

Probus Grants for Special Ed Teachers



New Haven: GREAT NEWS!!!! Greater New Haven Probus program to SUPPORT SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATORS has received many applications from these wonderful hard-working teachers. All of them are interested in receiving a PROBUS GRANT to enhance the learning experience in their classrooms for these special students. The enclosed photo is of 4 of 6 recent recipients 2025.

PROBUS has given out about 29 grants over the past three years- IS YOUR BUSINESS ON THE SPONSOR LIST? Join us for dinner to present a

check, and have your donation recognized in print. (Dinner TBD) Our 501c3 information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your sponsorship.

Grants are in the form of \$250 and \$500 – PLEASE help us assist these educators as they work to provide a positive and fulfilling environment in their classrooms.

Check >> Greater New Haven Probus (Grant), c/o 29 Deerfield Drive, Hamden, CT 06518.

Thank you all in advance for your support. More info? Gnhabenprobus@gmail.com

Express yourself in our Letters to the Editor

To submit a letter: Letters to the Advisor should include the writer's name, address and phone number. The writer's signature should appear at the end of the letter. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters will be accepted through Wednesday at 5pm. We will extend the deadline if circumstances allow and providing we have space available. Letters must be no longer than 400 words due to space limitations. The Advisor does not edit letters which are published as they are received. If a letter is questionable, the writer will be contacted for verification. The Advisor reserves the right to not publish letters that may be personally offensive.

Three Property Tax Increases Since 2023 Proved Substantial for North Haven Residents

To The Editor: March 11, 2026
Third Selectman, David Cohen, is trying to soften the blow of another yet potential effective property tax increase for the 5th year in a row.

In the March 10th edition of the Advisor, Third Selectman, David Cohen, stated that "Last year, **after several years of minimal to no tax increases**, we had a very large tax increase...."

That is a completely disingenuous statement from our Third Selectman. North Haven taxpayers have had 3 substantial property tax increases since 2023. My personal property tax increased 14.53% in 2025, 6.10% increase in 2024, 6.32% increase in 2023, and 1.77% increase in 2022. Tax increases of 6% or more are a substantial tax increase on every property-owning resident in North Haven as it outpaced the rise in personal income and overall inflation in CT. North Haven residents are falling behind, and they can't keep up with these enormous annual tax increases. My property taxes in dollar amount owed to the town of North Haven went up 28.72% since 2022. Something must be done, and it should start with our newly elected Third Selectman being factual, transparent and direct with how the frequency and amount of these types of increases are impacting seniors, families, and all residents. If our Third Selectman truly thinks a 6%+ increase is a "minimal to no" tax increase, then he shouldn't be included in making financial decisions that impact North Haven taxpayers, because a 6%+ increase is universally considered a "high" property tax increase. He is intentionally downplaying the historical tax increases because he knows another tax increase is in the works for North Haven taxpayers.

To better understand the historical tax increases, each resident can review their own 2021-2024 tax bills for their North Haven property tax burden and associated tax increases at www.MyTaxBill.Org. Residents can then calculate the percentage increase on the dollar owed amount from year to year and decide if David Cohen is being forthright about our tax history and increases and whether they believe there have been "minimum to no tax increases" in North Haven in the last 4 years.

Frank Tropeano, Lifelong North Haven Resident

Program Schedule for Suburban Garden Club

Please join us at the Suburban Garden Club programs this year! All programs will begin at 7pm and will be held at the Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave. More information can be found at <https://www.cheshiregardeners.org/>

Wed., May 20: Moon Gardening. Donna Katsuranis. Learn

about lunar gardening: how the moon affects the earth and its inhabitants; planting vegetables by the moon's phases; and creating an ornamental moon garden.

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FOR SALE: Shower fixtures, Moen, bronze curved arm, head, rough in valve, trim \$100; (203) 215-6002 •
WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

Clean Energy Task Force Looking for New Members

North Haven: Are you concerned about our changing climate? Interested in helping North Haven residents, businesses, and our town government save energy and lower utility bills?

Want to help us to move to a clean energy economy? GREAT! You are just who we've been hoping would join us on the North Haven Clean Energy Task Force because we are looking for more members.

As a town-sponsored task force, we work closely with the town and residents to promote and provide opportunities for energy conservation and clean energy. We have had many successful campaigns, including promoting Home Energy Solutions energy assessments, with 40% of North Haven residents participating. We have also led campaigns to educate residents about home solar options and heat pumps, and connected them with local vendors to install these clean energy technologies so they can realize savings immediately. There is more work to be done!

Even with the clean energy setbacks at the federal level, there are many energy efficiency and clean energy rebates and services available in Connecticut.

To find out more and get involved, please contact Kenny Foscue at kfoscu@snet.net or call (203) 589-1512.

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WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750 •

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New Haven Mineral Club Scholarship Applications Now Available

The New Haven Mineral Club announces that the club's annual scholarship program is underway. It is open to any senior who lives in the greater New Haven area. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in June. The award is designed to assist a student who is going to attend an accredited college or university and who wishes to pursue an academic study in science (Geology, Mining, Chemistry, Physics, Metallurgy, Material Science, Engineering, and other related science fields). These are just a smattering of the overall sciences that can be pursued. The

last FIVE winners were from New Haven, Milford, Derby and Wallingford.

Students who reside in the towns of New Haven, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Hamden, Orange, Woodbridge, Milford, Stratford, Seymour, Derby, Ansonia, Shelton, Seymour, West Haven and Wallingford can apply.

To receive an application, please send a written request to: Frank Karsmarsi, 69 Woodvale Dr., Northford, CT 06472.

Applications must be completed by April 17, 2026.

FOR SALE: (3) large Pez dispensers, about 1 ft., Star Wars theme, new in box with candy, plays music \$45 or best offer; (203) 397-5188 •

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

EASTER BRUNCH

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Sunday, April 5th 2026
Noon & 12:30 Seating

MENU WILL INCLUDE:

- Breakfast Station
- Carving Station
- Mediterranean Salad Bar
- Lunch Station
- Mashed Potato Bar
- Dessert Station

\$70 per Adult | \$35 per Child (ages 3-12)
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