

That Hair Though Beauty Bar Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured (L-R): Matt Iovanne, Business Development Executive, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce; Mike Freda, First Selectman of North Haven; Nicole Dinihanian, Owner; and Mathew Dinihanian along with their children.

North Haven: The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce was delighted to organize a Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting ceremony for That Hair Though Beauty Bar located at 55e State Street, North Haven, CT on Monday, February 9, 2026

That Hair Though Beauty Bar is a locally owned hair salon and beauty bar offering a full range of professional hair and beauty services tailored to each client's style and needs.

Nicole Dinihanian, Owner said "I've been a hairdresser for over 20 years, a proud Paul Mitchell graduate, and born and raised in North Haven, which makes opening my own business here especially meaningful. I created this space to be somewhere people can relax, feel comfortable, and leave feeling like the best version of themselves. I was taught early on that this career is about being a "day maker," and that belief still holds true today. I'm so looking forward to meeting new faces in town and can't wait to welcome the community into That Hair Though Beauty Bar."

To learn more about the services offered at That Hair Though Beauty Bar, please visit <https://thathairthoughct.com/>

North Haven Memorial Library

17 Elm Street, North Haven

COMMUNITY INVITED TO CELEBRATE NEWLY UPDATED LIBRARY SPACES

The North Haven Memorial Library invites the community to celebrate the recent completion of library improvements with a special event on Saturday, February 21, beginning at 10:30am in the Community Room.

The morning will kick off with a brief ceremony followed by a community celebration welcoming residents to explore the library's newly updated spaces. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, enjoy light refreshments, and take a look at the many improvements designed to better serve the community.

Renovation highlights include:

- A new teen space
- A new & expanded café area
- New study/meeting rooms
- A redesigned Adult Service Desk
- New flooring in the Children's Department, Lobby and Community Room

Our community's needs and values guided these improvements," said Susan Griffiths, Director of Library Services. "These enhancements were designed to create more inviting, functional spaces for library users—places where people feel welcome, comfortable, and valued, where they can learn, explore, and connect with friends and the broader community."

The event is free and open to the public.

This renovation project was paid for in part by State funds provided by the Connecticut State Library, including \$249,999.00 in state bond funds made available for this project.

For more information, please contact the North Haven Memorial Library at (203) 239-5803 or visit www.northhavenlibrary.net.

NARFE Meeting

North Haven: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 257 monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 1pm at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Registered Dietitian Marisa McCoy who will present the Mind Diet for Brain Health.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.Narfe.org>

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. 18, 10am-1pm and Thurs., Feb. 19, 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.

Movie Matinee - Selma: Fri., Feb. 20, 1pm-3:30pm. Join us to

watch *Selma*, the 2014 biographical drama. A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965—IMDB. Starring David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo and Oprah Winfrey. Light refreshments served.

Little Makers: Mon., Feb. 23, and Tues., Feb. 24, 10:30-11am. Come for 30 minutes of making! Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a "Pete the Cat" craft. Recommended ages 2-6. Registration required.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: Feb. 23, 6pm-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

Senate Republican Leaders Meet with Local Carpenters at Yalesville Training Facility



Pictured (L-R): Miguel Fuentes, Carpenters Local 326 Council Member; Sen. Paul Cicarella; Senate Minority Leader Stephen Harding; David Silvey, NASCTF Training Coordinator.

Yalesville: Senate Minority Leader Stephen Harding (R-Brookfield) and Senior Deputy Senate Republican Leader Paul Cicarella (R-North Haven) visited the North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund (NASCTF) facility on Feb. 5, where they met with apprentices, instructors, and Local 326 leadership.

The senators toured the state-of-the-art training center and observed live carpentry training. The

visit was followed by a discussion on legislative priorities and the challenges facing Connecticut's carpenters and skilled labor workforce.

"The skilled trades are the backbone of Connecticut's economy and offer a real pathway to prosperity," said Harding and Cicarella. "Seeing these apprentices train firsthand highlights the technical skill, commitment, and quality instruction needed to fill these in-demand roles. We're committed to supporting unions like Local 326 and advancing policies that grow jobs and strengthen our workforce pipeline."

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Town of North Haven

REFUSE COLLECTION: WEEK OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

The North Haven Public Works Field Operations wishes to advise all North Haven residents that the refuse and recycling collection for the week of February 16th, 2026 President's Day will be **UNCHANGED**.

The Recycling Center on Elm Street will be open.

The Recycling Center's normal hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-12:00 noon and Saturdays from 8am-1:45pm.

Follow us on Facebook - Town of North Haven Public Works Field Ops.

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

FOR SALE: Corning six-cup teapot, "Spice of Life" pattern, pristine, like new condition \$25; (203) 606-0932

FOR SALE: Men's large black Arctic Cat snowmobile suit, very good cond. \$25; (203) 848-4582

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

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

WATER DAMAGE REPAIRS - CARPENTRY
WALL and CEILING REPAIRS
SHEETROCK - FINISHING - TEXTURING
FREE ESTIMATES - INSURED
HIC REG #0647093
MAJOR CHARGE CARDS ACCEPTED

203-901-2136

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF HAMDEN

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROGRAM YEAR 52 DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Availability of Plan for Public Comment and Review

The Town of Hamden has completed a draft of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 52 Annual Action Plan. Hamden receives entitlement funds on an annual basis through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for local projects to primarily benefit low- and moderate- income residents. The Town's estimated CDBG allocation for PY 52, which covers the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 is \$458,833. The amount of CDBG anticipated for PY 52 is based upon the 2025 funding level, and project budgets will be updated subsequent to HUD announcing the allocation.

The following projects are proposed for funding for PY 52:

Anticipated Annual CDBG Allocation	\$458,833
CDBG Program Administration (20% of allocation)	\$91,766
Public Services (15% annual allocation)	\$68,824
Infrastructure (sidewalks, other public infrastructure improvements, public facility improvements, etc.)	\$100,000
Small Home Repair Program- Residential Rehabilitation	\$198,243
Total CDBG Funding	\$458,833

Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT 06514 to accept public comments on the draft plan and proposed activities. The public hearing will include accomplishments reported in the CAPER submitted to HUD for the prior program year for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted at the February 25, 2026 public hearing.

Public Comment Period

The PY 52 DRAFT Annual Action Plan will be available beginning January 27, 2026 on the Town of Hamden's website <https://www.hamden.com/communitydevelopment> and in the Economic Development Department at Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue. A public comment period will commence on January 27, 2026, and will end at close of business on February 27, 2026. Translation may be provided with advanced notice.

Written comments on the proposed plan are encouraged. Please direct written comments to: cdbg@hamden.com. All comments will be considered prior to submitting the PY 52 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

Persons requiring translation services or persons with disabilities must contact the Town no less than three days in advance of viewing the draft plan or the public hearing date to request a reasonable accommodation necessary to participate in the proceedings.

La información será proporcionada en español por petición.