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**Town of
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of Social Service**

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE
2025-2026 APPLICATIONS**

This Office of Social Service is now taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program for those who heat with a deliverable fuel. **It is preferred that those that heat with a utility will make appointments after January 2026.** Eligibility is based on income; assets are no longer reviewed.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at (203) 484-6006 or (475) 655-0412 to make an appointment. A flyer with required documents is available in both public libraries, the Office of Social Service lobby at STW Community Center and online at <https://www.northbranfordct.gov/192/Energy-Assistance-Program>

You may also apply online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply>.

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Town of North Branford Office of Social Services Thanks Our Generous Community

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are now behind us, but the spirit of community generosity and thoughtfulness remains. There are many things in life we must do, things that we are required to do but the sincerity to care for our neighbors is not required although it is prevalent within this community.

Thank you to all the people that reached out without being solicited. People that called sincerely wishing to help another family. People that had the patience and endurance to work with me through voicemails, emails, busy signals, weekend and night calls, and the juggle.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and warm hearts. Truly a community composed of integrity and compassion. May you have a spectacular New Year! Stay well, stay safe.

North Branford Public Works staff; Fran Merola, Director of Public Works; Dan Celetano, Asst. Director of Public Works; Ken Ash; Darren Peterson; Reese Gagne, Jennifer and Ken Ash; North Branford FD Ambulance Co. 4; Family Resource Center Staff; North Branford Library Staff; Lauren Davis, Director of Library Services; Carly Limere, Asst. Library Director; Lynn Gomez-Adams; Nancy Sciliopote; John Della Ventura Family; Wishing Wheels Bike Drive; Roots 4 Relief; Henry Fernandez; Gale Mayhan; Honeywell Northford CT 13 Staff; Shawna Gilson; Bill and Phyllis Peterson; A Sullo; Reitman Personnel Staff; Lisa Kagel; NBPD Toy for Tots Program; Libbys Moto World; North Branford Rotary; Fran Beaumont; Tracy McAvoy; Nina Burhardt; Beth Casanova Family; Rhoda Gallo; Barbara Amato; St. Andrew's Church; Leslie Williams; Sara and Scott Monde; Dee and William Fee; Pat and Dennis Owens; Kim Muravnick; Courtney Cleary; Girl Scout Troops 60121, 60136, 60143, 60193, 60311, 60336, 60471, 61191; Knights of Columbus Council #6801; Wayne Humphrey, Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight; Gary Johnson, Knights of Columbus, Recorder; Damian DeNegre Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight; Tim Wee and children; Anthony Celotto; Debra Bowler; Ann DePalma; Mrs. Ferrigno; Dave and Lynn Clark; David and Angela Lavorgna; Melinda Fonda; Marybeth and Jim Clark; Geri Moyer; Chris Bush; Victoria Lanza; Debbie Newell; Jim Shea; Lisa and Rich Phillips; Nicole and Rene Carrasquillo; Tracy Bureau; Wayne and Maureen Stevens; Branford Bible Chapel; Kathy Malone.

Tickets on Sale for Life Fest: A Pre-March for Life Morning Rally & Mass

The Knights of Columbus and Sisters of Life are teaming up again to bring thousands together for a powerful pre-March for Life rally on Friday, Jan. 23. Life Fest will kick off with live music from the Sisters of Life's band, *All the Living*, with Fr. Isaiah, CFR, Damascus Worship, followed by a Eucharistic procession and ending with Holy Mass. The morning event will also include opportunities for confession, first-class relic veneration, and powerful witnesses, including renowned speaker Lila Rose.

Registration is now open for Life Fest, which will be held on January 23, at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center located at 201 Waterfront

Street in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Doors open at 6am, and seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Archbishop William E. Lori of the Diocese of Baltimore, who also serves as the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, is the main celebrant and the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Espallat, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, is the homilist.

To purchase tickets or learn more about Life Fest, please visit www.lifestrally.com. Clergy should register separately at: lifestest2026clergy.eventbrite.com. Join the Knights of Columbus and Sisters of Life to prepare your hearts and stand for life, together. Love is the answer

Recognizing Service and Sacrifice On Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



North Haven: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (center), and representatives from the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, AFSCME Council 4, Police Officers Association of Connecticut, the Connecticut State Police Union, and others gathered for a press conference on Jan. 9 honoring Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Sen. Cicarella offered remarks in the press conference to recognize the dedication, service, and sacrifices of law enforcement professionals who protect Connecticut's communities each day. The event brought together public safety leaders, law enforcement officials, and union representatives to

express gratitude to those who serve and to reaffirm a shared commitment to public safety.

"Our law enforcement agencies are facing real challenges when it comes to recruitment and retention," Sen. Cicarella said. "If we want safe communities, we must ensure the men and women willing to serve have the support, resources, and respect they deserve. Recognizing their work is important and we should be thanking our officers everyday not just today."

Sen. Cicarella represents the 34th Senate District, including Durham, East Haven, North Branford, North Haven, and Wallingford.

Information Session Concerning Community Services Held by GFWC Women's Club

Pictured: Carla Picard from North Haven Community Services.

North Haven: Recently, the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven met at North Haven's Senior Center for a meeting and, as part of its education program, hosted an important information session on the services provided to residents of North Haven through the Community Services. Carla Picard, speaking for North Haven's Community Services (NHCS), provided a truly outstanding description of the many services offered to residents.

Carla Picard highlighted many the benefits which residents who sign up through North Haven Community Services may be eligible for including: (1) access to the Community Services Food Bank coordinated by Rob Snurkowski. Community Services works cooperatively with the Churches of North Haven Food Program at the North Haven Congregational Church. (2) the "Season of Giving" Holiday Toy program coordinated by Carla Picard. Eligible parents can select and take up to 6 toys for each child in the family from Carla's Toy room at the Recreational Center. (3) families having difficulties in paying utility bills can get help and advice from NHCS. (4) Carla further indicated that residents with mental or emotional problems can find help through Community Services in association with BHcare.



Residents of North Haven with needs can get help and support for the many services provided by North Haven's Community Services.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization with clubs across 50 states in the United States and in many countries and has been in existence in some fashion since 1887. The GFWC is committed to volunteer community activities which enhance the lives of others. The Women's Club is open to women 18 and over who are interested in making a real difference in their community through numerous community service projects.

The Women's Club meets regularly at 10am on the first Friday of each month at the North Haven Senior Center on 189 Pool Road. Interested women are invited to attend our meetings. Contact Pam Lerner at (203) 281-3090 for additional information about our club and meetings.

Like us on Facebook at GFWC Women's Club of North Haven. You also may contact us at gfwcnh@gmail.com. Join us at one of our meetings and meet other ladies who are committed to service to our community. Come and meet, make friends and enjoy some social time as well.

WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: King size 100% Italian wool blanket, cream over brown Lanerossi pura lama, small stain on satin binding \$95; (203) 691-5196

FOR SALE: Cub Cadet 28" snowblower, needs impeller work, all else excellent \$75 takes it; (203) 281-3360

FOR SALE: Art portfolio carry case, black durable fabric, very slim, hand held or shoulder strap, 26"Wx20"H, \$20; (203) 239-8060

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