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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.

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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.

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.

Town of No. Branford Office 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

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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 Espaillat, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, is the homilist.

To purchase tickets or learn more about Life Fest, please visit www.lifefestrally.com. Clergy should register separately at: lifefest2026clergy.eventbrite.com. Join the Knights of Columbus and Sisters of Life to prepare your hearts and stand for life, together. Love is the answer

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Soup and Sweetness Luncheon



Pictured Top: (L-R): Volunteer Allison Vandermaelen, Donna Mae Cangiano, Cheryl Church, senior center secretary Laurie Feldman, senior center manager Paulette DeMaio. **Bottom:** Some of the many members.

North Haven: To celebrate National Soup Month and National Apricot Day, the North Haven Senior Center hosted a luncheon called Soup & Sweetness. Members warmed up with delicious soup and salad, then treated themselves to apricot cookies. After lunch each table became a team to compete in a Name That Tune Game. Song clips from movies and TV shows were played and each team had to write down their answers. First and Second place teams won a gift baggie and a soup to take home. Good food, great company, and a little bit of brain exercise. At the North Haven Senior Center where every day is something new and the good times never get old!

Story by Paulette DeMaio senior center manager, photos by member Jo Ann Buccetti.

Members of the Senior Center Enjoying Dancers From the Nutcracker Dance Studio



Pictured: Members of the senior center with 2 of the Nutcracker Dancers.

North Haven: members of the North Haven Senior Center took a picture with two of The Nutcracker Dance Studio after they dance beautifully for the seniors. It was a great day had by all.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti

North Haven Democrats Hold Successful Caucus -- 65 Members Elected

During times like these, when uncertainty and division dominate the national landscape, community care and civic participation matter more than ever. That's why it was so deeply heartening to see such a strong turnout at North Haven's Democratic caucus held on Tuesday, January 6th. On a cold January evening, North Haven Democrats bundled up, showed up, and stood together to help shape the next chapter of our local party.

We are thrilled to announce that 65 members have been successfully elected to the North Haven Democratic Town Committee. Congratulations to each and every newly elected member. Your willingness to step forward, especially in such challenging and fast-changing times, speaks volumes about your dedication to strengthening our town and safeguarding our democracy. Your presence and your voices will help ensure that North Haven continues moving toward a future rooted in fairness, opportunity, and community.

Our work has never been solely about politics; it's about people. It's about neighbors choosing to engage, to collaborate, and to believe that local action can make a meaningful difference. Tuesday night's caucus was a powerful reminder that democracy doesn't live in headlines, it lives in rooms like ours, where ordinary residents make extraordinary commitments to their community.

Our next DTC meeting will take place Tues., February 10 at 7pm, which will serve as the final meeting of the outgoing membership. Newly elected members will officially take their seats at the March 10th meeting, during which we will also elect our officers for the 2026–2028 term. All Democrats in North Haven are welcome to attend meetings.

Thank you again to every Democrat who braved the cold, participated in the caucus, and continues to believe in the power of local engagement. Our strength has always come from our people, and on Tuesday night, that strength was unmistakably on display. Together, we are building a North Haven we can all be proud of.

For questions, media inquiries, or information, contact: info@northhavendemocrats.com

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Town of North Haven

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

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Residents may also choose to take trees to the Recycling Center, located at 90 Elm Street (Mon.-Fri., 8am-12 noon; Sat., 8am-1:45pm).

REFUSE COLLECTION: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY - WEEK OF 1/19

The North Haven Public Works Department wishes to advise all North Haven residents that the refuse collection for the week of January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday), **will be Unchanged/ No Delay.**

The Recycling Center on Elm Street will be open. The Recyclinb Center's normal hours are Mon.-Sat., 8am-11:45am.

Please follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information and notices at Town of North Haven Public Works Field Ops.

The Public Works Dept. and Sanitation Division extend best wishes for a happy holiday.

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WANTED: Collector wants to buy early historic New Haven County related items, maps, books, engravings, paintings, paper items or actual products; (203) 915-7662 •

North Haven Lawmakers Recognize Blue Ribbon Achievement at Green Acres Elementary School



Pictured (L-R): Superintendent Patrick Stirk; State Rep. Dave Yaccarino; Green Acres Principal Tracey Considine; State Sen. Paul Cicarella; Board of Education Chief Operating Officer Christian Strickland; Assistant Superintendent Melinda McKenna; and Director of Student Services Anthony Mastriano during a Jan. 8 visit to Green Acres Elementary School, where Sen. Cicarella and Rep. Yaccarino presented a legislative citation recognizing the school's designation as a National Blue Ribbon School.

North Haven: The North Haven lawmakers visited Green Acres Elementary School to recognize its exceptional academic achievement and continued success in closing achievement gaps. Green Acres serves 404 students in grades Pre-K–5, with approximately 40% identified as students with high needs.

"Green Acres Elementary School sets the standard for educational excellence," Sen. Cicarella said. "Being named a National Blue Ribbon School is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the dedication of its entire school community."

"I've had the chance to visit Green Acres many times, and I couldn't be more proud of the students, educators, and families who make this school so special," Rep. Yaccarino said. "Earning National Blue Ribbon recognition reflects their dedication to excellence and their commitment to building a strong foundation for future generations."

During the 2023–2024 school year, Green Acres earned its highest accountability index since 2015–2016, exceeding state targets in English language arts, mathematics, and science. The school has earned School of Distinction status for three consecutive years.

Sen. Cicarella represents the 34th Senate District, including Durham, East Haven, North Branford, North Haven, and Wallingford; Rep. Yaccarino represents the 87th General Assembly District of North Haven.

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North Haven Senior Center Secretary Decorates A Beautiful Scene

Pictured: A cute and beautiful decorated bulletin board.

North Haven: Laurie Feldman, the senior center's secretary always decorates the center's bulletin board with her beautiful scenes of the different seasons, and holidays. She does such a beautiful job for the senior center and its members and residents. Thank you Laurie for all you do.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti



Kamp Family Fundraiser

North Haven: On November 3, 2025, due to a tragic house-fire in North Haven, the Kamp family lost their grandfather and their son. The local North Branford and North Haven Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser on Thurs., January 29 at Saint Therese Church 555 Middletown Ave. in North Haven.

There will be three seatings one at 5pm, then at 6:15pm and 7:30pm. Dinners are $20 per person or $50 for a family up to two adults and three children. Also there will be basket raffles as well as 50-50 raffles.

Proceeds will be given to the family for their devastating expense. To purchase tickets or find out how to be a sponsor of this event email Knights6801@gmail.com or call (203) 684-3074.

Connecticut Farmers Face Significant Tax Increases Under Updated Farmland Assessments



State Senator Paul Cicarella

State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34) has expressed his support for Connecticut farmers who raised concerns at a press conference held at the State Capitol regarding recent changes to how farmland is assessed, warning that the updated valuations could result in significant property tax increases for farmers across the state.

Under state law, known as Public Act 490, farm, forest, and open space land is assessed based on its use value rather than fair market value. Every five years, the State of Connecticut updates these use values. Last month, the state announced substantial increases to several categories of Public Act 490–eligible land, raising alarm among farmers and landowners.

One of the most dramatic changes involved swamp land, which saw its assessed value jump from $40 per acre to $970 per acre. Following widespread concern from farmers and lawmakers, the state revised the schedule and eliminated the increase for swamp land. However, other land categories remain subject to significant valuation increases, which could still lead to major tax hikes for farmers.

Amidst public complaints from farmers and the lawmakers, the state recently revised the schedule, eliminating the increase to swamp land. But some land categories still face significant tax spikes.

"Connecticut farmers are vital to our economy and our way of life. They are the backbone of our communities, providing food, preserving open space, and supporting local jobs," said Sen. Cicarella. "Sudden and steep tax increases threaten their ability to stay in business. Farmers deserve fair, predictable policies and a meaningful voice in decisions that directly impact their livelihoods."

Concerns have also been raised about the methodology used to calculate the updated assessments. The state relied on survey data that produced a low response rate of approximately 4 percent, and data collection methods differed from prior years. These issues have led farmers to question the accuracy and transparency of the valuation process.

Sen. Cicarella emphasized the importance of reforming the review process to ensure farmers are included and that future assessments are based on reliable, transparent data.

More information and an online petition addressing the farmland assessment changes can be found at www.SaveCTLand.org.

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Town of Hamden

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Hamden Public Works began curbside pick-up of Christmas trees. Trees should be free of all wrappings, lights and decorations. Pick-up will be townwide. Artificial trees will not be accepted.

All real trees are added to the brush pile at the Hamden Transfer Station and are recycled into woodchips, composting materials, and all other natual landscaping materials.

