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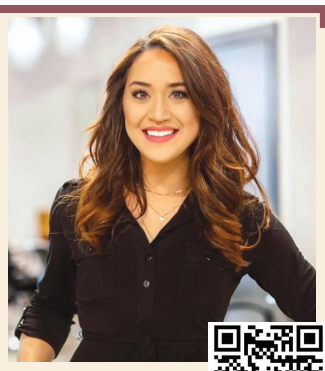
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Community Services Requesting Items for Food Bank

North Haven: The Community Services Food Bank is currently seeking assistance in replenishing items in the food bank. The following items are greatly needed: Macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups and stews, chili, baked beans, any Chef Boyardee items, peanut butter and jelly.

A wish list is available on Amazon in which donations can be directly shipped to Community Services. Go to Amazon, search Gifting and Registry, click on Amazon Gifting and Registry, search North Haven Food Bank. You will find Year-Round Food Bank Needs. Or you can click on: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3PAX9ZNQVYA8K.

Or donations can be dropped off at The Department of Community Services, located at 5 Linsley Street during business hours Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Any questions regarding donations or any residents interested in accessing the food bank, please contact Robert Snurkowski in the Department of Community Services from Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at (203) 239-5321, x502.

Town Issues Reminder on Clearing Sidewalks

Wallingford: Mayor Vincent Cervoni has issued a reminder to all Wallingford residents, property owners, businesses and occupants of properties regarding their responsibility for the care of the abutting public sidewalks.

Municipal Ordinance #198-11 requires that snow and ice be removed from the sidewalk by the abutting property owner, following the end of the storm. Sidewalks must be cleared of any snow or ice, within eighteen (18) hours after the end of the storm. If the storm ends at night, the deadline for removal of any snow and ice will be eighteen (18) hours after sunrise.

The minimum cleared width of the path shall be three (3) feet. In no case shall snow from private property be deposited in the public roadway.

In the event that the ice cannot be removed, the property owner must make the sidewalk safe and passable, which may include the placement of sand or other suitable deicing materials.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance can result in a $25.00 per day fine for each day the snow is not removed and the actual cost for the Town to clear the sidewalk. The Police Department is authorized to issue notices and/or citations in this situation.

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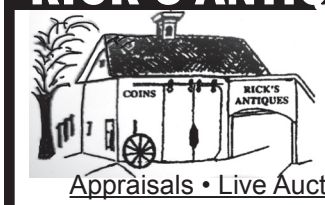

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Come Join The Fun at North Haven Earth Day Celebration



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, and more.

Article & photo by Cindy Golia

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2025-26 HEATING SEASON APPLICATIONS

This Office of Social Service is now taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program for those who heat with a deliverable fuel. **Those that heat with a utility can now make appointments.** The program helps people pay for heat and weatherize the home. Eligibility is based on income; assets are no longer reviewed. This is not an entitlement program.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at (203) 484-6006 or (475) 655-0412 to make an appointment. A flyer with required documents is available in both public libraries, the Office of Social Service lobby at STW Community Center and online at https://www.northbranfordct.gov/192/Energy-Assistance-Program

You must bring copies of your required documents if you need your originals returned. This office cannot make copies for you. Applications cannot be completed without the required documents.

You may also apply online at https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply.

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Muslim Students Taking Steps to Formally Recognize Eid Al-Fitr With a Day Off

To The Editor: February 3, 2026

With a new year upon us, we begin to look forward to what awaits us in 2026. And while there is much uncertainty, one thing remains a constant; North Haven remains a welcoming and inclusive community with wonderful schools that recognize the dignity of each student.

Late last year, a number of Muslim children and families representing roughly 100 students currently attending North Haven Public Schools attended Board of Education making the case that one of their holiest of holidays, Eid al-Fitr, a day recognizing the end of Ramadan and the breaking of a month of fasting, be recognized as a formal holiday on the school calendar, just as high holy days like Christmas, Easter, Yom Kippur, and Rosh Hashanah already are. Although I am not Muslim myself, I applaud this group's self-advocacy and join them in making the case to the Board of Education as they plan next year's calendar to recognize this growing and important part of our community.

Taking this step would put us in line with nearby towns like Milford, West Haven, Orange, and Fairfield, among others, who have already formally recognized Eid Al-Fitr with a day off and recognition within the school system of why this day is an important tradition to the over two billion Muslims of the world. I could think of no better way of helping to develop responsible, educated, and productive global citizens capable of thriving in an ever-changing world than to honor this important tradition with the respect it deserves.

Sincerely,
Tim Gabriele, North Haven

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