HAMDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY CONGREGATE HOUSING & ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Applications are being accepted for Newly Renovated Studio and 1-Bedroom Apartments.

These Apartments include kitchens, walk-in showers, laminate flooring and new insulated windows as well as updated heating and cooling systems. Heat, air conditioning and electricity are included in monthly rent.

Qualifications:
Applicants must be 62 years of age or older.
Income cannot exceed $65,050/year for 1 Person, $74,350/year for 2 People.

Services:

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24 Hour Staff Coverage

Daily Activities:
Daily Social Hour
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Arts and Crafts
Pizza Parties
Musical Entertainment
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*All services listed above included in monthly rent.

In addition, we also offer Bath Service, Laundry Service, and Assist with Medications.

If interested, please call 203-248-9036/711 Relay CT to request an application.

For more information please visit our website: www.hamdenhousing.com

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

"We Can Do Better in Connecticut"
By Sen. Paul Cicarella



State Senator Paul Cicarella

Have your electricity costs gone down? For thousands of families and businesses in our district, soaring rates remain a major burden. This week, the Governor and majority Democrats struck a backroom deal to extend the tenure of PURA Chairwoman Marissa Gillett, who oversees the agency regulating our electric rates. Some legislators blame her for the staggering increases, while other lawmakers see her as an advocate for ratepayers—a political "hot potato."

To appease her legislative critics and ensure her re-nomination for a four-year term as chairwoman, Democrats agreed to remove PURA from the Executive Branch, making it a "quasi-public" entity. This type of entity raises more questions. Senate Republicans have for years called for reform of the state's "quasis" that are subject to, at best, modest legislative control.

We all continue to face the burden of energy bills that have doubled and sometimes tripled. This hardship is exacerbated by current policies that prioritize unrealistic environmental agendas over commonsense, immediate relief. I have been at the forefront of advocating for eliminating the "Public Benefits Charge" and promoting more economical and efficient energy sources like nuclear and hydropower.

These steps are essential for introducing genuine competition, reducing costs, and easing financial pressures on our families and business owners. Energy affordability is a gateway to affordability across the board in Connecticut. Democrats have another opportunity to work with us to achieve this end—this should not be a partisan issue.

Connecticut has one of the highest costs of living in the country, recently ranking third in the nation for property taxes, and second behind Hawaii in electric rates. These are not rankings that we should be proud of. I've joined my Republican colleagues in proposing policies to cap excessive licensing fees, reduce income taxes, and limit property tax increases. By also cutting unfunded mandates, we can reduce costs for towns and businesses—savings that should be passed on to you.

Beware of the majority's push for tax hikes under the guise of "revenue enhancements." Expanding government spending always leads to higher costs for taxpayers. As a member of the newly formed Government Oversight Committee, I will push for efficiency and eliminate wasteful spending.

Business creates jobs and we must have a state that clears the way for them to do so. I've talked to hundreds of business owners across our district and the state, and their frustrations are similar. As a small business owner myself, these frustrations are mutual. How can we clear the decks for businesses to thrive?

This session, I'm offering and supporting ideas that reduce taxes and fees or requirements, even allowing full expensing of capital expenses—allowing businesses owners to invest their money in the people of this state with job opportunities. Also, the legislature must take a hard look at ways to eliminate nonessential unfunded mandates on businesses. Among the many other ideas that I'm supporting, these are some of the most practical.

At the same time, it's critically important to reduce barriers to careers in the skilled trades and occupations—licensing fees to perform these jobs should not exceed $100. Why should some be overly taxed based on their occupation? This is not right and must change.

Working together, I will continue to advocate for commonsense solutions that directly address the concerns of families, businesses, and seniors across the 34th District. Connecticut should be a state where living, working, and retiring isn't a daily struggle like it is today.

While there are many challenges ahead, there are many opportunities to turn our state around. Fortunately, these solutions should not be difficult, nor should they be partisan. I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle throughout the 2025 session to make our state one that's affordable where people can thrive.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office with your questions, concerns, and ideas at senatorcicarella.com.

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
Carlos Eichler	70 Circular Ave, Unit 204	12/20/2024
Stephanie Avery & Braulio Mendez	1454 Dixwell Ave., #3	01/10/2025

Anyone wishing to reclaim their belongings must do so by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Call Ace Van & Storage at 203.271-1555.

Items not claimed by that time will be sold at auction on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 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, March 12, 2025.

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.

North Haven Garden Club Welcomes New Member At Their February Meeting



Pictured: Cindy Golia with Rich Glasson.

North Haven: On Thursday February 13th, North Haven Garden Club members welcomed new member Rich Glasson to our club. Rich is a long time resident of North Haven who has many hobbies including photography and growing Christmas cactus. North Haven Garden Club member Cindy Golia welcomed Rich by presenting him with a yellow rose with babies-breath.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc., New England Garden Clubs Inc., and The National Garden Clubs Inc.

Article and photo by Cindy Golia

North Haven DTC Invites Community to Winter Warm Up

The North Haven Democratic Town Committee (DTC) invites residents to shake off the winter chill and join us for our Winter Warm-Up on Sat., March 8, from 1-3pm at the Emerald Room of the The Clarion Hotel, located at 201 Washington Avenue, North Haven.