Rresidents may also take their discarded trees, both real and artificial, to the Hamden Transfer Station located at 231 Wintergreen Ave. Their regularly scheduled hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30-11:30am and 12:30-3pm, as well as the 1st Saturday of each month from 8am-11:45am.

For any questions or further information, please contact Hamden Public Works at (203) 287-2600.

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Ron Johnson, Hamden

FOR SALE: All Saints Cemetery North Haven - 2 side by side plots, Section K-28, sold as a pair $2,700 firm; TEXT Only, (475) 202-2752 •

Seventy Three 3rd Degree Knights Exemplified Into The 4th Degree



Pictured (L-R): Group of North Haven citizens and Sir Knights, Sir Knight Domenico Iacobelli who became a 4th Degree Knight at this Exemplification, Sir Knight Jonathan Santillo of Hamden, Grand Knight of the North Haven Council Sir KnightAndrea Puzio of North Haven, Bishop Sir Knight Richard Reidy of the Norwich Diocese and Faithful Navigator of the Greater New Haven 4th Degree Assembly Sir Knight Justin Appi of North Haven.



Pictured: Group of 73 new Sir Knights at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, CT. They are surrounded by the leadership of the Patriotic Degree in Connecticut.

North Haven: On Sunday, January 11, 2026, Seventy Three 3rd Degree Knights were Exemplified into the 4th Degree which is also known as the Patriotic Degree. Many of these Sir Knights are from towns surrounding and including North Haven. While the first three degrees focus on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity, Patriotism is the core principle of the 4th Degree. The Bishop of the Norwich Diocese, Bishop Richard Reidy and 2 of his Priests were also Exemplified into the Patriotic Degree with Bishop Reidy being the Honoree of this Exemplification.

All 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus are urged to complete their Knighthood and become a Sir Knight in the 4th Degree.

North Haven Rotary Club, North Haven Congregational Church, And Liberty Bank's Successful Collaboration



Pictured (L-R): John Tibor, a member of the North Haven Congregational Church; William Gambardella, a member of the North Haven Rotary Club; Lisa Holt, Branch Manager for Liberty Bank; and Marjorie Dauster, a member of the North Haven Congregational church.

North Haven: In a remarkable display of community solidarity, the North Haven Rotary Club, in partnership with the North Haven Congregational Church and Liberty Bank, raised $20,000 for the North Haven Food Bank. This achievement is particularly impactful as it represents double the initial $10,000 fundraising goal, a powerful testament to the community's generosity. Matching funds from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County made up 25% of this donation, and we want to acknowledge their contribution.

The drive comes at a critical time when food insecurity poses a significant and growing challenge within the local community. The funds raised will provide vital support to ensure that the food bank can continue its mission of assisting those in need, offering food security to North Haven residents facing hardship. The enthusiasm and support shown by residents and local businesses alike demonstrate a deep understanding of the pressing needs within the community and a collective commitment to making a tangible difference.

This successful initiative highlights the power of collaboration between local organizations and businesses in tackling pressing social issues. The $20,000 donation will go a long way in stocking shelves and providing meals for individuals and families in North Haven, proving that a united community can overcome even the greatest challenges.

The project underscores the idea that a united community can overcome even the greatest challenges. The North Haven Rotary Club continues its mission of service above self and welcomes new members interested in contributing to similar community-driven initiatives.

If you want to become a member of the North Haven Rotary Club, please contact Chris Reardon at (203) 410-7148 to learn more about how you can make an impact.

North Haven Memorial Library January/February Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

Children's Winter Reading Challenge 2026: Ages: Birth - 5th Grade. Visit the library and register in person in the Children's Department to participate (you'll earn a raffle ticket just for registering!). Check out all 15 sections of the challenge, coloring in the picture as you go and win a small prize plus another raffle ticket towards our grand prize! For more information, visit our website and click on Winter Reading 2026 under the Children's tab!

Musical Journey on the Appalachian Trail: Sat., Jan. 24, 2-3pm. All Ages. On Pi Day 2021, 67-year-old Skip Fredericksen of New Hartford and his two daughters, embarked on the journey of a lifetime: a 205-day thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. In this engaging presentation, Skip shares the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of their 2,193-mile trek through a captivating slideshow, accompanied by original songs he wrote along the way.

Parent Playdate: Mon., January 26, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones and check out all that the library has to offer!

Calm Connections: Mon., January 26, 11am-12:00 noon. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We encourage parents in our community who have children on the autism spectrum or with sensory needs to come every Monday in the Children's Story Room for sensory play.

Little Sprouts Garden Club: Mon., January 26, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11. Dig into the basics of gardening throughout the seasons with the Library and the North Haven Garden Club! We'll learn some beginner-friendly tips and blend crafting with planting projects.

Tutu Tuesday: January 27, 10:30-11am. Ages: 6 mos.-3 yrs. If you and your child have a tutu or bow tie, wear it while enjoying music, dancing, and a story.

Junior Debate Club: Tues., January 27, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11. Share your thoughts about serious and silly topics, as well as everything in-between.

Popsicle Stick Bridges with NHHS STEM Club: Tues., January 27, 6-7pm. Grades: 6th-8th. Test your engineering skills with tape and popsicle sticks. Grab a buddy, build a bridge, and compete to see whose creation can hold the most books.

Toddler Time: Wed., January 28, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-3. Parents/Caregivers and their toddler will interact with books, learn fingerplays, and sing.

Magic: The Gathering - Teen Meetup: Wed., January 28, 2:30-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. No Registration Required. Bring your deck(s) to compete and your favorite cards to show and tell. Our extra cards and pre-made decks are kept in the teen area.

Romance Book Club: Wed., January 28, 6:30-7:45pm. Ages: 18+. For the month of January, we will be reading and discussing *Axel* by Lola Wright. The author will be joining the book club discussion via Zoom!

Online Author Talk - Liz Moore: Wed., January 28, 7-8pm, Virtual. We are thrilled to welcome Liz Moore to discuss her latest work, *The God of the Woods,* a New York Times best-seller and one of NPR's 2024 "Books We Love" highlights.

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., January 29, 10:30am-11:15am. Ages: Birth - 2 years. Registration is Recommended but Not Required. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

OK Chef!: Thurs., January 29, 6-6:30pm. Ages: 6-9 yrs. Bring your imagination (and taste buds!) and learn to decorate a special seasonal treat!

Playdoh Party: Fri., January 30, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

Readers & Writers for Homeschooled Teens: Fri., January 30, 10:30am-12:00 noon. Ages: 13+. We'll share our favorite books, chat about our latest writings, and get those creative juices flowing with fun activities.

Must See Movie - *The American Southwest:* Fri., Jan. 30, 1:30-3:15pm. No Registration Required. Narrated by Quannah Chasinghorse, The American Southwest follows the river's journey to sustain society and the natural world through the lens of bugling elk, dam-building beavers, immigrant jaguars, and the region's most fascinating wild characters.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

All Month Long - Love Bug Scavenger Hunt: Children's Department. No Registration Required. Can you find all 10 love bugs hidden in the Children's Department?

Teen Spotlight Challenge - All Month Long: Adult Service Desk. Grades: 6th-12th. No Registration Required. Each month we'll be highlighting a special part of our library. Think you can find it? Visit the teen area (check the big TV!) anytime throughout February to see a super up close picture of something we have in the building. If you find where we took the photo, you'll win a prize.

Parent Playdate: Mon., February 2, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration is Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones and check out all that the library has to offer!

Calm Connections: Mon., February 2, 11am-12:00 noon. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We encourage parents in our community who have children on the autism spectrum or with sensory needs to come every Monday in the Children's Story Room for sensory play.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Mon., February 2, 11am-12:00 noon. You will be taught the Sun style which is the youngest form. Each session builds upon the next. If you cannot attend all five sessions please do not register. No equipment required. Reminder: Upon registration you are automatically registered for each session in this 5-week series.

