Express yourself in our Letters to the Editor



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 Unsigned letters will not be published.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

Kamp Family Dinner Fundraiser Thank You Letter

To The Editor: February 4, 2026

On the evening of Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Church Hall of Saint Therese Church 555 Middletown Ave, North Haven, the local Knights of Columbus Council's 3733 of North Haven and 6801 of North Branford worked together to host a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for the Kamp family. After the devastating and tragic house fire that took place last year on November 3, 2025 with the Kamp family losing their grandfather and son, we brother knights heard the call of charity from the people of this local community and with much hard work and dedication we made it a reality to do something about it.

The church hall was packed, the response was enormous, and everyone had a fantastic time. To those who came it will always be an evening for all of us to remember as we all felt as if we were all part of the same family. As the Grand Knight of the North Haven Council I couldn't be more proud of what we did and I want to thank everyone who was involved from the bottom of my heart. Dinner included pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, butter, coffee, and dessert. There were raffle prizes, a DJ, a slideshow presentation of pictures with videos and so much more.

It was truly moving to see our community come together with such compassion and generosity to support a family during an incredibly difficult time. The knights' motto, In Service to One, In Service to All, with all the volunteers who made this meaningful event possible, was clearly in the room that night and our dedication and kindness truly made a difference.

Sincerely, Andrea Puzio, North Haven

Religious Holidays Observance in North Haven Schools

To The Editor: February 6, 2026

Given that there are well over twenty world religions, and the academic year lasts just 180 days or so, it would be impossible to allow the observance of each to shut down the entire school system for each religion.

That being the case, it seems to me that instead of giving each its own observance day we should allow each student one excused day of absence of their choice to celebrate their religion and no more.

That way the schools could remain open for all 180 days and all could worship their chosen religion as desired.

Michael P Maturo, North Haven

Come Join the Fun at North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration 2026



Pictured: Last years participants.

North Haven: Join us on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the North Haven Parks and Recreation Center, located at 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, for a vibrant Earth Day Celebration. Now in its 18th year, this event is proudly sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission and highlights our shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

This free event invites residents and families to explore a wide range of engaging exhibits and demonstrations presented by local businesses, civic organizations, and state and local agencies. It's not just an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues: it's also a chance to discover ways to actively contribute to the improvement of life in North Haven.

We are bringing back the Scavenger Hunt, a fun filled activity with prizes, the Grand Prize being a Amazon Fire Tablet, and other prizes donated by the many exhibitors and vendors. FREE FACE PAINTING from 10:30 to 1:30 by Picasso Parties.

Attendees can look forward to exciting activities, displays, and hands on projects with many participants including Mystic Aquarium, North Haven Garden Club, The North Haven Camera Club, the North Haven Trails Association, Peters Rock Association, the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, free face painting by Picasso Parties, and many more. Come celebrate our planet and learn how you can make a difference.

New this year the Conservation Commission has invited several small home based businesses to join our celebration. We wanted to highlight and showcase the many talented entrepreneurs of North Haven and give them and opportunity to share and sell their craft with all attendees at Earth Day. Vendors include Cookie Girl CT, Oakwood Candles & Creations, Helena Angelic, 203 Woodworks, The Gift Girl, The Kitchen Witch, L.A. Farm, Brooklyn Dough & Co. LLC, Over the Raindow, and many more. *Article & photo by Cindy Golia*

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
Christin Richardson	48 First St. 2nd Fl.	12/01/2025
Amanda Rosado, Stephanie Algarin	670 Mix Ave. 6N	12/19/2025
Michelle Dajesus, Amela Cato	680 Mix Ave. 6E	12/19/2025

Anyone wishing to reclaim their belongings must do so by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Call Ace Van & Storage at 203.271-1555.

Items not claimed by that time will be sold at auction on Wednesday, February 25, 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 25, 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.

