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

Foxes 101

• Foxes are very swift colorful dog-like mammals in which there are 12 distinct species.

• Their hearing is acute and can hear a mouse through three feet of snow.

• They have 28 sounds that allow them to communicate.

• Their eyesight is excellent at night.

• The Arctic Fox is able to withstand temperatures 50° below 0.

• Foxes are omnivorous, which means they feed on both plants and animals; their diet can consist of mice, rabbits, birds and even fish.

• The lifespan of a fox is only 1 to 3 years.

• The Grey Fox has the ability to climb trees.

• Their long tail is used for balance and to keep them warm.

I have had many sightings of foxes and know they are beautiful, a part of nature, and play an important part of the food chain.

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.