1060
NORTHFORD SUPER MART
1060 Middletown Ave., Northford, CT 06472
"Under New Management"
We are currently open
Temporary Hours:
Mon.-Sat. 10:00am-8:00pm; Sun. 10-6pm

I Pay Top Cash for your Grandma's Costume Jewelry Stash!
I buy all kinds of jewelry & collectables, the good, the bad & even the Ugly!
I'll come to you. Call Julie 203-443-9602

Connecticut Sheep, Wool & Fiber Festival Returns April 25, 2026



North Haven: The Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association is thrilled to announce the return of the Connecticut Sheep, Wool & Fiber Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the North Haven Fairgrounds, 290 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT. This beloved annual event celebrates the rich heritage of sheep farming and fiber arts in Connecticut and across New England.

Festival Highlights: Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Rain or Shine), Admission: $10 per person; children under 12 free; parking is free

Family-Friendly Activities:

• Sheep shearing demonstrations

• Wool preparation and quality workshops • Sheep dog herding demonstrations

• Fiber arts demonstrations • Care and maintenance of your spinning wheel

• Youth educational programs featuring fiber crafts

Vendor Marketplace: Explore a vibrant marketplace featuring local artisans, hand-dyed yarns, spinning wheels, looms, and unique fiber products.

Fleece Show & Sale: Pre-registered fleeces will be showcased and available for purchase in Barn 10.

The festival, which began in 1909, has grown into a premier event for shepherds, fiber enthusiasts, and the general public. It offers a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable fiber practices, meet local producers, and celebrate the artistry of wool and fiber crafts. Join in the celebration of the 117th annual festival!

Important Notes: No pets allowed for the safety of animals and visitors. See you there no matter the weather!

For more information, visit ctsheep.com or email secretary@ctsheep.com.

Spring Bulk Pickup

North Haven: The Department of Public Works, Field Operations, wishes to advise residents that the bi-annual Bulk Pickup begins the week of April 13-17 and April 20-24. Bulk items will be picked up on residents' regular garbage collection day.

Bulk Trash is Not Intended for Whole House Cleanouts. The Department reserves the right to deny pickup of bulk materials in excessive quantities. For whole house cleanouts and excessive amounts, residents will need to obtain a dumpster at their own expense.

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

• • • •

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 •

Document Shredding Event at Temple Beth

Hamden: Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Ave. will hold a Document Shredding event in the parking lot on Sun., May 17, from 9am-12 noon.

Cost: For Small Copy Boxes (18x12x12 inches or smaller) - $15 per box (NEW PRICE FOR 2026). For Large Banker Boxes (18x18x24 inches or larger) - $20 per box.

Also Available: Hard Drive Destruction and Computer Recycling - $20 each. CRT Computer Monitors - $20 each. Hard Drive Only - $10 each.

All items should be in a box or bag that can easily be picked up. Papter items only. No trash or non-paper items. No CDs, X-Rays, etc.

Please Enter Via the Whitney Avenue Entrance.

On-site shredding truck provided by Affordable Solutions, LLC.

Any Questions? Please Email: fundraising@tbshamden.com

Additionally, Temple Beth Sholom's Social Action Committee will be collecting cans and bottles, and school supplies, for their ongoing community projects.

Temple Beth Sholom is an egalitarian conservative synagogue with over 330 member families and singles from the Greater New Haven community.

• • • •

FOR SALE: Ladies pink bathrobe, S.P.A. brand, 3/4 length, universal size, original unopened package $10; (203) 606-0932

MAMA ROSA'S
Family Italian Restaurant & Pizza
352 State Street North Haven
(Across from FedEx)
203-248-6262
203-248-4644
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT
FREE DELIVERY
We deliver to North Haven, Hamden & New Haven
Fax Order: 203-248-0004
MAMA ROSA'S WEEKLY SPECIALS
PICK UP OR EAT IN - Cannot be combined with any other offers. Specials Expire 4/28/26
Appetizers
Garlic Bread Parm $4.00
Onion Rings sm $7.00 lg $9.00
Fried Mozzarella $9.95
Fried Calamari sm $15.00 lg $22.50
Lunch Specials
Cream of Broccoli sm $8.95 lg $12.95
Gorgonzola Salad sm $8.00 gr $10.50
Grilled Chicken Wrap Platter $13.95
Filet of Sole Francese w/ Pasta $24.95
Dinner Specials
Round Cheese Ravioli sm $10.95 lg $14.00
Rosa Eggplant Rollatini w/ Pasta sm $12.95 lg $17.95
Chicken Genova w/ Pasta sm $16.50 lg $21.50
Filet of Sole Florentine Over Pasta sm $15.00 lg $20.00
Chef's Special
Stuffed Shrimp $30.00
PLAIN CHEESE PIZZA SPECIAL
SM $10.95 MD $12.95 LG $14.95
Buy 2 Large Pizzas, 2 Toppings Each, Get a FREE Small Cheese Pizza
Pick Up or Delivery
With Coupon Only. Coupons May Not be combined with any other offers. Expires 4/28/26
$3.00 OFF when you spend $25.00
Pick Up or Delivery
With Coupon Only. Coupons May Not be combined with any other offers. Expires 4/28/26
15% OFF $15 or more
Expires 4/28/26
View Full Menu:
$10.00 OFF Catering Job
$125 or more
Expires 4/28/26
OPEN 7 DAYS
Mon-Thurs 10:30am- 10:00pm
Fri & Sat 10:30am-11:00pm
Sun 12:00pm- 9:30pm
www.mamarosasnorthhaven.com

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.