Sen. Cicarella Presents Legislative Citation at Planet Fitness Grand Opening in North Haven



Pictured (L-R): State Rep. Dave Yaccarino, North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, Planet Fitness Manager Ben, Planet Fitness Team Member Jaylyn, and State Sen. Paul Cicarella at the Planet Fitness grand opening in North Haven.

North Haven: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R–34) on Jan. 29 presented a legislative citation honoring Planet Fitness at the grand opening of its new facility at 55 Washington Ave. in North Haven. He was joined by State Rep. Dave Yaccarino (R–North Haven) and North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda.

The citation, introduced by Sen. Cicarella and Rep. Yaccarino, recognizes Planet Fitness for its continued expansion and commitment to promoting health and wellness in the community.

"Planet Fitness is providing our community with a modern, welcoming space that encourages people of all fitness levels to prioritize their physical and mental well-being," said Sen. Cicarella. "This new location reflects a strong investment in North Haven and offers residents accessible opportunities to lead healthier, more active lives."

"Health and wellness play a critical role in the strength of our communities," Sen. Cicarella added. "We are proud to welcome Planet Fitness to North Haven and wish them continued success as they serve their members with innovative fitness options and personalized services."

Rep. Yaccarino echoed those sentiments, saying, "It was a pleasure to recognize the Planet Fitness team at the opening of their new facility in North Haven. By investing in our community and creating a space that promotes resident well-being, Planet Fitness is strengthening both our local economy and the health of our community."

The General Assembly citation reads, in part:

"We join you today to celebrate your expansion at your newest location as well as to acknowledge your dedication and commitment to the Town of North Haven, the Greater New Haven region, and the State of Connecticut. We send best wishes in meeting your members' needs in offering a variety of health and wellness activities as well as personalized services. Please accept our congratulations and wishes for great success."

The new, state-of-the-art facility offers a clean, judgment-free environment designed to support a wide range of fitness goals. Amenities include cardio and strength-training equipment, a 30-minute full-body express circuit, and the Black Card Spa®, among other features.

Edward Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 484-0469.

Drop-In Tech Help: Wed., Feb. 11, 10am-1pm and Thurs., Feb. 12, 2pm-5pm. Free drop-in sessions of personal tech help. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

Support Group for Dementia and Alzheimer's Caregivers: Thurs., Feb. 12, 10:30am-12:30pm. Join facilitator Karen LaBanca for our Monthly Drop-In Caregiving Support Group. If you're responsible for a loved one, caregiver support groups are a way for you and others to share information, insight, advice, or words of encouragement in a safe and supporting space.

Library Teen Advisory Board: Thurs., Feb. 12, 2:30-4:30pm. Students in grades 7-12 can join the North Branford Libraries Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.). Give back to your community and have a say in what your library offers teens. Earn community service hours for each meeting you attend.

Tots & Tunes: Fri., Feb. 13, 10:30-11am. Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Saturday Story Time: Sat., Feb. 14, 10:30-11am. Join Children's Librarian Miss Mary for 30 minutes of stories, music, and movement. All ages. Registration not required.

Movie - "Wicked For Good": Sat., Feb. 14, noon-3pm. Join us for a viewing of the musical film, "Wicked For Good." Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba lives in exile, while Glinda resides in the Emerald City. As an angry mob rises against Elphaba, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good. Starring Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey, Jeff Goldblum, Michelle Yeoh and Ethan Slater. Registration required.

Holiday Closing: Mon., February 16. The Smith Library will be closed in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. We will reopen Tues., Feb. 17 at 10am.

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

Commission on Disability Rights and Opportunities Needs Your Help

The **Hamden** Commission on Disability Rights and Opportunities not only handles issues of compliance with the ADA law but sponsors events for adults with a disability like the Halloween dance and the Prom, but also events for families with a disabled person. We need more commission members in order to continue our work.

You do not have to be connected to a person with a disability or a venue that provides services. You just have to be a resident of Hamden and have a desire to provide a bright spot in people's lives.

For further information, contact Karimah Mickens, Hamden Town Clerk, kmickens@hamden.gov, (203) 287-7162.

