www.narfe.org>

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