2026-2027 HOLIDAY & WINTER PROGRAMS/EVENTS BROCHURE







WHERE THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS!

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS & THE COLD AIR OF WINTER ARE RETURNING TO BRANFORD PARKS, RECREATION, & SENIOR SERVICES!
SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING & SIGN UP TODAY!

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TOWN OF BRANFORD

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Refund Policy

The following refund policy is in effect:

¨ If a program/activity is cancelled by the Parks & Recreation Dept. a full refund will be issued.

¨ To avoid classes being cancelled at the last minute due to insufficient enrollment & in order to accommodate waitlist, refund request must be made no later then five (5) business days before the program begins

¨ Refunds are generally not given once a program has begun, however in the event of injury or illness, a refund request will be considered if accompanied by a doctor's note. No refunds on tickets, trips or pool passes.

¨ Absolutely no refunds will be given for any unused portion of a program/activity.

¨ All refunds are subject to a $10.00 processing fee.

¨ When a program/activity is run by a third party vendor, no refunds will be given after 5 business days prior to the start of the program/activity.

¨ All refunds are issued back in the original payment format, except cash.

Weather

If Branford Public Schools are cancelled or dismissed early, all Parks and Recreation programs and activities will be cancelled. If schools have a delay opening, programs will continue as scheduled, except for programs starting prior to 10:00 AM. Please Note: If the BOE cancels their evening activities, it will be at the discretion of our Department to keep evening programs on as scheduled. For the most up to date information, please visit our website or call the office.

Information in this brochure will continually be updated as additional information becomes available. Please check our website for updates or call the office at 203-488-8304.

Safety is our #1 priority. Guidelines have been put in place for each program with the safety of staff and program participants in mind. We ask that you adhere to all guidelines for our programs and activities.

How to Register

You can register by phone, in-person or on-line. Need help creating an account? Call the office at 203-488-8304 or visit us on-line at BranfordRecreation.org and click on "Create an Account."

Registration Payment

Forms of payment: Cash, Check or Credit Card. VISA & Mastercard are accepted on-line, by mail and in-person. Cash payments are only accepted during office hours. If paying by check, please make checks or money orders payable to "Treasurer, Town of Branford. A $20 fee will be assessed for returned checks.
A non-resident fee may apply.

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Upcoming Community House Closings

***office closes at noon (12pm)**

Wednesday	Nov. 11th	Veterans Day
Thursday	Nov 26th & 27th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday	Dec. 24th*	Christmas Eve
Friday	Dec. 25th	Christmas Day
Thursday	Dec. 31st *	New Year's Eve
Friday	Jan. 1st	New Year's Day

"Smoking is prohibited at all properties under the control of the Branford Parks and Recreation Dept. at all times, including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots and beaches. Smoking is defined as the use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars and other devices that produce smoke including electronic cigarettes and water pipes."

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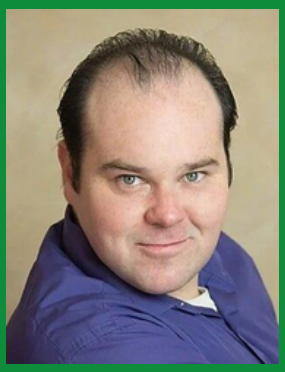
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2026 Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

Saturday November 28th, 2026

Parade kicks off from Branford High School at 6:30

Due the construction on Main St. and safety concerns there will be NO 18 wheelers allowed.

Parade Registration opens NOVEMBER 2ND

YOU CAN ONLY REGISTER ONLINE AT BRANFORDRECREACTION.ORG





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BRANFORD PARK, RECREATION, & SENIOR SERVICES

Fundraiser to support the Branford Volunteer Firefighters & Branford Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services

2026



FILLED!

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BRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT 1899 CONNECTICUT

SANTA GIFT DELIVERY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY PARKS, REC, & SENIOR SERVICES AND THE BRANFORD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS!

Santa Claus is coming to town to spread some holiday cheer by hand delivering gifts on a firetruck to residents of Branford. Imagine how excited your loved one will be when Santa arrives at their house!

MORE INFO TO COME!
REGISTER ONLINE ON NOVEMBER 2ND
BRANFORDRECREATION.ORG

Santa's Workshop

Department of Parks & Recreation
TOWN OF BRANFORD

Sunday December 6th
11:00am-1:00pm
Ages 1-12

at the Joseph Trapasso Community House

A North Pole Experience!

$15 per child
Space is limited

Experience what Santa's Workshop is all about! Show your Christmas Spirit and wear Christmas PJs, a sweater, shirt, socks, etc!







Become one of Santa's helpers & earn your elf hat, play in reindeer games & receive special reindeer food , write a letter to Santa, check if you're on the nice list, meet Santa & Rudolph, and many more fun activities are held at Santa's Workshop!!

203-488-8304 | BranfordRecreation.org

Write to Santa 2026

Mail Box Opens Mon Nov. 23rd
Letters must be received by Dec. 14th

Write a letter to Santa telling him your Christmas Wishes! Drop it off in Santa's special mailbox located outside the Joseph Trapasso Community House (Red and White Mailbox) or mail to the address below. Please include your child's full name and home address. Hurry as Santa gets very busy this time of year!!

Santa Claus, North Pole
46 Church Street
Branford, CT. 06405

Letters will be delivered to Santa and he will reply with a personalized letter sent to your home.