Evening Playdoh Party: Mon., February 2, 6-6:30pm. Ages: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Drop by to build, mix and create fun and silly playdoh masterpieces. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

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FREE: China cabinet with glass shelves and glass doors; (203) 399-2595 •

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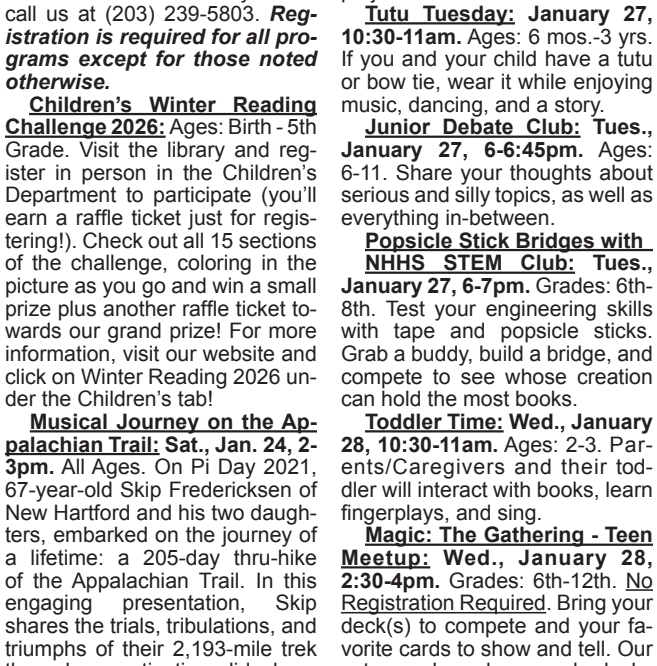

STATEPOINT MEDIA
THEME: SUPER BOWL

ACROSS
1. Pakistani attire
5. Research location
8. Partridge's fruit tree
12. *Grid follower
13. *____ Upshaw, multiple Super Bowl winner
14. Canada's national tree
15. Like Homer Simpson's head
16. Allege
17. Agenda entries
18. *Adding a rushing player
20. Aphrodite's lover
21. Not host
22. Tire meas.
23. Composure under strain
26. More distant
30. Thompson of "Some Kind of Wonderful"
31. Ubiquitous deciduous tree
34. Genealogical plant
35. Poetic feet
37. Dream time, acr.
38. The Romanovs, e.g.
39. Song for solo voice
40. Dishevel, as in hair
42. Clever humor
43. *SoFi ____, Super Bowl LXI venue
45. *Last year's Super Bowl winners
47. Web robot
48. Tesla Roadster with Starman location
50. a.k.a. podagra
52. *The only NFL team with perfect season
55. Plant-based laxative
56. Symphony member
57. "No ____ for you!"
59. No gains without them
60. Retired, abbr.
61. Field worker
62. Bohemian
63. Not Miss or Ms
64. Poker amount

DOWN
1. Bro to bro
2. Speedy steed
3. Chuck Berry's "____ Over Beethoven"
4. Rainbow color
5. *Santa Clara's ____ Stadium, Super Bowl LX venue
6. Beside, archaic
7. Titanic's frozen enemy
8. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
9. Fencing weapon
10. Charitable contributions
11. Hi-____
13. Garden shelter
14. Unhealthy atmosphere
19. Little hills
22. P in m.p.g.
23. Mark Twain to Samuel Clemens
24. Lively
25. Vampire of Greek mythology
26. *One of two teams to win while hosting Super Bowl
27. Long fishing line
28. Like haunted house
29. What the defense does?
32. High school dressy affair
33. Romanian money
36. *Super Bowl LX halftime show headliner (2 words)
38. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: "____ Your Children"
40. Egyptian boy king, for short
41. Long jump
44. I to Greeks, pl.
46. Rob Marshall's 2005 movie "Memoirs of a ____"
48. On the wagon
49. Land parcels
50. *Shoulder pads and cleats
51. "Put a lid ____ ____!"
52. College dwelling
53. High part of day
54. Edible fat
55. Facial site
58. *Charlie Puth and Brandi Carlile, ____game stars



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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
(PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-394)

The Annual Audit of the Federal and State Financial and Compliance Reports for the Town of North Haven for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025 by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP -- CPAs, Consultants, and Wealth Advisors -- was received and filed on January 6, 2026 in the Office of the Town Clerk, is now open for public inspection in the said office, located in Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Dated at North Haven, Connecticut this 6th day of January 2026

J. Stacey Yarbrough

Tax Collector/Town Clerk & Registrar of Vital Statistic

LEGAL NOTICE
JANUARY 2026 MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE TO THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN FOR THE 2024 GRAND LIST

(Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-145)

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES for the Town of North Haven are due JANUARY 1, 2026 (SECOND INSTALLMENT). Further, SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, if applicable to you, are due JANUARY 1, 2026 (IN-FULL). Supplemental bills are issued pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-7. NOTE: *FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX (C.G.S. § 12-130). BILLING STUBS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF BOTH REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE IN JANUARY WERE INCLUDED IN THE JULY BILLING PACKET; WE DO NOT PROCESS A SECOND BILL.*

If taxes are not paid by end of the grace period, February 2, 2026, the taxes will become delinquent as of February 3, 2026: Interest will accrue at the rate of 1½ % per month or fraction thereof (18% per annum) on all unpaid taxes on the 2024 Grand List, computed from the original due date of January 1, 2026. Each addition of interest *(minimum amount of $2.00, per CT State law)* shall become due and collectable and shall be figured on the original amount of tax. *INTEREST CANNOT BE WAIVED (C.G.S. §§ 12-145 & 146).*

If BACK TAXES are due, payments will be applied to the oldest outstanding bill first; fees, interest, and liens will be paid before principal (if applicable). *(C.G.S. § 12-144b).* All delinquent motor vehicle taxes requiring a release for motor vehicle registration should be paid by cash, bank check or money order. Payments made with a check and/or online require a ten (10) business day hold for clearance, which will delay your ability to register with DMV. *IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A DMV RELEASE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU COME IN TO PAY.*

The Tax Collector's office accepts the following forms of payment: Cash, Personal Check, Money Order, Bank Check and Certified Bank Check. We do NOT accept debit or credit cards in the office. Please be mindful of the fact that while we accept cash, we do reserve the right to accept cash in the limited amount of $1,000.00 per transaction. Please make all checks payable to: Tax Collector, Town of North Haven.

PAYING BY MAIL: PLEASE INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE BILL, AND WRITE THE LIST/BILL NUMBER [*Example*: 2024-MS-XXXXXXX] ON YOUR CHECK. *NO STAPLES PLEASE*. IF YOU PAY WITHIN THE GRACE PERIOD (*TIMELY PAYMENT*): FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AN ENVELOPE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN WHICH TO MAIL YOUR PAYMENT (*ADDRESSED TO: TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, P.O. BOX 900, HARTFORD, CT 06143-0900*). IF YOU PAY AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD (*LATE PAYMENT*): PLEASE MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE DIRECTLY, LOCATED AT MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 18 CHURCH STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473. REQUESTS FOR RECEIPTS SHOULD INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

PAYING ONLINE: If you would like to pay your tax bill(s) online, please visit: ***www.northhaven-ct.gov*** in the section for ONLINE SERVICES: you will click on "VIEW AND PAY TAX BILLS ONLINE". Fees for the use of the online payment system will depend upon the payment instrument utilized: *checking & savings accounts, .50 fee per transaction; debit card, $3.95 fee per transaction; and credit card, 3% fee per transaction.* Payments made after 8 p.m. weekdays will be considered processed no sooner than the next business day. Check your payment confirmation to be sure.

PAYING IN PERSON: The Tax Collector's office is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except for weekends and legal holidays.

DATED AT NORTH HAVEN, CT ON THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

J. STACEY YARBROUGH
TAX COLLECTOR & TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS
MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 18 CHURCH STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473
203.239.5321 x 8620

FOR SALE: Baritone ukulele and guitar, both for $70 or best offer; (203) 824-4050

WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Futon frame, exc. cond. $80; (860) 334-6098, North Haven •

FOR SALE: Bookcases, 78x32, six shelves, great condition, two available $25 ea.; (203) 269-4042 •

****LEGAL NOTICE****
TOWN OF HAMDEN

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE PERSONAL ITEMS BEING STORED BY THE TOWN OF HAMDEN AFTER A LAWFUL EVICTION ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT 47A-42-C

NAME(S)	ADDRESS	EVICTION DATE
Jasmine Santiago	617 Mix Ave Ave. C16	11/24/2025
Jaliah Johnson	649 Mix Ave. B20	11/24/2025
Anthony Carter; Noel Ginyard	121 School St.	11/25/2025
Theodore Womack	1349 Dixwell Ave. #29	12/03/2025

Anyone wishing to reclaim their belongings must do so by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, February 3, 2026. Call Ace Van & Storage at 203.271-1555.

Items not claimed by that time will be sold at auction on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:00 am at Ace Van & Storage, 210 Realty Dr., Cheshire, CT.

Auction will be by lot only, with a minimum bid of $25.00. Bids must be paid in full by cash at the conclusion of the bidding process. Successful bidder must have items cleared by 4:30pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Items not sold will be disposed of immediately after the auction. Anyone owing fees to the Town of Hamden are prohibited from bidding in this auction. Anyone purchasing orders must have appropriate transportation for immediate removal.

