I WAS JUST THINKING.....
By Sally J. Buemi
Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking about Time (no, not the magazine). Einstein spent his life trying to understand Time, along with its relatively close friend, Space. We surround ourselves with all sorts of devices to measure Time; we are obsessed with it – "What Time is it?" – "There isn't enough Time" – "How much time will that take?" – I could go on forever, however long that might be. And maybe that's my point – Time is forever. The universe may have started with a big bang, and it might end with another big bang, but I think Time will just keep going.

Even though we know that every minute has 60 seconds, Time can play tricks on us. This past summer, for example, one scorching hot day after another, we endured a seemingly endless election campaign season. Every day, we were reminded how many days until the election. The countdown to November 5th was as slow as the last 10 seconds before a Saturn V launch (for you younger folks, the Saturn V rocket sent the Apollo astronauts to the moon).

Election day mercifully came and went, along with all those campaign ads, and now, our friend Time is zooming along to Christmas and a New Year. Very soon, we will be reminding ourselves to write 2025 on a check - for those of you, like me, who still prefer to write checks.

I will be 68 in a week, which means the big 7-0 is gently knocking at my door. I remember when my Dad turned 70 and I gave him a big party. I thought "Wow, Dad is getting up there!" The older I get, the more open I am about my age. Honestly, except for leg stiffness when I sit for too long and some strange sleeping habits, I don't feel any different from when I was 38. The biggest difference is I now understand all the medicare and social security rules.

Sometimes, people ask what age would you like to be? That's a tough one - my first instinct is to say "5 years old" so I can grow up all over again. I grew up right here in North Haven, in the 1960s – and despite the turmoil of that decade, it was a wonderful Time here in town. People often say "I want to be younger, but I want to know what I know now." Well folks, that's cheating – Time doesn't allow that kind of cheating. Knowledge must be earned through the life experiences that only Time can give you.

I am content enough at being almost 68. I love my family, I have great friends, I love cats and I love my house. I also love being on the Board of Selectmen. I have no complaints with Time. I am thankful for the knowledge that Time has given me, and I know I want to be here for as much Time as possible. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope you are truly thankful for all that Time has given you so far.

I mentioned the Board of Selectmen, so I feel obligated to talk about town issues. The big issue right now is that North Haven is going through a Revaluation for the October 1, 2024 Grand List. A Reval. is required by state law every five years. The taxes you will owe in July 2025 and January 2026 will be based on this new Reval. assessment of your property.

You recently received a Revaluation Notice. Don't throw it away. Read this Notice carefully and learn your rights and procedures to challenge the new assessment of your house. The assessed value is 70% of market value. You pay tax only on the assessed value. Here is a simple example. If your house is worth 100,000 (market value) then your assessed value is 70,000. You pay tax on that 70,000. The new mill rate (yet to be calculated) will determine the taxes you owe next year.

Your assessed value is very likely going up significantly because of the Reval. House values are higher now. And if you made improvements to your house since 2019, that can also contribute to the increase in valuation. Some people might see a 25% increase, others might see 50% or somewhere in between. Do not use the current mill rate of 34.64 to determine your taxes next year. Because the Reval. assessments are going up so much, the new mill rate will certainly go down even if next year's town budget is higher. Please don't panic. I will have much more to say on this Reval. as we go through the budget.

Have a safe & Happy Thanksgiving! You can contact me at sbuemi5 @comcast.net.

ConnexCares Kickoff of Annual Holiday Give

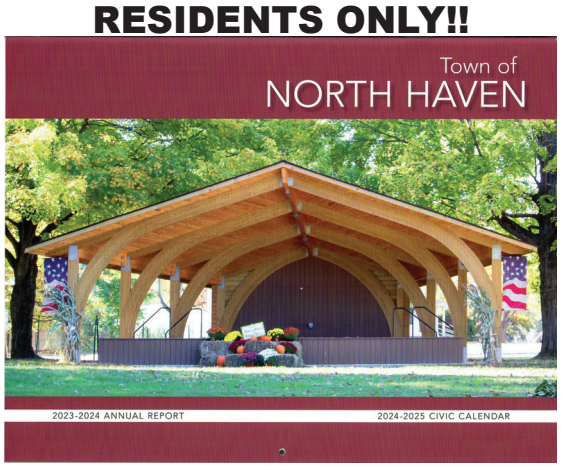
North Haven: ConnexCares is excited to announce its annual Holiday Give in support of Children in Placement, a local New Haven nonprofit advocating for abused and neglected children in the welfare and judicial systems. As the holiday season approaches, ConnexCares continues its commitment to the community and children's health and wellbeing by collecting items needed to support Children in Placement's programs.

This year, ConnexCares is collecting new and unwrapped boys' and girls' toys, books, clothing, and personal care items. ConnexCares welcomes donations of any kind, however, toys and items for young adolescents and teens would be most appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcome.

The Holiday Give collection will run now through December 10. Donation boxes can be found at all Connex branches in Branford, Guilford, Hamden, Meriden, Monroe, Orange, New Haven and North Haven.

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