HO HO HO

BEDTIME STORIES WITH MRS. CLAUS

Have a special story read to your child by Mrs. Claus all the way from the North Pole! Each week will be a new story. A video link will be emailed the morning of. Pre-registration is required.

FREE! FOR AGES 11 & UNDER

December 4th
December 11th
December 18th
December 24th

To register visit BranfordRecreation.org



CALLS TO SANTA

HO! HO! HO! Would your child like to chat with Santa? *Register at the office or online at Branfordrecreation.org*

FREE! FOR AGES 10 & YOUNGER

Dates:
Monday - Dec. 7th
Tuesday - Dec. 8th
Wednesday - Dec. 9th



KIDS ZONE NIGHT: HOLIDAY SEASON THEME

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18th @ 5:30-8:30PM
JOSEPH TRAPASSO COMMUNITY HOUSE
$30 per child (Gr K-4, resident only)

Have your child join Branford Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services Staff and kick off the holiday season together! Activities will include holiday decorating, hot cocoa making, a holiday movie, holiday gym and classroom games, and other fun activities. This is a great opportunity for parents to get any holiday shopping done! Food and snacks will also be provided.

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2026 BRANFORD'S REINDEER ROUTE

Let's "Light Up" Branford this Holiday Season!

Do you love to decorate for the holidays?
Be a part of Branford's Reindeer Route & "Light Up" Branford for the holidays. Register your house or business to get on our Reindeer Route and share your holiday spirit. Prizes are awarded for Most Creative, Holiday Spirit, Most Colorful, Most Original, and more! Decorate, be creative, and share those holiday lights! Limited to Branford households.

Register at BranfordRecreation.org or call 203-488-8304 by December 9th. The official List will be sent Dec. 8th.

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CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH POTTERY FOR KIDS

with FIRED UP!



Thursday, Dec. 17
6:00 - 7:30pm

CLASS COST
$30

Kids
5-10yrs.

Join FIRED UP as you'll create a pottery masterpiece themed to Christmas/Hanukkah, perfect for the holiday season! Join this unique class today! To register, visit BranfordRecreation.org, call 203-488-8304, or email recreation@branford-ct.gov

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Fired Up!

Reindeer Games & Snowflake Scavenger Hunt





Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is visiting Branford to join in on the Toddler Fun! Join us for a morning of Reindeer Games with Rudolph, help Rudolph find snowflakes around the Community House, & take pictures with Rudolph too!

DATES: Session 1: Tuesday, Dec. 15th
Session 2: Wednesday, Dec. 16th
Session 3: Thursday, Dec. 17th

TIME: Tuesday/Thusday 11:00-12:00pm
Wednesday 10:00-11:00am

LOCATION: Joseph Trapasso Community House

FEE: $15.00

AGE: 1yrs.-5yrs.

* Parent or caregiver must be present *

Holiday Cards

FOR SENIORS



Looking for ways to spread a little holiday cheer and feel good doing so? Take the time to create a holiday card (premade is ok) and share the joy of spreading cheer and the true meaning of the holiday season! Cards should be delivered to the Branford Parks & Recreation Office or mailed to 46 Church Street, Branford, CT. 06405
Our goal is to deliver 100 cards by Dec. 19th

Fill a Box

JOIN THE BRANFORD PARKS, RECERATION & SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR OUR 20 DAYS OF GIVING SUPPORT TO THE "PURPLE PANTRY BOX" SPONSORED BY THE BRANFORD ROTARY.

SIMPLY PURCHASE THE ITEMS ON THE LIST, PUT THEM IN A BOX AND DROP IT OFF TO OUR DEPARTMENT BETWEEN DEC. 21ST - 23RD.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FACTORY SEALED, ARE SHELF STABLE, AND ARE NOT EXPIRED.

PLEASE NO GLASS ITEMS

NOV. 26: CAN OF BEANS
NOV. 27: JELLY (NO GLASS JARS)
NOV. 28: CAN OF SOUP
NOV. 29: PASTA
NOV. 30: PEANUT BUTTER
DEC. 1: CAN OF VEGETABLES
DEC. 2: RAMEN PACKAGES
DEC. 3: MAC AND CHEESE (SHELF STABLE)
DEC. 4: CAN OR BOX OF CHICKEN BROTH
DEC. 5: PASTA SAUCE (CANS ONLY)
DEC. 6: CAN OF TUNA
DEC. 7: CAN OF CHICKEN
DEC. 8: OATMEAL (INDIVIDUAL PACKETS)
DEC. 9: BABY FOOD POUCHES
DEC. 10: SHELF STABLE NON-DAIRY MILK
DEC. 11: GRANOLA BARS
DEC. 12: HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
DEC. 13: CUPS OF RICE
DEC. 14: CAN OF FRUIT
DEC. 15: PANCAKE MIX
DEC. 16: CUP OF NOODLES
DEC. 17: BOX OF CEREAL
DEC. 18: JUICE BOXES OR BOTTLES
DEC. 19: PERSONAL ITEMS (IE. TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, ETC)
DEC. 20: TOILET PAPER OR PAPER TOWELS

Branford Rotary

BRANFORD PARKS, RECREATION, & SENIOR SERVICES


HAPPY
HANUKKAH
Sundown December 4th through nightfall December 12th
To all our Jewish residents that celebrate, we wish you and your families a very Happy Hanukkah!
To celebrate this Festival of Lights, the Menorah on the Town Green will be lit for each of the eight nights.