The League of Women Voters Hosts Annual Breakfast with the Legislators

Hamden: The League of Women Voters of Hamden and North Haven will host their Breakfast with the Legislators event to connect with Connecticut legislators to discuss issues that face constituents.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 24, at The Whitney Center in Hamden, CT. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:30am, followed by a panel discussion at 9am. Legislators in attendance will then meet for table conversations with attendees from 10am-11am.

The invited legislators include: Sen. Jorge Cabrera, Sen. Paul Cicarella, Sen. Martin Looney, Rep. Josh Elliott, Rep. Liz Linehan, Rep. Laurie Sweet, Rep. Mary Welander, Rep. Steven Winter and Rep. David Yaccarino.

We encourage attendees to pre-register for the event, but walk-ins are welcome. The suggested donation is $8 for adults and $5 for students. All donations can be paid at the door.

If you would like to pre-register for the event email LWVHNHtreasurer@gmail.com.

In case of inclement weather, please check wfsb.com.

"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.

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WANTED: Collector buying any Connecticut Brewery items for Wehle, Hulls, Wiebel, Largay or any other CT Breweries, signs, cans, bottles, etc.; call (203) 915-7662 •

Probus Club Delivers Bombas Socks And Blankets To Day Care Centers





New Haven: Greater New Haven Probus is in the community delivering Bombas socks. Blankets towels and more to the day care centers. More deliveries are in the works as we work to create comfort in the communities. Also supporting agencies working with the unhoused, the at risk families with clothing, jackets, sweaters, blankets and more.

Hamden Woman's Club Donates To LOVE146



Pictured: HWC's Linda Melillo, Joy Wildman, Anne Wetmore & Pat Johnson present a large donation to Thomas Myhren, of LOVE 146.

Hamden: At the January meeting of the Hamden Woman's Club, our Guest Speaker was Mr. Thomas Myhren, Chief Development Officer of LOVE 146 - a non-profit organization dedicated to end the trafficking and exploitation of children and young adults. He was deeply impressed and grateful that our annual Fall Fundraiser - a charity luncheon at Anthony's Ocean View - was to benefit LOVE146. The event Co-Chairwomen, Joy Wildman and Anne Wetmore, who spent countless hours organizing committees and planning this luncheon, proudly presented a large check in the amount of $4542.00. - representing one-half of the proceeds from this event! The remaining money will be divided among several local charities that our HWC annually supports. We wish to thank all who worked so hard to make this endeavor so successful! WELL DONE!

If you are thinking about joining a wonderful social group to make a positive and rewarding difference in your life in this new year, please consider joining us - the Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC. The HWC is open to any woman over eighteen years of age who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 and then joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in 1951. Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities to improve the quality of life within our community.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We have fun monthly activities - a unique Book Club that meets at a local restaurant, our "International Lunch Bunch" and our "Dinner Divas". Everyone loves our seasonal choral group as well as our annual banquets, day trips, Military Whists, Bingo and Trivia Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions, and other fun activities. You do NOT have to live in Hamden to join - many of our members reside in area towns.

The next meeting of the HWC will be on Wednesday Feb. 4, at 6:30 pm in the Hamden Senior Center. It will be our annual Arts & Crafts Night, - always a fun evening when our very talented ladies show off their beautiful and unique creations.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS, SO PLEASE JOIN US! Following the meeting, you are welcome to our social hour of "camaraderie and calories"! We encourage anyone interested in learning more about HWC please contact Sharon Nolan @ Snolan_@yahoo.com. or call 203-248-2538. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. for more articles, projects, and lots of fun photos of our friendly club!

Spring Glen Garden Club Honors Grace Duffy With Lifetime Membership





Pictured Above: Grace's family who surprised her by attending the presentation. The ceremony was held at the Club's Holiday Party. **Right:** Long time member Grace Duffy of The Spring Glen Garden Club and 2nd Vice-President Norma Jean Macauto of The Federated Garden Clubs of Ct., Inc. As part of l00-year Celebration of the Club, the Club honored Grace with a lifetime membership. Vice-President Macauto made the presentation, which included a certificate and a pin.

Hamden: The Club would like to thank the Community for helping us celebrate our 100th anniversary.

The Garden Club ongoing projects includes the gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House, watering the plants at the Government Center and the Miller Library.

The Club donated 10 American Elm hybrid trees to the Hamden Center Park as a result of its successful Wreaths for Trees program. Other projects of the Club were a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (Quercus rubra) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929. Please stop by our historical display in hall outside the Miller Library in front of the Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

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Antiques & Collectibles, furniture, jewelry, silver, toys, advertising items, old signs, doorstops, garden items, fishing, military, clocks, Hummels & Lladró, linen, pottery, glass, etc.

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Wildflower Folklore At The Suburban Garden Club January 21 Meeting

Cheshire: The Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire January meeting will be held on January 21, 2026, 7:30 PM at the Cheshire Senior Center located at 240 Maple Street. The topic of the presentation is Wildflower Folklore and will be given by Ken Elkins who is Director of Education and Partnerships at the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary in Southbury. His talk will include how to identify different wildflowers, their characteristics, habitats, and blooming seasons. In addition he will speak about the rich history, mythology, and cultural significance surrounding various wildflowers. Open to the public and refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM If inclement weather, cancellation will be posted on www.cheshiregardeners.org



Ken Elkins

Community Services Requesting Items for Food Bank

North Haven: The Community Services Food Bank is currently seeking assistance in replenishing items in the food bank. The following items are greatly needed: Macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups and stews, chili, baked beans, any Chef Boyardee items, peanut butter and jelly.

A wish list is available on Amazon in which donations can be directly shipped to Community Services. Go to Amazon, search Gifting and Registry, click on Amazon Gifting and Registry, search North Haven Food Bank. You will find Year-Round Food Bank Needs. Or you can click on: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guestview/3PAX9ZNQVYA8K.

Or donations can be dropped off at The Department of Community Services, located at 5 Linsley Street during business hours Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Any questions regarding donations or any residents interested in accessing the food bank, please contact Robert Snurkowski in the Department of Community Services from Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at (203) 239-5321, x502.

Vendors Wanted For North Haven Garden Club Annual May Market Fundraiser 2026



Pictured: Vendor Pam Sola.

North Haven: The North Haven Garden is in the planning stages of our Annual May Market Fundraiser for 2026. May Market will be held at the North Haven Parks and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street on May 9th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Set up starts at 7:30am. Weather permitting there will be some outdoor spaces available.

Spots for vendors are $20.00 each. Set up will start anytime after 7:30am. We do not supply tables or chairs so please bring your own for your display. Your reversed space will accommodate no more than one (1) eight to ten foot table. Checks should be made out to NHGC and returned with completed form to Cindy Golia 12 Stanton Rd. North Haven, Ct 06473 to secure your spot.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc., New England Garden Clubs Inc., and The National Garden Clubs Inc.

Article and photo by Cindy Golia

Scheduled Bus Trips

MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Monday, January 26th. Pick up at Miller Library, Hamden at 8:30am, leaving the Casino at 3:30pm. Cost is $35. Please call Arlene at (203) 248-8936 for information and reservations.

Animals Looking for Homes

PETS FOR SALE

THE ANIMAL HAVEN, INC. has a variety of homeless and abandoned kittens, puppies & dogs looking for safe, loving homes with owners willing to make a lifelong commitment. Animals have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated & tested; (203) 239-2641 •

THE GREATER NEW HAVEN CAT PROJECT has many kittens, adolescent and young adult cats seeking loving, permanent homes. Vet checked. www.gnhcp.org/adopters •



Floral Designs For Wallingford Senior Center Entrance Table December 2025



Pictured: Design by Kris Diana, and design by Kim Dennis.

Wallingford Garden Club members are providing floral designs, plants or educational exhibits for the Wallingford Senior Center Entrance area. Members have been taking floral design workshops provided by Design Committee Chair. Design chair is Shirley Lagerstrom. Every 2 weeks a member volunteer shares her talents for public view. The December participants were: Kris Diana and Kim Dennis.

Wallingford Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., New England Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Photos by Eleanor Tessmer.

WANTED: Buying older beer cans, flats, conetops, single cans or entire collections; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Variety of crystal bowls and vases, $100 takes all, (203) 671-2991 •

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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Children's Birthday Notices

Birthdays celebrated from Sun. January 11, 2026 to Sat. January 17, 2026 MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE By Thurs. January 15. 2026 to appear in our next issue FREE of charge. Digital photos are gladly accepted, but MUST be on CD, flash drive or emailed, Not printed out.

North Haven Garden Club Presents 2025 Winning Poem By Savanna Alleyne

Pictured: Savanna Alleyne and Youth Chair Cindy Golia.