This family-friendly event will feature light bites, a cash bar, and fun activities such as a photo booth for your winter selfies and a craft station. It's a great opportunity to connect with fellow Democrats, meet local leaders, and enjoy an afternoon of good company and conversation.

Donations will also be collected at the event for The Umbrella Center, a 24/7 shelter providing services and resources to families and individuals who have experienced domestic violence that is part of the BHCare family of service providers. Donations may include diapers/pull-ups, baby wipes, craft kits for families, grocery and shopping gift cards, boxes of individually packed snacks, juice boxes, canned soup, tupperware, or ziploc bags.

Don't miss this chance to step in from the cold, say hello, and be part of the conversation about North Haven's future. ***Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Feb. 28*** at Lisaanton@gmail.com.

The North Haven Democratic Town Committee is committed to promoting Democratic values, supporting local candidates, and fostering community engagement. The North Haven Democratic Town Committee is volunteer-driven organization whose success is driven by community contributions. To keep this and future endeavors possible, donate what you can at /www.northhavendemocrats.com/donate

For more information, visit www.NorthHavenDemocrats.com.

Are You Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Tutor Job?

New Haven: If so, become a tutor at Springs Learning Center in New Haven. We are an educational Center supported and established by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. We provide a holistic literacy program for underserved adult learners with an emphasis on English as a Second Language.

The overall goal of the Center is to provide individual tutoring in basic literacy skills. The commitment is one hour a week and the learners are most grateful for the assistance. All training and materials are provided. If you can speak English, you can teach English!

To reach the Center, please call (203) 787-1025 or email annemarie.chuckrey@oppeace.org for further information. We encourage potential tutors to make an appointment and fill out an application.

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WANTED: Buying older beer cans, flats, conetops, single cans or entire collections; (203) 915-7662 •

VFW Post 8294 Membership

No. Branford/Northford *Post 8294 Veterans of Foreign Wars wants you.* If you are a military veteran or on active duty and you were involved in a foreign conflict, you are eligible to join. We have an in-house service officer that can help you with your questions and applications for veterans benefits such as medical and etc. You do not have to be a resident of Northford or North Branford to join.

Post 8294 in Northford is involved with many community and veteran activities. We also have an active men's auxiliary that is made up of members that were not in a foreign conflict.

If you might be interested in joining regular Veterans of Foreign Wars or Auxiliary, or just need information on veterans benefits, please call the Post at (203) 239-1188, after 3pm and ask for our Quartermaster, or stop by and visit our new Post loation at 1038 Middletown Ave., Northford.

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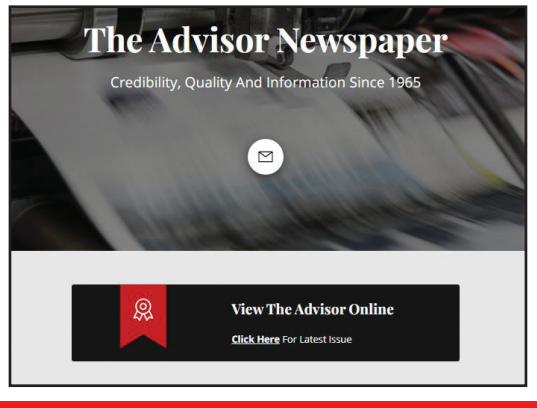

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Upcoming Reunions

NORTH BRANFORD H.S. CLASS OF 1975

Save the Date: August 22, 2025 from 6pm-10pm - The North Branford High School Class of 1975 will hold their 50th Class Reunion at Amarante's, New Haven.

For more information and updates: Facebook group **NBHS Class of 1975.** Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) to **NoBranfordHSClassof1975@gmail.com**.

Please share this information with other classmates.

NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

North Haven High School classmates of 1975, come join us in celebrating our 50th Year Class Reunion of the maroon & white. Dining, dancing, connecting with old friends, and celebrating our youth.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025; 6pm-10pm at Terrace on the Green at Traditions Golf Club, Wallingford.

We are looking to reach as many of our classmates as possible. We need your help to make this a night to remember. Please contact: Elaine - erjpiano@aol.com; Bruce - ktzman@aol.com; Patti - patti-mac@comcast.net; Dan - Daniel.fiasconaro@ya hoo.com with your information.

Pass this "save the date" information along to your friends so they can contact us too. Follow our Facebook page: North Haven High School 50th Reunion for updates.

Come join in the fun, enjoy reminiscing our memories and creating new ones. Formal invitations will follow. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970

Save the Date: Sat., Oct. 11, 2025. Hamden High School Class of 1970 will hold their 55th Reunion at Café Amic, Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Details to follow. Please share with your friends from our class. Follow us on Facebook at HHS Class of 1970.

Any questions, please call or text: Maureen (Fisk) Anderson at (203) 430-5229, or Joyce Goldberg at (860) 992-4706.

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FOR SALE: L-shaped desk with matching wooden filing cabinet, cherry wood, legal & letter size $350 or best offer; (203) 430-2829 •

FREE: Catheter bags, three large, five leg; (203) 269-6212 •