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TOWN OF BRANFORD
BRANFORD'S
FIRST NIGHT
2027
FRIDAY
JANUARY 8, 2026
6:00 - 7:30 PM
BRANFORD TOWN GREEN
FREE ENTERTAINMENT – BONFIRE
ICE CARVINGS – WOOD CARVINGS –
HOT CHOCOLATE – & MORE!
*Note: all events are subject to change
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ON THE NEXT SET OF PAGES, CHECKOUT A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT WINTER PROGRAMS THAT BEGIN IN DECEMBER!

MAKE SURE TO CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR FALL BROCHURE IN CASE YOU MISSED ANY PROGRAMS/EVENTS HAPPENING BEFORE DECEMBER!

WINTER RECESS PROGRAMS

AFFINITY ESPORTS ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS:

Instructor: Coaches from Affinity E-Sports

Join Affinity E-sports for Winter Recess and partake in "Minecraft Builders" or "Gamer's Retreat."

Minecraft Builders- A guided building challenge on gaming laptops: a themed build challenge, a team build in a shared world, and a showcase where every builder presents. Planning, teamwork and creative problem solving, with internet safety woven in.

Gamers Retreat- A mixed-format half day: a Minecraft block on gaming laptops, a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe rotation on the Nintendo Switch, and a closing minitournament! Structured, high-energy, and easy for a mixed-age group to jump into.

DATE:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Mon. Dec. 28th - Wed. Dec. 30th* *Minecraft Builders*	7 - 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH
*sign up for one date or multiple dates!				
Session 2: Tue. Feb. 16th *Gamer's Retreat*	7 - 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 3: Fri. Mar. 12th *Minecraft Builders*	7 - 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH

SPARK BUSINESS ACADEMY- MY HOT COCOA STAND BIZ

Instructor: SPARK Business Academy Instructors

Come learn how to make yummy hot cocoa and how to earn money selling it!

A hot cocoa stand is a great way to introduce our youngest entrepreneurs to the world of business and it's fun! This class empowers kids with an entrepreneurial mindset for their "business," drawing from such disciplines as marketing, finance and strategy, in a supporting environment fostering team work. From designing marketing flyers to estimating profits to experimenting with recipes, young students will have fun while engaging in enriching, multi-disciplinary activities with a lasting developmental impact.

DATE:	GRADES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Mon. Dec. 28th - Wed. Dec. 30th	K - 4	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	$125	Joe Trapasso CH

VOLLEYBALL FUNDAMENTALS (Co-Ed):

Instructor: Coaches from CT Sports Network

Led by coaches from CT Sports Network, this new Fall class is designed to help continue, or start, your individual Volleyball development. Our master coaches will teach you all the technical skills needed to play the game (volley, bump, serve and spike), rotations, game scenarios and the rules of the game in a fun filled environment, which promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork and most of all, FUN! Open to both beginner and experienced players (boys & girls). Players should bring water, wear sneakers, and if wanted, knee pads as well.

DATE:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Tue. Dec. 29th	9 - 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	$55	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 2: Tue. Feb. 16th	9 - 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	$55	Joe Trapasso CH

HALF DAY OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

AFFINITY ESPORTS ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS:

Instructor: Coaches from Affinity E-Sports

Join Affinity E-sports on Half Dys of School and partake in "Minecraft Builders" & "Game Day Tournament."

Minecraft Builders- Guided building on our gaming laptops: a themed build challenge, a team build in a shared world, and a showcase where every builder presents. Planning, teamwork and creative problem solving, with internet safety woven in.

Game Day Tournament- A structured tournament and open play on Nintendo Switch stations with Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Group rotations keep everyone playing regardless of experience.

DATE:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Game Day Tournament, Wed. Jan. 27th	7 - 13	1:45 - 4:30 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 2: Minecraft Builders, Wed. Feb. 24th	7 - 13	1:45 - 4:30 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 3: Game Day Tournament, Wed. Mar. 31th	7 - 13	1:45 - 4:30 PM	$75	Joe Trapasso CH

LEGO ADVENTURES W/ PLAY-WELL TEKNOLOGIES:

Instructor: Play-Well TEKnologies

During half days of school, let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects and use special pieces to create your own unique designs! Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that both new and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system.

DATE:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Pokemon Engineering, Wed. Jan. 27th	5 - 9	1:45 - 4:00 PM	$35	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 2: Groundhog Day, Wed. Feb. 24th	5 - 9	1:45 - 4:00 PM	$35	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 3: Mario Day, Wed. Mar. 10th	5 - 9	1:45 - 4:00 PM	$35	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 4: Race Car Engineering, Wed. Mar. 31th	5 - 9	1:45 - 4:00 PM	$35	Joe Trapasso CH

CHEF MARY'S CULINARY COOKING CLASSES:



Instructor: Chef Mary

Put your aprons on and learn some culinary skills while you make a delicious meal. Join Mary in the kitchen for a unique, hands-on culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious dinners and desserts. Participants will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques! Please wear closed-toe shoes, long hair is pulled back, and bring a water bottle. Class size is limited.