North Haven: The North Haven Garden Club is pleased to share with you each week one of the winning poems for the annual poetry contest which is run in conjunction with the National Garden Clubs contest. After winning at the North Haven Garden Club level the poems are submitted to the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, New England Garden Clubs and last the National Garden Clubs. Savanna won in all the clubs for 1st place Eighth Grade.



THE MAGIC OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

My garden is happy and lively. Full of colors and nutrition. Carrots, beets, radish, lettuce, kale, spinach, cucumbers and tomatoes. Make a choice and take a taste. The magic of my garden will explode in your mouth with each bite.

My garden, your garden, our garden. It's the community garden.

Your garden is open and welcoming. Carrots, beets, radish, lettuce, kale, spinach, cucumbers and tomatoes. Full of smiles, hugs, and nutrition. Make a choice and take a taste. The magic of my garden will explode in your mouth with each bite.

Your garden, my garden, our garden. It's the community garden.

Our garden is full with outstretched arms. Waiting to give comfort, care, and nutrition. Carrots, beets, radish, lettuce, kale, spinach, cucumbers and tomatoes. Make a choice and take a taste. The magic of my garden will explode in your mouth with each bite.

Our garden, my garden, your garden. It's the community garden.

The community garden is full of love and nutrition. Enough to fill your soul and more. Together we plant, reap, and share.

In the community garden there is enough vegetables for all. Carrots, beets, radish, lettuce, kale, spinach, cucumbers and tomatoes. Seeing the smiles, feeling the love, comfort, and care. Warming our hearts while filling our body with nutrition.

I eat, you eat, we all eat from the magical community garden. Fighting hunger and sharing love.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

Article and photo by Cindy Golia

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The act of lighting a candle in remembrance of a loved one is practiced across cultures, although the symbolism may differ. Candles represent a guiding light in the darkness, eternal life, hope, and peace. They remind us that the memory of our loved one lives on. Candles invoke focus and meditation and are often used in religious memorial ceremonies. Lighting a candle daily can help ease the pain of loss while honoring a loved one's memory. The ceremonial power of a group candle lighting combines individual participation with the power of a group. Candles can be made in groups too, using items like herbs and flowers that were meaningful to the person in remembrance.

Funeral practices are influenced by religious and cultural traditions, costs, and personal preferences. These factors help determine whether the funeral will be elaborate or simple, public or private, religious or secular. To learn about our services, please call 203-239-1179 for more information. You are welcome to visit us at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." Alfred, Lord Tennyson

North Haven Funeral Home, Inc.









OBITUARIES



Albert "Jim" Nash passed away on January 9, 2026 after a prolonged illness. Born October 30, 1952 in Lincoln, ME, Jim lived most of his life in Wallingford, CT. He was the son of the late Merle R. Nash and Grace (Kilbride) Nash. He is also predeceased by his twin brother Alfred "Tim" Nash.

Jim raised his two children, Stephanie Nash of North Haven, CT, and James Nash of Lakeland, FL, largely on his own.

He developed a close bond with his son-in-law, Drew Blanchette, and valued his relationships with his two daughters-in-law, Dr. Jennifer Nash-DeHaven and Julie Nash. His greatest pride was being "Grampy" to his five grandchildren: Cooper and Emma Blanchette of North Haven, CT, Jacob Nash of Fairview Heights, IL, and Ainsley and Annalise Nash of Lakeland, FL. He is also survived by his siblings Ralph and Fred Nash, Gail Kokoszka, and Francine Marotta, and predeceased by his sisters Bernardine Szawerda and Edith Nash.

He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and care providers at Regency House of Wallingford, whom the family wishes to thank for their compassionate and dedicated care.

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David M. Salerno Sr. 80, of Hamden died peacefully at his home Jan. 12th. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth "Betty" Barletta Salerno. Born in Waterbury son of the late James & Josephine DeFrancesco Salerno. Besides his wife he is survived by a son David (Lauren) Salerno Jr. of North Haven, daughters Tracey (Rich) Furman of Hamden, and Kyle Salerno of North Haven, a brother James Salerno of Waterbury, and grandchildren David Michael, Morgan, Giana, and Nico. He was predeceased by a sister Joan Laxar.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Academy (www.sacredheartthamden.org/support/make-a-gift)

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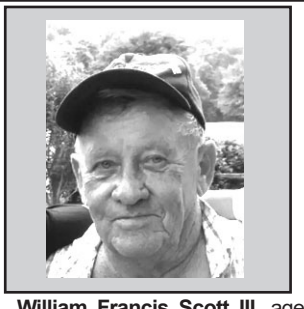

William Francis Scott III, age 85, of Sebastian Florida, recently relocated to Wallingford Connecticut to spend time with family, passed peacefully on January 10, 2026. Bill and Henny were happily married for 60 years.

Bill was born in Hamden, CT, and raised alongside his sister Beverly (deceased) and brothers Richie and Red by Frank and Gertrude Dering. He served proudly in the US Navy as a submariner on the USS Remora. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his daughter Kirsten, his grandchildren Eric and Michael and his great granddaughters Charli and Billie.

Should friends desire, please make a donation in his honor to the Newington Humane society.

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Jaime Ann Arsenault, 47, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital / Saint Raphael Campus, with her family by her side. Jaime was born in New Haven on November 22,1978 and was the daughter of Beverly DeLucia Arsenault and the late David Arsenault. Mother of Michael Brodie. Sister of Chris (Christina) Arsenault. Granddaughter of James and Lois DeLucia. Aunt of Kayla (Jake Lynn) Arsenault and David Arsenault. Fiancé of Timothy Kopylec. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and her dog Izzy. Predeceased by her stepfather Richard Thurston.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses on MICU Verdi 3 North at St. Raphael's Campus for their exception care and compassion that Jaime received.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Aspca.org or a charity of one's choice.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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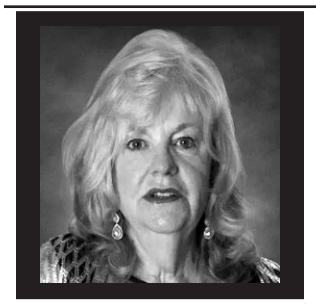

Fernne F. LeMay, 78, beloved wife of Ernest R. LeMay, of Yalesville and Hollywood, FL., passed away peacefully on Friday, January 9, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family, at Midstate Medical Center. She was born in Meriden on November 11, 1947, daughter of the late William R. and Fernne E. (Flagg) Porter.

In addition to her husband, Fernne is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Greg Gosselin of Marlborough; her sons and daughters-in-law, Ernest and Amy LeMay Jr. of Portland and Randy and Carla LeMay of Branford; her grandchildren, Ashley Gosselin, Lexi Gosselin, Alden LeMay, Craig LeMay, Ryan LeMay and Peyton LeMay; her great-granddaughter, Autumn; her sister, Nancy Romeo; and many extended family members and cherished friends.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation by visiting https://t2t.org/donate or by mail: Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

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Casimira Heres Vazquez, 91, of Wallingford, loving wife of the late Dr. Juan Francisco Vazquez, passed away on January 5, 2026. Casimira, known as Aba, Mirita, or Casi to those closest to her, left this earth peacefully and surrounded by love. Born in Colon, Cuba, in the province of Matanzas, on May 30, 1934, Casimira was the daughter of the late Serafina and Celestino Heres. Raised alongside her two brothers, she had a picturesque childhood, unaware that her charming neighbor, Juanito Vazquez, would one day become her husband. In 1965, with her husband and daughter, Casimira came to the United States to start a new life in Connecticut.

She is survived by her daughter, Amalia Vazquez; her grandchildren, Juan Figlewski, Raymond Figlewski and his wife Leanna, and Richard Figlewski; her great granddaughter, Isabel Casimira Figlewski; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Celestino and Pedro Pablo Heres.

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Carlene (Goodreau) Pascale, age 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 11, 2026. She was born on October 3, 1939 to the late Charles and Marie Goodreau and was born and raised in Central Falls, RI before moving to Wallingford, CT to raise her family.

Carlene is survived by her two daughters Robin Moynihan (Tod) and their children Haley Moynihan (Johrone), and Ryan Moynihan (Natalie); Traci Lorenz and her children Tyler Lorenz (Erika), Paige Lorenz (Monique), Zachary Lorenz (Isabelle), and Emily Lorenz (Chris); and a son, Marc Pascale (Beth) and their children Suzanne Minton (Daniel), Kaite Pascale and Michael Pascale (Genesis). Also her two great-grandchildren Xavier and Scarlett. She also leaves her two sisters, Gail Fraser Giacchi, Irene Frechette (Armand) and many nieces and nephews.

