



TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer 2023

A screenshot of the Town of North Branford website. The top navigation bar includes links for "Discover North Branford", "Departments", "Government", "Business", and "How Do...". Below the navigation is a large aerial photograph of a town at night, showing lit-up fields and buildings. Underneath the photo are several icons: "Agendas & Minutes", "Alerts & Notifications", "Local Resources", "Employment", "Online Services", and "Documents". On the left, there is a "News And Announcements" section with a link to "COUNCIL CREATES BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON TOWN LAND AND FACILITIES". On the right, there is a "Community Calendar" for June 2023, showing dates from Sunday, June 25 to Saturday, June 30. Specific events listed include "Planning & Zoning Commission Application Deadline" on Friday, June 2, and "Mon Jun. 5 Economic Development".

Check out the Town's new website at
northbranfordct.gov

Town Launches New Website

Our new website, northbranfordct.gov, represents a significant update and overhaul for the Town's online presence where residents, taxpayers, and businesses can access Town information, resources, documents and much more.

The new site has updated user functionality across desktop, tablet, phone, and other mobile platforms. It provides quicker access to information most frequently sought by Town residents, such as bill payment, permit applications, and licenses. Residents can report issues or problems online, and access voting and election information, a calendar of events, Town department pages with contact information, employment opportunities with the Town, and resources for local businesses.

Additionally, residents can sign up for alerts for events and emergencies on the new site, as well as subscribe to notices, agendas, and minutes from selected Town Boards and Commissions.

New Police Station/EOC Project Underway

In February, local and state officials participated in a ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction for the new state-of-the-art North Branford Police Station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the 305 Forest Road construction site.

The event kicked off Newfield Construction's commencement of the \$16.2 million project which is scheduled to take fourteen months to conclude. The project is funded through \$10.7 million in bonding authorized by the Town Council, \$4.5 million in grants from the State of Connecticut, and \$1 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Special thanks go to State Rep. Vincent Candelora for his work securing state grant funds, and U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro for securing the associated FEMA grant.



Chief Halloran and Deputy Chief Lovelace join members of the Town Council for the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Police Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center.

2023-24 Budget Snapshot

Total Budget: \$59,874,502

Education Side: \$33,400,714

Town Side: \$20,712,633

Debt Service: \$4,886,851

Capital Improvements: \$222,304

Fund Balance: \$652,000

Mill Rate: 34.52

Town Budget Approved for 2023-24

The Town Council's recommended budget was approved following the May 9th referendum. The \$59.8 million budget sets the mill rate at 34.52 for FY 23-24. Increases in fixed costs and debt service related to the new High School and Police Department, as well as other projects, were the largest drivers of increases. The budget makes critical investments in education of \$33.4 million, and adds a needed new police officer to support public safety, and a new public works employee to support essential infrastructure and maintenance projects. The process was a collaboration between the Council, Town Manager, Board of Education, Town Departments and Commissions.

The Town Council recognized 12 North Branford First Responders from our Police, Fire and EMT Personnel who earned a unit Citation Life-Saving Award in March.



Andy Bozzuto is recognized by the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce as their 2022 Home-town Hero Award recipient.

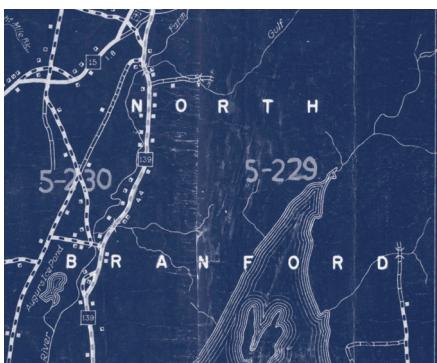


The Town Council recognized May as "Older Americans Month" with a proclamation.



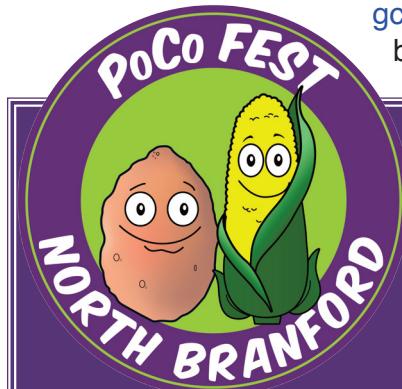
NBC 30's Weatherman Bob Maxon visited Jerome Harrison School First Graders with Snow Monster in March.

Council Creates Blueprint Committee



The Town Council voted to establish a Town Blueprint Committee to evaluate previous town land use studies, develop a scope for a future land use study, and to recommend a plan for the comprehensive use of

all town properties to the Town Council. The Council is hoping that interested members of the public might step up to participate in the committee. Those interested should submit a letter indicating their interest in serving, and an optional resume, to the Town Manager's office for consideration by the Council. Submissions should be digital to gcox@northbranfordct.gov. Questions should be directed to 203-484-6000.



POTATO & CORN FESTIVAL

AUGUST 4,5,6, 2023

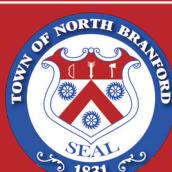
Visit our website for updates and details!



northbranfordpocofestival.com

Council Approves Critical ARPA Funding

Earlier this year the Town Council approved spending of \$1.6 million of the Town's remaining federal ARPA funds. The allocations include \$500,000 for road infrastructure, \$500,000 for bridge infrastructure, \$400,000 for a secure town-owned fiber network, public safety spending of \$42,000 for a Lifepack 15 defibrillator and \$14,000 for a Hurst "Jaws of Life" combi rescue tool. The Council also designated a \$50,000 spending pool for applying non-profits and \$10,000 towards renovating The Little Red School House for the Totoket Historical Society.



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Tax Collector.....	203-484-6011
Park & Recreation.....	203-484-6017
Economic Development.....	203-484-1034
Building Department.....	203-484-6008
Registrars of Voters.....	203-484-1033
Atwater Library.....	203-315-6020
Edward Smith Library.....	203-484-0469
Public Works.....	203-484-6060
Social Services.....	203-484-6006
Police (Non-Emergency).....	203-484-2703
Fire (Non-Emergency).....	203-484-0689