DATE:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Wed. Jan 27th	6 - 13	1:45 - 3:45 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 2: Wed. Feb. 24th	6 - 13	1:45 - 3:45 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 3: Wed. Mar. 10th	6 - 13	1:45 - 3:45 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Session 4: Wed. Mar. 31st	6 - 13	1:45 - 3:45 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH

TODDLER PROGRAMS

STUDIO ONE: TODDLER & ME

Instructor: Miss Paola Rarick

Come join us for a dynamic, creative movement class that teaches toddlers the joy of music and dance. The toddlers will be accompanied by an adult. This is a wonderful bonding experience and a great way to introduce our toddlers to new environments. Classes will be held at Studio One Dance Center at 4 Brushy Plain Rd

DATES:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Jan 1st - Jan 26th	1.5 - 3	9:30 - 10:00 AM	$60	Studio One
Session 2: Feb 2nd - Mar 2nd **	1.5 - 3	9:30 - 10:00 AM	$60	Studio One
Session 1: Mar 9th - Mar 30th	1.5 - 3	9:30 - 10:00 AM	$60	Studio One

***Skip Feb 16th*

MORE TODDLER CLASSES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON! CLASSES WOULD START AFTER THE NEW YEAR!



THE CODER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Instructor: Coder School Instructors

The Coder School will teach kids how to code in computers with instructors guiding themthrough their technical journey. See different theme sessions below for different ages. More details are shown on our website. Classes offered at The Coder School facility in Branford on East Main St. Click here to learn more about The Coder School.

DATES:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
'Minecraft Coding'				
Session 1: Wed. Nov. 18th - Jan. 13th*	8-10	5:00 - 6:00 PM	$179	Coder School
Session 2: Wed. Jan. 27th - Mar. 3rd	8-10	5:00 - 6:00 PM	$179	Coder School
*skip 11/25, 12/23, and 12/30				
'Robotics & Block Coding'				
Session 1: Thu. Nov. 19th - Jan. 14th*	7-10	4:00 - 5:00 PM	$179	Coder School
Session 2: Thu. Jan. 28th - Mar. 4th	7-10	4:00 - 5:00 PM	$179	Coder School
*skip 11/26, 12/24, and 12/31				
'Python Coding'				
Session 1: Mon. Nov. 16th - Dec. 21st	9.5-13	4:00 - 5:00 PM	$190	Coder School
Session 2: Sat. Jan. 30th - Mar. 6th	9.5-13	10:00 - 11:00 AM	$190	Coder School

HOOPS AT THE Q:



Instructor: Parks & Rec Staff

Led by Parks & Rec Staff, learn basic skills for the game of basketball in a non-traditional way. Participants will have fun running, dribbling, shooting, and more! Please wear sneakers and bring your own water bottle. **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE IN THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE SESSION.**

DATE:	GRADES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Session 1: Tue. Dec. 1st - Jan. 19th*	K - 1	4:00 - 4:45 PM	$70	Joe Trapasso Gym
Session 2: Thu. Dec. 3rd - Jan. 28th**	K - 1	4:00 - 4:45 PM	$70	Joe Trapasso Gym
*skip Dec. 29th				
**skip Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st				

CHEF MARY'S AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLASSES:



Instructor: Chef Mary Amter

Put your aprons on and learn some culinary skills while you make a delicious meal. Join Mary in the kitchen for a unique, hands-on culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious dinners and desserts. Participants will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques! Please wear closed-toe shoes, long hair is pulled back, and bring a water bottle. Class size is limited.

Date:	AGES:	TIME:	FEE	LOCATION:
Session 1: Thursday Nov. 19th	6 - 13	4:30 - 6:30 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Ground turkey sicilian pasta and turkey oreo truffles				
Session 2: Tuesday Dec. 1st	6 - 13	4:30 - 6:30 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Reindeer quesadilla and christmas tree trifle				
Session 3: Thursday Dec. 17th	6 - 13	4:30 - 6:30 PM	$45	Joe Trapasso CH
Santa pizza and christmas explosion cupcakes				

WIS TIDAL WAVES:



Instructor: BHS Swim Coach Sally Noel

We welcome current swimmers and swimmers who are ready to learn more about the sport of competitive swimming. Tidal waves will introduce a swim team environment: teaching and refining the different strokes, fundamentals of flip turns, dives and the cooperation of a swim practice all while having fun! Our mission is to spread the fun and empowerment of swimming while helping to grow the stronger mentally and physically. Join today and try competitive swimming for the first time or grow as a competitive swimmer with your peers. Students only after school. Students MUST sign up for the late bus in the morning with the school office each day.

Date:	GRADES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION
Session 1: Tue/Thu Jan. 12th - Feb. 11th	5-8	3:05 - 3:50 PM	$65	WIS Pool
Session 2: Tue/Thu Mar. 2nd - Apr. 8th*	5-8	3:05 - 3:50 PM	$65	WIS Pool
**skip Mar. 4th*				

Sunfish Swim Club (Tue/Thu):

Instructor: **Malak Elweheshy**

Sunfish swim club is a pre-swim team program designed to get your young swimmer skilled at swimming all 4 strokes. The 6 week program is a swim practice 2X week offering a great physical activity to get your child moving, stronger and more confident in the water.