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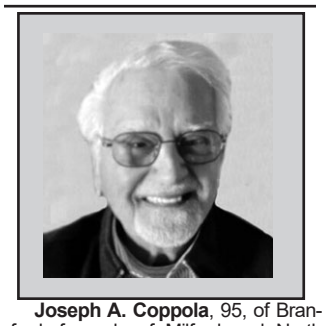

Joseph A. Coppola, 95, of Branford, formerly of Milford and North Haven for many years, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2026. He was the loving husband of Jocelyn (Ende) Coppola. Joseph was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York on June 4, 1930 to the late Michael and Mary (Capone) Coppola. Joseph was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and the CT Air National Guard.

Besides his wife, Jocelyn, Joseph leaves behind his children; Jeffrey Coppola of North Haven, Joel Coppola and his wife Kimberly of West Haven, and Jay Coppola and his wife Marcee of Auburndale, Florida; his grandchildren, Tracee, Austin and his wife Lauren, Gregory and his wife Katie, and Kimberly and her husband Sean; his great-grandchildren, Leilani, Jayden, James, Lily, Charlotte, and Hailey; and great-great grandchild Giavanna; his sister, Rosemary Horner; and brother, Michael Coppola. He was predeceased by his daughter in-law, Kathryn Coppola.

Services were held at the BEECHER & BENNETT
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Dianne I. Hurlburt, age 74, of Hamden passed away at Yale New Haven Hospital on January 10, 2026. Born in New Haven on December 3, 1951, she was a daughter of the late Milton and Flora (Spaulding) Hurlburt. A resident of New Haven for many years. She is survived by her son, Raymond Smith, Jr. and his wife Cindy of Clarksville, Tennessee; her sister, Flora and her husband Alex of West Haven; and her brothers, Kenneth M. Hurlburt and his wife Debbie, David Hurlburt, and Russell Hurlburt, all of Hamden. Dianne also leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Sandra Quiles, and brothers, Dennis M. Hurlburt and Kenneth Hurlburt.

Should friends desire, a Go Fund Me has been set up to help cover her funeral expenses; your support, whether through a donation or sharing the link below, would mean a lot during this difficult time. Thank you for considering it. https://gofund.me/06d7758b3.

Services were held at the BEECHER & BENNETT
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Iris Donna Chernosky, 75, of Hamden, passed away on January 7, 2026, after a short illness. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 1, 1950 to the late Isadore and Joyce Fertel Wexler. Iris grew up in Queens before moving to Greenwich with her husband of 53 years, Noel Chernosky. For the last 43 years, Hamden had been home and where they raised their daughter.

Besides her adoring husband, Iris will be lovingly remembered by her daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Bradley Johnson; her grandchildren and pride and joy, Emma and Dylan; and her sister, Lisa (David) Maass.

Services were held at the BEECHER & BENNETT
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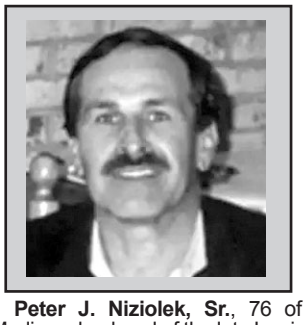
St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.





Peter J. Niziolek, Sr., 76 of Madison, husband of the late Lorriane Niziolek, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2026. Peter was born in New Haven and was the son of the late Paul and Josephine (Esposito) Niziolek of Hamden. Graduated from Hamden High School where he met his beloved wife of 55 years. He served in the Army Reserve.

Brother-in-law to Alan V. Golia and wife Rosemary of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Philip Golia and his wife Yvonne of Durham as well as all his nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Should friends desire, the family would appreciate contribution made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home

www.northhavenfuneral.com.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideals, You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter who great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Mention your request. While making the request, promise to either publish this prayer or to circulate the favor. Say prayer for 3 days. After the 3rd day, the request will be granted.

#360 J.P.



Linda J. Nordgren, age 77, of Wallingford passed away on January 9, 2026. For 57 years, she was the devoted wife of Dan Nordgren. Linda was born in Meriden, CT, the daughter of the late Walter and June Story Kittredge.

Linda had a deep love for animals and cared for her pets with devotion, especially her beloved dog, K.C.

In addition to her husband, she is also survived by her children, Daniel Nordgren of Wallingford and Wendy Nordgren of Meriden, her granddaughters Justine Nordgren and Tracey Dzubiak, and her siblings Lisa Burness and her husband Jay of Prospect and Walt Kittredge and his wife Sue of Meriden. Linda was also predeceased by her sister Rita Mae Varney and her brothers Harold and Ted Kittredge.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

"NOONDAY SERVICE"

Northford: St. Andrew's invites the community to a weekly "Noonday Service" - a brief worship service, on Tuesdays at noon.

Also, the church is open for individual prayer and contemplation. Light a prayer candle and enjoy the peace of the beautiful St. Andrew's sanctuary, Tuesdays from noon-2pm. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, The White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, is located at 1382 Middletown Avenue.



Mary Curran Hying, 91, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2026, with her loving family by her side. Mary was born and raised in Liverpool, England, the daughter of the late Joseph J. Curran and Mary Baccino Curran. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband Robert of 72 years. She is survived by her two children, Robert Joseph Hying, Jr. and Elizabeth "Lisa" Albano and her husband Kevin: two grandchildren, Mary E. Albano, Kevin P. Albano and his wife Lauren. She is also survived by her siblings Josephine Gionfriddo, Joseph Curran (Barbara), Veronica Ayrton (Terrance) and Barbara Spear, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Christine Jenkins and two brother in laws, Paul T. Gionfriddo and John J. Spear.

Mary's family would like to extend a special thank you to her long time physicians and St Raphael's Hospital for their care and compassion.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Halfway Home Rescue by emailing halfwayhomeonline@yahoo.com

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home

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PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude.

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Lawrence (Larry) Novella, 61, entered into eternal life at Yale New Haven Hospital Smilow Cancer Center. A lifelong resident of Hamden, Lawrence was born to Michael Novella Sr. and Joan (Raccio) Novella. Lawrence was predeceased by his father Michael Novella Sr and Mother Joan (Raccio) Novella, He is survived by his son Joseph Rapuano Novella of East Haven, his sister Jodi Anne Novella of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, brother Michael S. Novella Jr. and Danielle of North Branford. His niece Tehya Andria and nephew Michael III. His aunts Rosalie Depalma and Dolores Raccio and many beloved cousins.

Should friends desire, the family requests that donations be made to the canine Justice Program which supports and pays for the care of active and retired police, military and service dogs. Send to Gardens Animal Hospital -4290 Northlake Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. 33410. Or call 561-622-6300. https://veterinarycarefoundation.org/veterinary-practice-donation/ * then select Garden Animal Hospital (Florida).

Services were held at the

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Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

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The following programs are held at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior. For information and to register for programs, call (203) 239-5432 or stop by the office. View the newsletter online at www.town.northhaven.ct.us.

WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Mon., 1/19: *Senior Center Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

Tues., 1/20: 9:30am: Functional Fitness; **10am:** Rummikub; **10:30am:** Setback; **12 noon:** Oil Painting Class; **1pm:** Mah Jongg; **1:15pm:** *Matter of Balance II, presented by QVHD;* **2pm:** Pool School. **2pm:** Pool School; **4pm:** *Commission on Aging Meeting.*

Wed., 1/21: 9:30am: Fitness Fun; **11am:** *Cardio Drumming,* Diamond Art; **12:30pm:** Bridge, *Learn to Play Mah Jongg (Full);* **1pm:** Bingo.

Thurs., 1/22: 10am: Knitting/Crochet, Sitting Qigong/Tai Chi, *Line Dancing, Scrapbooking w/Donna;* **11:15am:** Standing Qigong/Tai Chi; **1pm:** Balance Through Strength, Dominos, Mah Jongg.

Fri., 1/23: 9:30am: Fitness Fun, Scrabble; **10am:** Canasta; **12:30pm:** Bridge; **1pm:** Bingo.

Fri., 1/23: 10am: Are You Listening Workshop; **10am:** Parkinson's Support Group; **New Time-12:00:** Movie: "Moonstruck."

Sat., 1/24: 1pm: R Band Pizza Party.

Mon., 1/26: 10:30am: Wills, Trusts, Probate; **1-3:30pm:** Hearing Services; **1pm:** Sing-A-Long with Jim Sheehan.

Tues., 1/27: 9:30am: Clay Glazing, Veteran's Coffee House; **10am:** Strong Minds Monthly with Katie - Coping Skills for Stress.

Thurs., 1/29: 9:30am: Slab Clay (Charcuterie Boards); **10am:** Shakespeare For All - Hamlet; **11am:** Cardio Drumming.

Fri., 1/30: 10am: iPhone Workshop; **New Time - 12:00:** Movie: "Singing in the Rain."

