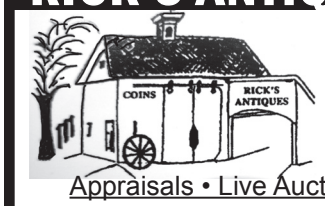
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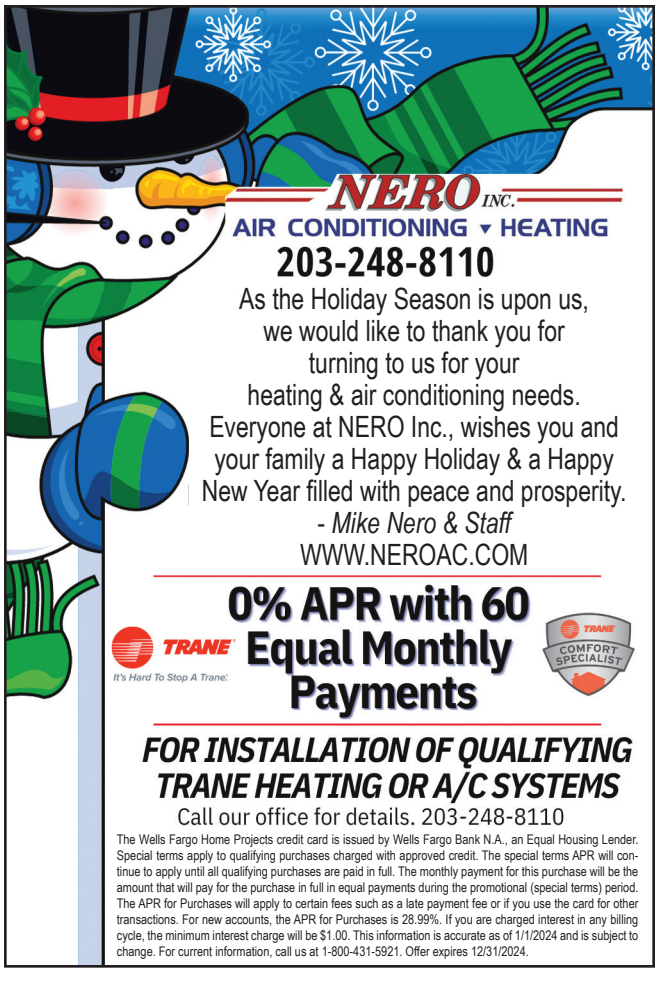
ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2025-26 HEATING SEASON APPLICATIONS

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.** The program helps people pay for heat and weatherize the home. Eligibility is based on income; assets are no longer reviewed. This is not an entitlement program.

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 must bring copies of your required documents if you need your originals returned. This office cannot make copies for you. Applications cannot be completed without the required documents.

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



"Freedom & Our Bill of Rights Today" Presentation

The **Hamden** Democratic Town Committee invites the public to attend a thought-provoking presentation that will address current cases involving the amendments in the Bill of Rights, followed by a Q&A by Quinnipiac University Professor Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox. The event will take place on Wed. Jan 21 from 7-8pm at the Thornton Wilder Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Avenue.

The public can also view this event live-streamed and recorded on Facebook at Hamden Democrats: https://www.facebook.com/share/1Ad5caEH4Y/

Professor Gadkar-Wilcox teaches constitutional law and related courses at Quinnipiac University. She serves as Executive Director of the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights, and is a Commissioner on the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO). Professor Gadkar-Wilcox also serves Connecticut's 22nd State Senate District representing Bridgeport, Trumbull, and Monroe.

The DTC will also be sponsoring a food collection for the Keefe Community Center Food Bank at the event. The following items will be greatly appreciated: toiletries/household products, 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, canned meats, fish, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned/dried beans, pasta and canned sauce, boxed meals, and hearty soups.

Serving In The Military

Wallingford National Guard Airman Receives Promotion to New Rank

Air Force Major General Michael Bank, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capacity for additional responsibility and leadership.

Mohammad Gavin of **Wallingford**, and assigned to the 106th Rescue Wing, received a promotion November 16, 2025 to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Air National Guard promotions are based on a Airman's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

Hamden Elks Lodge Delivers Toys for Children



Pictured (L-R): Hamden Elks Secretary Jennifer Caputo, Josh from the Keefe Community Center, Lodge President Kathy Kelsey, and Shelly from the Keefe Community Center. Hamden Lodge delivered toys for distribution to children in Hamden for the holidays.

Hamden Elks Lodge #2224, through the generous donations of its members, recently donated more than $ 1,200 in toys to the Keefe Community Center. Lodge Vice President Monica Thomas-Hardy inspired member donations, which will be distributed to provide a meaningful holiday experience for Hamden children and parents who would greatly appreciate them.

The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is an annual Hamden tradition that has supported more than 500 Hamden children and families in our community through the holidays for over 15 years. The Hamden Kids Holiday Toy Drive is made possible through the collaboration of Hamden Community Services with Keefe Community Services.

The Elks are dedicated to charitable and patriotic programs in our community. For membership information, contact Andy Caporossi at 203-248-2224.

FOR SALE: Girl's 10-speed bike, 26", pink, Simply Better, like new cond. $80; (203) 269-1259 •

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: Radio Shack trunking desktop mobile scanner $75; (203) 239-1790

FOR SALE: Telephone inside 2 wood duck decoys by Micro Communications Art Deco, untested $25; (203) 397-5188 •

FOR SALE: Natural wood rocking chair $25; call or text for photo, (203) 605-9159 •

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

FOR SALE: Baseball card, Mickey Mantle exhibit card circ. 1950, scarce, good shape $99; call (203) 527-8482 •

GFWC Women at Holiday Celebration at J Roos



Pictured Top: GFWC Members Donating to North Haven Season of Giving. Bottom left: Rob Snurkowski Accepting Food Donations with GFWC Members, in the middle right - Carla Picard Accepting Toys for Children's Gift Program with GFWC Members.

North Haven: Recently the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven met together at J Roos Restaurant in North Haven for an enjoyable luncheon in the spirit of the Holiday season. After the luncheon adjourned members of the Club brought a load of toys and food to the North Haven Recreational Center to help celebrate North Haven's Annual Season of Giving Program. Rob Snurkowski accepted the food donations for the North Haven Community Services Food Bank. Carla Picard accepted the toys for the North Haven Community Services Children's Gift Program.

The North Haven Annual Season of Giving Program is an important source of food and other items for residents in need in the North Haven area during the Holiday season. Community Services works cooperatively with the Churches of North Haven Food Program at the North Haven Congregational Church, and the Police Department as well as other groups to help make the Holidays a success for many in need.

As the economy worsens, sadly needs in so many areas are escalating. Too many in North Haven and elsewhere are in need of food - some in desperate need of food. Now that the holidays are over, there is still a great need for food for many in our community. In the spirit of love and caring, please think of those in need, and if you can help during the year, please consider donating to North Haven's Food Bank.

The Women's Club of North Haven meets regularly at 10:00 am on the first Friday of each month at the North Haven Senior Center on 189 Pool Road. We welcome women interested in working with others for our community. Join us for one of our meetings and meet other ladies committed to serving our community. 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.