Important Pre-requisite: Participants must be at a Level 4 swim level or higher, of freestyle demonstrating side or rotary breathing, 25 yards of backstroke with horizontal body position, and tread water for at least one minute

Date:	GRADES:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION
Session 1: Tue/Thu Jan. 28th - Mar. 11th **	5-8	6:30 - 7:30 PM	$85	WIS Pool

**Does not meet Feb. 16th

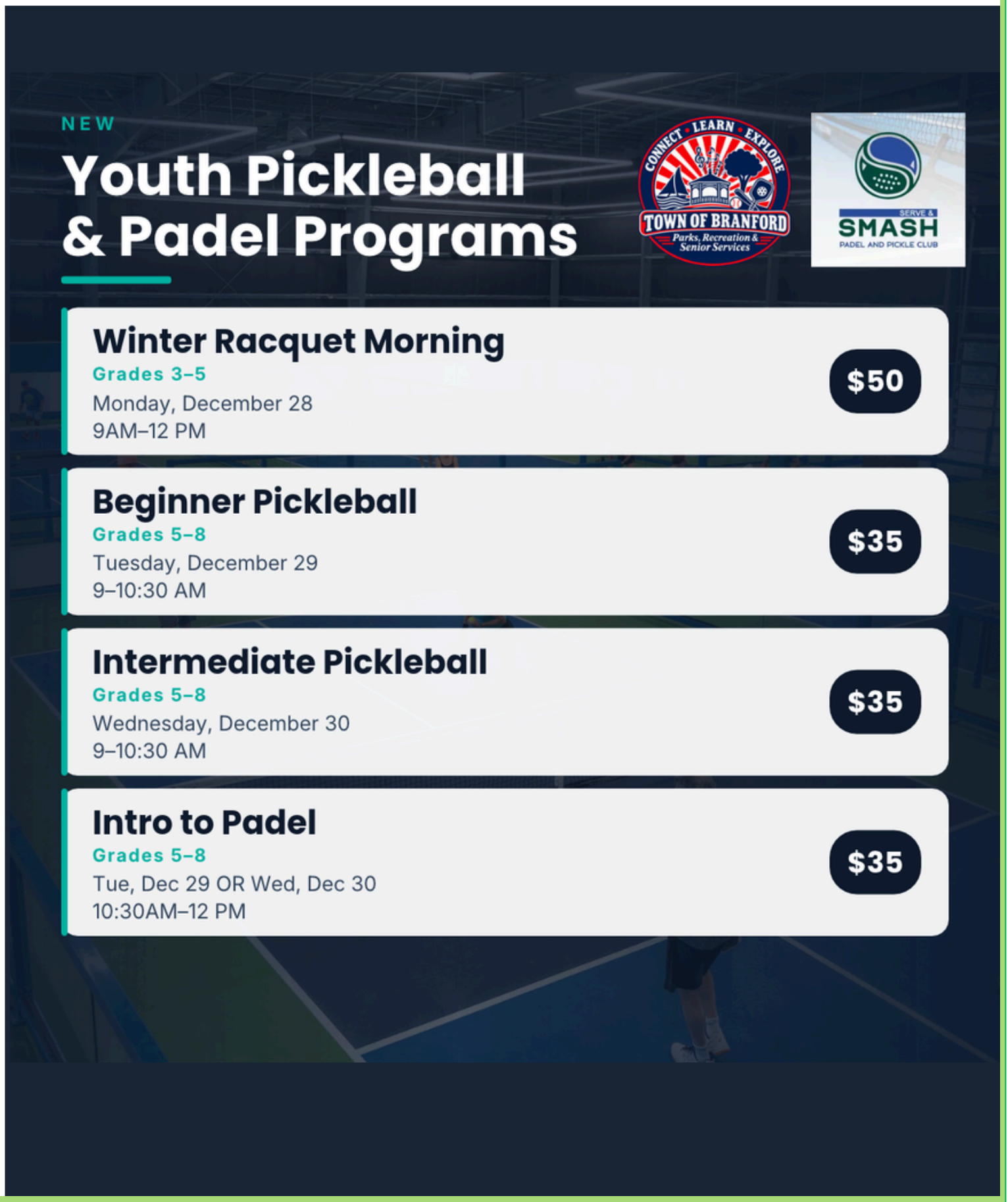
All Swim Lessons are located at BranfordRecreation.org

Please refer there for specific dates and times!

All classes will take place at the Walsh Intermediate School Pool.






NEW
Youth Pickleball & Padel Programs
CONNECT • LEARN • EXPLORE
TOWN OF BRANFORD
Parks, Recreation & Senior Services
SERVE & SMASH
PADEL AND PICKLE CLUB
Winter Racquet Morning
Grades 3–5
Monday, December 28
9AM–12 PM
$50
Beginner Pickleball
Grades 5–8
Tuesday, December 29
9–10:30 AM
$35
Intermediate Pickleball
Grades 5–8
Wednesday, December 30
9–10:30 AM
$35
Intro to Padel
Grades 5–8
Tue, Dec 29 OR Wed, Dec 30
10:30AM–12 PM
$35

ELKS BASKETBALL HOOP SHOOT

Department of Parks & Recreation
TOWN OF BRANFORD



For Boys and Girls Ages 8 - 13 yrs.

Join the Branford Elks Club and the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services Staff in this fun Annual "Hoop Shoot" competition! Test your free throw shooting in this fun, challenging event. This is an accuracy skilled activity that is fun for all levels of play. Winners will have the opportunity to advance to the Elks Hoop Shoot National Finals!

Pre-registration is preferred, but on-site registration available from 11a-12p.
SIGN UPS STOP AT 12PM SHARP!

SAT. NOVEMBER 14, 2026
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
FREE!

To register, go to BranfordRecreation.org or call the Office at (203) 488 - 8304

EARN A JOB AS AN AMERICAN RED CROSS CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD

LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS

LIFE SKILLS SAVE LIVES!