BOE Refers to Yearly Surplus as "Underexpended Funds"

To The Editor: April 9, 2026

I was just thinking about the definition of the word "surplus." Webster's Dictionary defines surplus as "the amount that remains when use or need is satisfied."

At the March 30th Board of Finance meeting, I said the Board of Education (BOE) has had a surplus every year, and I provided the amounts for each of the last 7 years. One year, the surplus was over $1 million. Another year, $695 K. These are not small amounts. These numbers came directly from BOE year-end reports. The BOE, however, calls it "underexpended funds." The BOE avoids the word "surplus" like the plague. They do not want you, the referendum voter, to know they do not use all the money they receive from the town.

So what happens to the "underexpended" money? The BOE is allowed to keep the money and they put it in reserve accounts for future use. I have no problem with the extra money going to reserves, but be honest about it. They do not budget for this money to go into these reserves. And that is my point. Like Webster says, these surplus amounts were not needed for budgeted expenses and operations. Every budget season, the BOE desperately claims they need every dollar requested. The BOE claims they have been underfunded for years. However, for 5 out of the last 7 years, the BOE received every dollar they requested. The last thing they want you to know is that they have money leftover every year. They even had a surplus of $291,263 in the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Folks, that was the year the budget was defeated at referendum, and as a result, $950,000 was reduced from the BOE budget, yet they still had a surplus.

My comments apparently bothered BOE member Amanda Gabriele. She referenced my surplus claims in a recent letter. Mrs. Gabriele claims it is "folly" to refer to reserves as a surplus. Folks, the real folly here is by Mrs. Gabriele, and Webster's agrees with me. The surplus going into the reserves is "the amount that remains when use or need is satisfied."

Please attend the April 13th budget public hearing at the high school. The proposed budget will raise your taxes by 5.4%. For the average homeowner (with an assessment of 300,000) your taxes will go up by $477. This will be the 4th significant property tax increase in a row. This is difficult not only for fixed income seniors, but also for many working families living paycheck to paycheck. Please attend.

On an unrelated matter, I want to talk to my fellow seniors. Like me, I am sure you are receiving countless phone calls for medicare plan options, final expense plans, and home improvements. Be careful. If they ask if you are on medicare, or if you are the homeowner, DO NOT say "yes"--they are recording you, and they want you on record saying yes. And please don't give your age. When they ask my age, I say 120, and they hang up.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally J. Buemi, North Haven

Groups in Town Should Not Be In Opposition to One Another

To The Editor: April 9, 2026

Every year during North Haven budget season there is a cynical attempt by a small lobby looking to reject any increase in taxes to reframe issues to fit their confirmation bias. Not every "no" vote is part of this group, but this small minority can have an outsized influence on community conversations. Those folks seek to intimate waste, fraud, and abuse where there is none and to suggest falsely that some departments, particularly education, are flush with cash. This year I've also repeatedly heard a nasty talk track that attempts to pit seniors against education supporters. This is a false dichotomy that must be rejected.

It is rare that a budget in this town does not pass and it is safe to say that a budget never passes without the support of seniors, seniors who routinely support education. Far from being just a group that "no longer has children in the school system", seniors work in our schools, have grandkids or are caregivers themselves for students, and reap the benefits of what a well-funded education brings, such as revenue from residents/businesses that want to move into town which in turn helps keep taxes lower and pay for additional services enjoyed by all residents. Concurrently, seniors are not the only ones in town on fixed incomes. Because the social safety net has been gutted, struggling working families in North Haven rely on the school system for many services outside of basic education; nutrition, physical/ mental healthcare, fitness, transportation, and more. These are not groups in opposition to one another, but united in struggle.

When all of the wealth is being redirected upwards to the millionaire and billionaire classes and neither party seems to be motivated to provide families with relief from the high cost of goods, utilities, healthcare, childcare, or housing, it can be easy to thinking rejecting municipal tax increases is the only lever one can pull to get the help you need. The burden placed on towns can manipulate our choices to appear as zero sum; fire or education, police or recreation, seniors or young parents. Unfortunately, the era of lower costs year-over-year will be over until there is real systemic intervention. Gas holidays, one-time checks, or robbing Peter to pay Paul won't cut it. Only one gubernatorial candidate this year is talking seriously about tax equity, Representative Josh Elliott of Hamden, Governor Lamont's longshot primary challenger. This shouldn't be a partisan thing. Red, blue and purple towns are all in the same boat. We need well-funded schools AND financial relief for working families now.

Sincerely,
Tim Gabriele, North Haven