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Mon., 1/19: Center Closed.

Tues., 1/20: 9:30am: Clay Glazing; **10am:** Shop Rite Dietician; Strong Minds Social Hour with Katie.

Wed., 1/21: 10am: Idea Factory - Tapestry Weaving.

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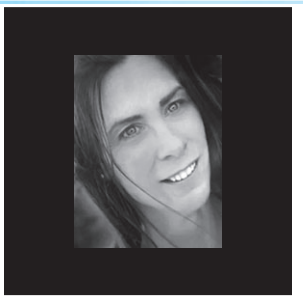

Jennifer Lynn Durato, "Jenn", age 50 of North Haven, Ct. passed away on January 7th, 2025. Jenn was born in Middletown on September 1st, 1975, to Catherine (Shegda) and Louis (Jim) Durato. Along with her mother Cathy and father Jim, she also leaves her brother Jamie and his wife Michele, her cherished cats, Loki and Cyrus, along with extended family. The family will be forever grateful for her dearest friends Tracy and Rita for their love and support throughout her illness.

Should friends desire, please consider making a donation in her memory to The Animal Haven 89 Mill Rd North Haven, 06473.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Lina Maria Bonet, age 81, of Wallingford passed away on January 10, 2026. Lina was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, the daughter of the late Efrain and Adelina (Lina) Thillet DeJesus.

Lina is survived by her children, Lisa Lorello and her husband Mark of Maine, Jaime Bonet and his wife Tracey of Wallingford, Jon Bonet and his wife Natalie of Newington, and Lynda LaMarche of Meriden, her grandchildren, Ashley Songco and her husband Matt Prozialeck, Jake Bonet and his wife Catarina, Kyle Bonet, Dacoda LaMarche, Tagger LaMarche, Ally Bonet, Tyler Bonet and Avery Bonet, her great grandchildren, Phoenix LaMarche and Knox Velasquez, and her former husband Jaime Bonet.

In addition to her parents, she is also predeceased by her brother Efrain DeJesus, Jr.

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Kimberli "Kim" Pulisciano, 63, of Wallingford, passed away suddenly on Monday January 12, 2026 at Midstate Medical Center. She was born in West Haven, on September 19, 1962 a daughter of Frank and the late Patricia (Manniel) Palmeri. Kim lost the love of her life the late Alberto Pulisciano who passed away in 2004 when she was suddenly faced with an immense challenge raising their seven children on her own. Although, she met that challenge like a warrior. Those who know her children understand the ups and downs that came with that journey, but through every hardship and every triumph, Kim gave her entire heart to her family. Her strength was quiet but powerful, and her love was constant. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend to everyone.

To honor Kim's memory, her family asks that you set aside your differences, hold your loved ones close, and remember how quickly life can change. At Kim's request, please consider donating to your local animal shelter or opening your home to a pet in need.

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Elaine (Lainey) Stowik departed this life on January 11, 2026. She was born on May 19, 1943 in New Britain, CT and was a longtime resident of Wallingford and Middletown, CT.

Elaine is survived by her children: Thomas (Catherine) Stowik, Glenn (Valerie) Stowik, and Sean (Denise) Stowik; loving partner Michael Staub and his family; sisters and spouses/partners Meg (Bishop) Haight and James Lagomarsino, Teresa (Pat) Bishop-Brahen; brothers Chris Bishop, Jerry (Jan) Bishop, Dennis (Rhonda) Bishop; seven grandchildren Turner, Paxton, Skylar (Stowik) Hickcox (Jeremy), Tyler, Isabelle, Thomas Jr., and Mia; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends. She is predeceased by her husband Louis Stowik, Jr., her parents Kenneth and Helen Bishop, and her brother James Bishop.

Should friends desire,, donations in Elaine's name may be made to the American Heart Association www.heart.org

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Eleanore M. (Brown) Dzwil, 80, of Clinton, formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Middlesex Shoreline Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Raymond Dzwil. Eleanore was born in New Haven on June 14, 1945, and was the daughter of the late William and Grace Rose Brown. She had worked as a teacher for Dag Hammarskjold Middle School in Wallingford for 34 years until her retirement. Stepmother of Robert Dzwil and his wife Deborah and Brenda Dzwil. Beloved Grammy of Alexander, Emily and Matthew Dzwil. Also survived by her cousin Janet Prevette and her beloved cat Lucky.

Should friends desire, memorial contribution may be made to Montowese Baptist Church, 201 Quinnipiac Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473.

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Donald Brombacker, age 86, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. He was born on April 25, 1939 to the late Norman and Madeline Brombacker in Brooklyn, NY. He was raised in Malverne, NY and later settled in Wallingford, CT.

Donald is survived by his son Andrew Brombacker and his wife Migta, his daughter Elizabeth Delli Gatti and her husband Carmine, his three granddaughters Francesca, Daria, and Eleanor, as well as his sister Carol Smiglin and her husband Peter.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in his memory to the Amazin' Mets Foundation (https://amazinmetsfoundation.org/).

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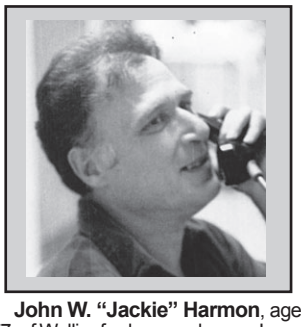

John W. "Jackie" Harmon, age 77, of Wallingford, passed away January 12, 2026. Born in New Haven on June 29, 1948, he was the son of the late William W. Harmon and Ellen M.G. (Hurwitz) Harmon. John lived most of his life in Hamden. John was a mechanic in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his sister, Jane Stevens of Hamden; his nephew, William Stevens, and niece, Cheryl (Anthony) Castillano, all of Hamden.

Should friends desire, donations in John's memory may be made to Tunnels 2 Towers, www.t2t.org, or the West Haven VA Hospital, 950 Campbell Ave., West Haven, CT 06516.

Services were held at the Beecher Bennett
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Barbara E. Scarpa Schull, 94, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 9, 2026, at her home in Georgia. She was the beloved wife of the late William E. Schull. Born in Derby on June 7, 1931, Barbara was the daughter of the late Angelo Hector and Ivy Dora Marshall Scarpa. She was the loving Mother of Jeffrey (Brenda) Schull, Marie (Roger) Couture, Kathleen Greening, William E. (Carol) Schull Jr., and the late Dr. Diane Schull. Grandmother of Adriana, Ashley and Jeffrey Jr. Schull, Heather (Matthew) Thayer and William E. Schull III, Amber (Taylor) Campbell, Christopher Couture and Alyssa (Logan) Millsaps, Brittany (Rodney) Hall and Kaitlyn (Stephen) Streets. Great grandmother of Leland and Madilynn Campbell, Beau and Connor Hall, James and Emma Thayer. Predeceased by her loving son-in-law Richard Greening.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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TO SAINT JUDE

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PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost $12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.

Wallingford Garden Club At Skyview Rehab Center For December





Pictured Above: Joellen Nellums, Betty Wilson, Karen Ciosek, Cheryl Solomon, Crissy Besaw, Laura Cannon, Skyview director Renae Musco. **Right:** Green sled w/card, and completed sleds.

Wallingford: The WGC visited the Skyview Rehab Center on Dec 16th 2025 to present a fun healing and therapy program. The room was filled with 12 residents ready to design a wooden sled ornament. They attached miniature gift boxes, pinecones and bells to the sled. A name tag was also attached to complete the project.

WGC member Joellen Nellums provided a snack of small cookies and Hershey kisses to each resident, while Crissy Besaw gave a signed Christmas card to participating residents. Cheryl Solomon and Suzanne Surato also passed out Christmas cards to all residents of Skyview!

Karen Ciosek, WGC president had stopped by to meet and greet many of the Skyview residents participating in this program. Skyview director Renae Musco was delighted with all WGC members for their wonderful programs provided to the Skyview members throughout the year.

The WGC team includes Crissy Besaw, Chairperson, Joellen Nellums, Cheryl Solomon, Suzanne Surato, Laura Cannon and Betty Wilson.

Wallingford Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc; New England Garden Club Inc., and National Garden Club Inc.

Photos taken by Betty Wilson

Warming Center at Keefe Community Center

The Town of Hamden, in partnership with Columbus House, Inc., will open an overnight winter warming center for those experiencing homelessness in our community.

Hamden's Warming Center is now open through March 29th, from 7pm-7am, seven (7) nights a week. It will be stationed at the Keefe Community Center Gym, located at 11 Pine Street. Please enter through the George Street parking lot, located at 19 George Street.