Start your lifelong career as a lifeguard today!!

CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WALSH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL POOL

To register and to receive online training materials & additional class expectations, please email Lisa at rathsacklisak@sbcglobal.net

$200 course fee after completion of pre-requisites



CLASS REQUIREMENTS

*At least 15 years of age by the last class
*Access to a computer
*Swim 200 yards continuously
*Tread water for 2 minutes ~ legs only
*Complete a timed brick retrieval task in the deep end

WINTER 2027 CLASS SCHEDULE

(MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS!)

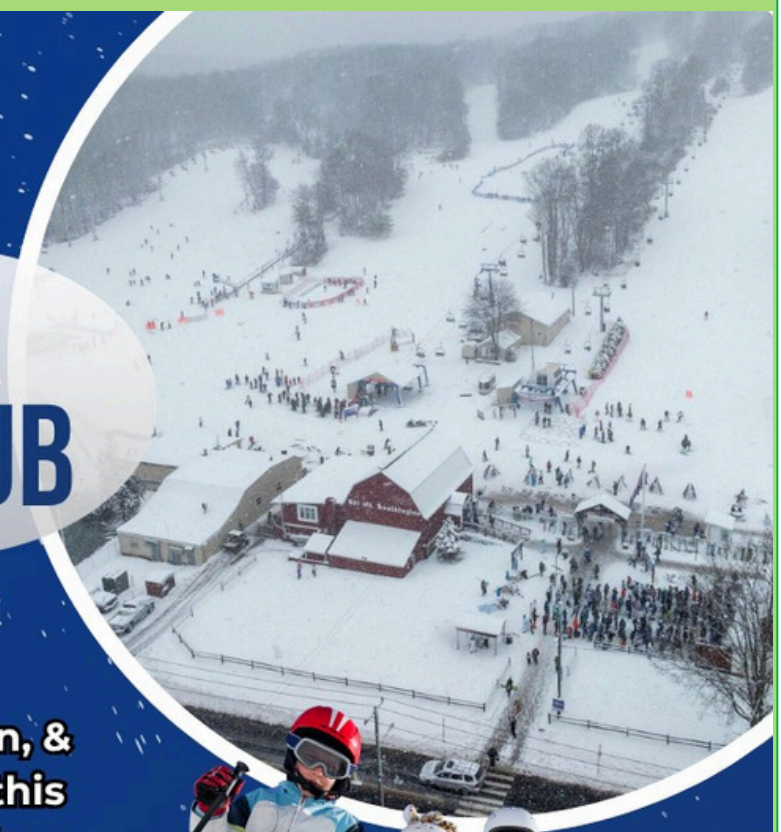
Saturdays, 1/9 - 1/30
8:00am-1:30pm each day

Any questions, please contact the office at 203-488-8304
or email recreation@branford-ct.gov

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WINTER SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB



AT MOUNT SOUTHINGTON IN PLANTSVILLE, CT

Join the Branford Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services staff on a bus trip this Winter to Mount Southington for four Fridays in January/February to ski/snowboard!

OFFERED FOR GRADES 5-8
4 FRIDAY DATES
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5
4:15 PM - 9:30 PM



- $175 for Dattco Bus Transportation from the Community House (for all 4 dates)
- $176 for Lift Tickets (for all 4 dates)
- $5 for RFID card , option to sign up for Ski/Snowboard lessons & rent equipment (add't cost)
- Participants MUST sign up for Bus Transportation through our Parks & Rec website
- Parents will then be emailed a unique link to purchase lift tickets, RFID Card (if needed), and any add-ons through Mt. Southington

Contact us for questions or to register today!

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ADULT PROGRAMS

AQUACISE



Join this low-impact, high energy water aerobics workout. This class is held in shallow water with a medium to low intensity. This is a total body workout alternating cardio and muscle conditioning.

Date:	Ages:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Mon. Session: Jan 25th - Mar. 22nd *	18+	7:30 - 8:30 PM	$80	WIS Pool
Wed. Session: Jan 27th - Mar. 24th	18+	7:30 - 8:30 PM	$80	WIS Pool
Deepwater (Sat): Feb 6th - Mar 27th **	18+	8:00 - 9:00 AM	$70	WIS Pool

*Does not meet Feb 15th

** Does not meet Feb 13th

DEEP WATER AQUACISE- DAY SESSIONS:

Do something healthy this holiday season by joining a special edition of our low-impact, high energy water aerobics workout in the deep end of the WIS Pool. This class is a higher intensity workout involving a total body workout while alternating cardio and muscle conditioning.

Date:	Ages:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Dec. 2nd Session	18+	10:15 - 11:15 AM	$10	WIS Pool
Dec. 12th Session	18+	10:15 - 11:15 AM	$10	WIS Pool
Dec. 19th Session	18+	10:15 - 11:15 AM	$10	WIS Pool

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SENIOR ADULT (60+) ACTIVITIES? MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE SENIOR CENTER'S NOVEMBER CANOE BROOK NEWSLETTER HERE! STOP BY OUR OFFICE TO SIGN UP TO BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!



2026/2027 INDOOR PICKLEBALL MEMBERSHIP

CHOOSE BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS:

SEASON MEMBERSHIP ($40):
NOV. 9TH - APR. 9TH

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP ($12 PER MONTH):
NOV. ; DEC. ; JAN. ; FEB. ; MAR./APR.

MONDAY EVENING PLAY ONLY ($10):
NOV. 9TH - DEC. 28TH*, 7:45-9:15PM**

*Play offered on Mon afternoons & evenings, Wed mornings, & Fri mornings
**schedule subject to change. View the full gym schedule at BranfordRecreation.org
***No Open Play Nov. 11, 25, & 27, Dec. 7, Dec. 24 - Jan. 18, Feb. 15.
****Annual Bradley/Kinney Basketball Tournament (dates TBD, held in late Feb/early Mar) may impact Pickleball times

Come enjoy playing on three indoor Pickleball Courts at the Joseph Trapasso Community House Gym during the Winter months! Choose your membership based on your availability/interest. All players must scan in upon arrival and follow all gym rules. Space is limited. Open to all skill levels. Join today!

JOSEPH TRAPASSO COMMUNITY HOUSE GYMNASIUM
46 CHURCH ST BRANFORD, CT 06405

AGES: 18+ RESIDENTS ONLY

You MUST call the office at (203) 488 - 8304
or come in person to claim your membership!

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THEATRE BUS TRIPS

Join Colin Sheehan (Arts, Culture & Special Events Coordinator) for various Theatre Bus Trips from now until the end of the year!

Each matinee performance is at 2pm. For all trips, buses will depart at the Joseph Trapasso Community House at 12:30pm (unless noted differently below). Transportation will be provided by the Senior Center Shuttles. See times listed below for each performance. Please read carefully!

'**The Pin Up Girls** by James Hindman and Jeffery Lodin
Nov 21, 2026 @ Seven Angels Theatre / $45 per person

The Pin-Up Girls: A Musical Love Letter is a fast-paced jukebox that follows a close group of friends at a local VFW hall who uncover a century-long stash of real letters from troops overseas, using the moving, funny, and romantic text to spark an eclectic musical journey.

Annie by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin
Dec 10, 2026 @ Godspeed Opera House / $70 per person

The 50th Anniversary of Goodspeed's Greatest Hit! Leapin' Lizards! The musical that stole America's heart comes home to celebrate its 50th anniversary on the stage where it all began! With pluck and positivity, Annie escapes Miss Hannigan's orphanage in search of her parents and finds a new family with her lovable mutt Sandy and billionaire Oliver Warbucks. This dazzling new production bursts with joy and timeless songs like "Tomorrow," "It's the Hard Knock Life," and "Maybe." You can bet your bottom dollar—it's the can't-miss event of the season!

*__Tis the Season__ starring The Sarafinas
Dec 17, 2026 @ Legacy Theatre / $42 per person / ***buses will leave at 1:30pm!***



The Sarafinas bring their New York City magic to the Legacy Theatre in Connecticut for the world premiere of their brand-new holiday show, 'Tis the Season! Step into a live holiday television special where a grandmother and granddaughter gather to decorate their holiday tree. As ornaments are hung and memories are shared, The Sarafinas whisk them—and the audience—on a magical journey of music, nostalgia, and the true spirit of the season.

Join Us For A BROADWAY BUS TRIP



November 22nd

Departs The Community House @ 9:00 AM



$225 per person and the price includes:

- Round Trip Bus Transportation from The Community House
- One Ticket to It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play on BROADWAY
- Talk-Back & with Executive Producer and Branford Resident, GREG NOBILE

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OCTOBER 19th – DECEMBER 23rd

JOE TRAPASSO GYM SCHEDULE

MONDAYS:	8:45a - 9:45a *(starts Nov. 9)*	Senior Center Walking Group
	10:00a - 12:45p (starts Nov. 9)	Senior Center Pickleball
	*2:00p - 3:30p (*starts Nov. 9)*	*Parks & Recreation Open Play Pickleball
	3:30p - 5:15p	Afterschool Activities
	5:15p - 7:30p	Branford Youth Basketball
	*7:45p - 9:15p *(starts Nov. 9)*	*Parks & Recreation Open Play Pickleball
TUESDAYS:	8:30a - 10:45a *(starts Nov. 10)*	Senior Center Pickleball
	11:00a - 12:30p	Parks & Recreation Programming
	12:30p - 2:30p	Lunchtime Basketball- Adults 18+
	3:30p - 5:15p	Afterschool Activities
	5:15p - 9:00p	Branford Youth Basketball
WEDNESDAYS:	8:45a - 9:45a *(starts Nov. 18)*	Canoe Brook Senior Activities
	10:30a - 11:15a	Parks & Recreation Programming
	*11:30a - 1:30p *(starts Nov. 18)*	*Parks & Recreation Open Play Pickleball
	3:30p - 5:15p	Afterschool Activities
	5:15p - 6:15p	Branford Youth Basketball
	6:15p - 9:00p	Parks & Recreation Men's Basketball League
THURSDAYS:	8:30a - 10:45a *(starts Nov. 12)*	Senior Center Pickleball
	11:00a - 12:30p	Parks & Recreation Programming
	12:30p - 2:30p	Lunchtime Basketball- Adults 18+ & Senior Center
	3:30p - 5:15p	Afterschool Activities
	5:15p - 9:00p	Branford Youth Basketball
FRIDAYS:	*8:30a - 10:30a *(starts Nov. 13)*	*Parks & Recreation Open Play Pickleball
	11:00a - 12:30p	Parks & Recreation Programming
	1:00p - 2:30p (*starts Nov. 13)*	Senior Center Pickleball Lessons
	3:30p - 5:15p	Afterschool Activities
	5:15p - 9:00p	Branford Youth Basketball
SATURDAYS:	8:00a - 7:30p *(*starts Dec. 5)*	Parks&RecreationProgramming/*BFDJRBasketball
	1:00p - 3:00p (*ends Nov. 21)*	Open Play Basketball Courts– Grades K-4
	3:00p - 5:00p (*ends Nov. 21)*	Open Play Basketball Courts– Grades 5-8
	5:00p - 7:00p *(ends Nov. 21)*	Open Play Basketball Courts– Grades 9-12
	7:00p - 9:00p *(ends Nov. 21)*	Open Play Basketball Courts– Adults 18+