The warming center is not a "shelter" as no beds will be provided. It will offer a clean, safe, indoor overnight space to protect those in need from harsh weather conditions for those who would likely otherwise spend their nights outdoors. The warming center will be operated by trained Columbus House staff who will monitor overnight shifts and share community outreach information with our guests. Hamden Police will provide walk-throughs on a nightly basis.

Organizations or agencies interested in providing dinners and breakfasts are encouraged to contact Columbus House by email at sdimario@columbushouse.org or by phone at (203) 401-4400, ext. 138.

Residents wishing to contribute to the warming center may do so by donating items such as non-perishable, pre-wrapped snack food items and beverages. Donations of new socks, new underwear, gloves, hats, umbrellas, and rain ponchos are also welcome.

Donations may be dropped off at the Keefe Community Center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Donation receipts will be available.

For further information, contact:

- Keefe Community Center at (203) 562-5129
- The Columbus House Emergency Services Team at (203) 768-7232
- Deputy Chief of Staff, Alexa M. Panayotakis, at (203) 287-7100 or by email at apanayotakis@hamden.com

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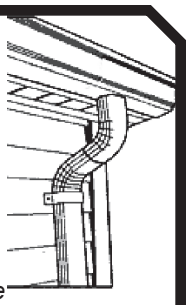

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Rental Scams Are Common. Avoid Them With These Tips



(StatePoint) Are you currently looking to rent a home or apartment? Then you need to protect yourself from rental fraud.

Rental scams are common. The Federal Trade Commission reported over 10,000 cases in 2023 alone. Fortunately, they are avoidable. By following a handful of practical, commonsense steps, you can protect yourself and avoid costly mistakes.

1. Always see the apartment before renting. Fraudsters are known to post phony ads using real pictures of properties they don't actually own. They will push you to rent the unit, and to send your personal information to them, without seeing the apartment first. Visiting a unit is not only a way to avoid this scam--it also has the benefit of helping you ensure the apartment fits what you are looking for. If you are moving to a new city and can't visit in person, ask if the property manager will take you on a video tour of the unit.

2. Don't pay rent or a security deposit until you have signed a lease. Application fees are commonly requested before signing a lease agreement, but the security deposit or first month of rent are not required before signing. Be especially careful if a prospective property manager asks you to wire transfer money. There's never a good reason to wire money to pay an application fee, security deposit or first month's rent. And when you wire money, it's the same as sending cash: you have no way to get it back.

3. If the price seems too good to be true, it might be. If the unit is listed for substantially less than other comparable units in the area, that could be a sign that the listing is part of a rental scam.

4. Make sure you sign a complete lease. Do not rent an apartment without signing a lease. When you get a copy of the lease, make sure to read it carefully and confirm key details. The agreement should always include these terms:

- Applicable fees
- Monthly rent cost
- Maintenance costs

If you have questions or concerns about the language in the lease, ask.

5. Do not give a property manager extensive personal information until you want to move forward. A property manager asking for personal information before you've seen a unit or before you've stated that you would like to rent the unit is often a sign of a scammer looking to steal your identity. That said, providing personal information, including your social security number, should be required before you are ready to move ahead with renting the unit.

6. Watch out for listings with grammatical and spelling errors. If the rental listing has a lot of errors, this might be a red flag. Most property managers will take the time to proofread the listing before they publish it online.

For clear guidance and tools to help you stay one step ahead of scammers, access Freddie Mac's My Home resources about fraud prevention at https://myhome.freddiemac.com/blog/keyword/fraud-prevention.

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QU And Hamden Police Conduct First On-Campus Joint Active-Aggressor Training Exercise



Pictured: Richard Cotto, director of training for the Hamden Police Department, led a joint exercise between the Hamden Police Department and the Public Safety Department at Quinnipiac University during a Jan. 7 training session at The Ledges residence hall at Quinnipiac.

Hamden: Months of planning by Quinnipiac University's Department of Public Safety culminated in a significant new milestone in campus safety preparedness with the university's first on-campus joint active-aggressor training exercise with the Hamden Police Department.

Held during winter break on January 7 at The Ledges residence hall on Quinnipiac's Mount Carmel Campus, the live exercise focused on coordinated response tactics, interagency communication, and operational preparedness between armed Quinnipiac public safety officers and members of the Hamden Police Department Emergency Services Unit/SWAT team.

The training underscores Quinnipiac's ongoing commitment to strengthening emergency readiness through close collaboration with local, state and federal partners, said Quinnipiac Chief of Public Safety Tony Reyes.

"This is part of an ongoing effort with our partners to ensure we are continuously training, identifying any interoperability challenges, and responding seamlessly if an incident were to occur," Reyes said. "This exercise reflects the strength of our partnership with the Hamden Police Department and our shared commitment to the safety of this community."

Reyes noted that on-campus, interagency training of this kind is uncommon and reflects a high level of mutual trust and collaboration.

"Very few police departments train with their university counterparts at this level," Reyes said. "I'm extremely proud of the relationship we have with Hamden Police. Their willingness to collaborate, share tactics, and train on-site speaks volumes about their commitment to Quinnipiac and to public safety."

Hamden Police Chief Edward P. Reynolds emphasized the importance of joint preparedness efforts.

"This training reflects our progressive approach to public safety and our commitment to proactive preparedness," Reynolds said. "By working hand in hand with Quinnipiac University, we are strengthening coordination, communication, and response strategies to help ensure the safety of students, staff, and the greater Hamden community."

The exercise was coordinated by Lieutenant John Jacobi, Quinnipiac Public Safety's lieutenant of training and professional standards, whose efforts were instrumental in planning and executing the university's first on-scene interagency training with Hamden Police.

Photo by Quinnipiac University.

ACADEMIC Excellence

WPI Students Complete Intensive Research Projects

At Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue.

The following local area students completed projects in the Fall of 2025:

Hamden: Ryan Nemeti, class of 2027, majoring in Computer Science, completed a project titled "Optimizing Biki for First/Last Mile infrastructure."

North Haven: Ethan Anderson, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Metrics That Matter."

Bryce Petersen, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Engineering, completed a project titled "Hands-on-Training for Next Generation Nanotechnologists."

GRADUATES

Trine University

Hamden resident, Muhammad Saleem completed requirements for a degree from Trine University at the end of the Fall 2025 semester.

Saleem earned a degee in Master of Science in Information Studies at Trine.

College of Charleston

Hamden resident, Liliana Otero Paugh recently graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology from the College of Charleston.

Otero Paugh was among more than 185 bachelor's degree and master's degree candidates who participated in the Winter Commencement ceremony on December 13, 2025.

PRESIDENT'S/ PROVOST'S LIST

Hofstra University

Wallingford resident, Madison Demko achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2025 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Madison's major is English.

Nichols College

Northford resident, Catherine Pollock has achieved President's honors during the Fall 2025 semester at Nichols College, for a grade point average of 3.85 or higher.

College of Charleston

College of Charleston congratulates the following local area students named to the President's List for Fall 2025:

Hamden: Liliana Otero Paugh, majoring in Psychology.

Wallingford: John Ackerman, majoring in Business Admin.

DEAN'S LIST

PennWest University

Wallingford resident, Makenna Sinisgalli was named to Penn West University's Dean's List for superior academic performance during the Fall 2025 semester.

Sinisgalli, a PennWest Edinboro student is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Hofstra University

Wallingford resident, Kyle Criscuolo excelled during the Fall 2025 semestra at Hofstra University, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Kyle's major is Television and Business.

Kutztown University

Wallingford resident, Lizzie Hope Brown has been named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List at Kutztown University, including Lizzie Hope Brown.

Saint Anselm College

Wallingford resident, Sara Wilonski was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

James Madison Univ.

Hamden resident, Lillian Torello has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

Assumption University

Assumption University has announced the following local area students who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester:

Hamden: Andrew Revels.

Northford: Robert Mullins.

Bucknell University

Bucknell University has released the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year. This includes the following local area students:

North Haven: Mikey Brandt, 2026, Markets, Innovation & Design; Colin Knauft, 2026, Economics; Ryan Skoronski, 2028, Biology.

Wallingford: David Sorrells, 2028, Mechanical Engineering; Chiara Vessicchio, 2026, Mechanical Engineering.

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., Jan. 21 (Snow Date Jan. 28): *Wildflower Folklore.* Ken Elkins. Learn to identify different wildflowers, their characteristics, habitats, and blooming seasons, as well as the rich history, mythology, and cultural significance surrounding various wildflowers.

Wed., Feb. 18 (Snow Date Feb. 25): *Container Gardening Indoors and Out.* Gregory Bugbee. Learn about choosing the right plants and potting soils for the right pots, watering and fertilizing techniques, and how to start plants from seeds and cuttings.