Branford Residents Only: Parks & Rec Indoor Membership Required

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SCHEDULE: SUBJECT TO CHANGE | BRANFORD RESIDENTS ONLY

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WIS POOL SCHEDULE



WALSH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL POOL FALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 8th, 2026 - Dec. 22nd, 2026

To access the pool, please park in the rear of the building and enter through Door 157.
You can access the pool and locker rooms from this hallway. Branford Residents Only.
You must be out of the building in the mornings by 7:45am & in the evenings by 8:45pm!

MONDAYS:	6:30p-7:30p	Learn to Swim Classes *(pre-registration required)*
	6:30p-8:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – Adults Only (18+)- 2 Lap Lanes only
	7:30p-8:30p	Aquacise Classes *(pre-registration is required)*
TUESDAYS:	6:30a -7:30a	Morning Swim- Adults Only (18+)
	6:30p-7:30p	Sunfish Swim Club *(pre-registration required)*
	6:30p-8:30p	Learn to Swim Classes *(pre-registration required)*
	6:30p-8:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – Adults Only (18+)- 2 Lap Lanes only
WEDNESDAYS:	6:30p-7:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – All Ages
	6:30p-7:30p	Learn to Swim Classes *(pre-registration required)*
	7:30p-8:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – Adults Only (18+)- 2 Lap Lanes only
	7:30p-8:30p	Aquacise Classes *(pre-registration is required)*
THURSDAYS:	6:30a -7:30a	Morning Swim- Adults Only (18+)
	6:30p-7:30p	Sunfish Swim Club *(pre-registration required)*
	6:30p-8:30p	Adult Swim Lessons *(pre-registration required)*
	6:30p-8:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – Adults Only (18+)- 2 Lap Lanes only
FRIDAYS:	6:30p-8:30p	PUBLIC SWIM – All Ages
SATURDAYS:	10:00a-11:30a	PUBLIC SWIM – Adults Only (18+)- 2 Lap Lanes only
	10:00a-12:05p	Learn to Swim Classes *(pre-registration required)*
	11:30a-1:30p*	PUBLIC SWIM – All Ages
		***you must be out of the building by 1:45pm**

SCHEDULED POOL CLOSINGS: *(Subject to change)*

Oct. 9, Oct. 10, Oct. 12, Oct. 29, Nov. 3, Nov. 25-28

ADDITIONAL CLOSINGS MAY OCCUR FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, STAFFING ISSUES AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

Last revised 10-26-2026

MORE PROGRAMS TO COME CLOSER TO THE NEW YEAR! KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR:

- Aquatic classes
- Fitness classes
- New Haven Ballet classes
- Mahjong Lessons
- Kids Zone Night
- & more!

GIFT CARDS

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GIFT *Cards*

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$25, $30, or $50
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Gift a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, or anyone else a Branford Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services Gift Card this Holiday Season! Choose between a $25, $30, or $50 value. Gift Cards can be applied towards our programs or events (excludes party/room rentals). Visit our website or call the office today to get yours!

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WALK THE BRANFORD TRAILS

Join us for hikes in town andoutof town and enjoy the great outdoors, socialization, exerciseand more! Walks meet every Friday at 8:45 AM andhiking starts at 9:00 AM from the sitelocations.

Please check the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services website for updated monthly schedules or call the office (203-488-8304)

Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the group leader when you arrive.

For more information visit the our website or call the office.

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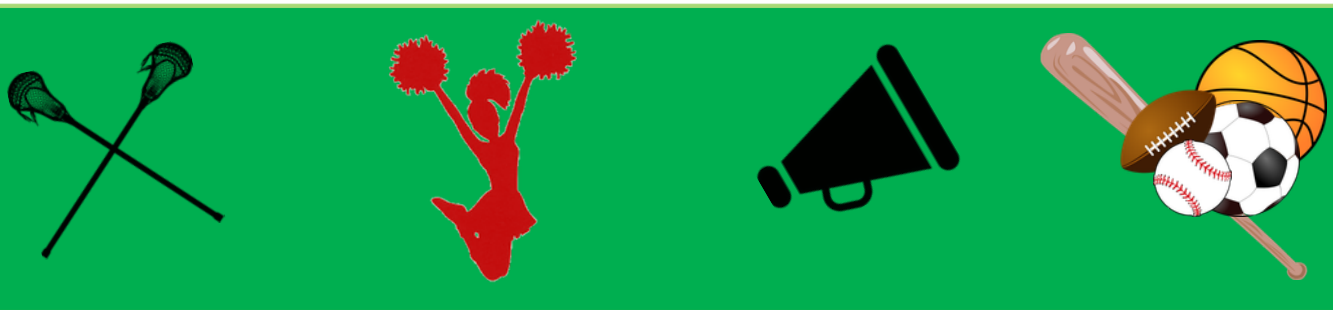
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