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Going the Extra Mile for a North Haven Resident

To The Editor:

September 16, 2026

I wanted to take a moment to publicly thank State Representative Dave Yaccarino for helping me with something that was very important to me and my family.

As a United States citizen, I recently began the process of applying for dual citizenship in Ireland. Like many people dealing with an unfamiliar government process, I wasn't really sure where to turn or who might be able to point me in the right direction. I decided to reach out to my state representative, Dave Yaccarino.

What impressed me was that Dave could easily have told me that this was not a state matter and there was little he could do. Instead, he listened.

He took the time to understand what I was trying to accomplish, helped me with the documentation I needed, and reached out to the appropriate Irish consular officials on my behalf. His assistance helped move the process along, and I am now very proud to be a citizen of both the United States and Ireland.

I'm writing this letter because I think people should hear about the times when an elected official simply helps a resident who asks for assistance. There were no headlines involved and no obligation for Dave to get involved. He simply saw someone from his community who needed some help and did what he could.

That meant a great deal to me.

Thank you, Dave, for answering the call, taking the time, and going the extra mile for a North Haven resident. I truly appreciate everything you did for me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Lucey, North Haven

CT State Building Trades Council Endorsement For Dave Yaccarino

Congratulations Dave! The Connecticut State Building Trades Council (CSBTC) is proud to endorse your candidacy for State Representative.

As a long-time friend and supporter of working men and women in Connecticut's unionized construction industry, you have consistently demonstrated your commitment to protecting and advancing issues important to our members and their families.

The CSBTC is a diverse council representing over 13 different crafts encompassing approximately 30,000 construction workers across Connecticut. Electing leaders like yourself is critical to protecting core standards such as prevailing wage laws, Project Labor Agreements, workforce development initiatives, strong apprenticeship and apprenticeship-readiness programs, occupational licensing standards, and open competitive bidding laws.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of these priorities and your commitment to standing with union construction workers across our state.

Please feel free to use our logo on your campaign materials.

Congratulations again. If you have any questions or would like to share campaign information with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at csbtc@csbtc.org.

Good luck in your campaign. We look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

Keith Brothers, President; Joe Toner, Executive Director
CT State Building Trades Council

Sen. Jorge Cabrera Comment On Insurance Department Rate Hikes For 220,000 CT Residents

State Senator Jorge Cabrera (D-Hamden), who is Senate Chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, has issued the following statement in response to the Connecticut Insurance Department announcing on Friday, September 11, 2026, its final rate decisions for 2027 that affect 220,000 Connecticut residents who are insured on the Access Health CT health insurance exchange.

Following extensive actuarial analysis, the Department approved an average increase of 11.3% in the individual market and 15.1% in the small group market, compared with initial insurance company requests of 16.2% and 17.8%, respectively.

"History tells us that the Insurance Department was never going to be able to reduce the requested rate hikes by more than a few percentage points. This has been the pattern over the past decade, as health care and prescription costs and new health care mandates rise faster

than anyone can afford. Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans cutting federal health care subsidies also hurt Connecticut residents and affected rate increases. Insurance companies make profits. Pharmaceutical companies make profits. But if we're truly serious about offering 220,000 people in Connecticut quality, affordable health care without these annual price spikes, we need to enact universal health care – first in Connecticut, then nationwide. America is the only wealthy country on the planet that doesn't offer some form of universal health care. The existing system is obviously broken, so it's time for a new system. That's the solution.

The good news is that we took a major step in that direction in May, when Democrats passed a budget that calls for creating the Connecticut Option plan, which is designed to lower health care coverage costs and expand health care coverage."

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Spring Glen Garden Club Upcoming Brookvale Fall Festival



Pictured: Members of Hamden's Senior Center at a recent pizza party.

Hamden: The Spring Glen Garden Club will have a booth at the upcoming Brookvale Fall Festival. Please come by and see what goodies we have available.

The Club is looking for new members. If interested call Dorothy at 203-934-5975 or 475-434-8017. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Garden Club ongoing projects include gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House.

Other projects of the Club are a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (*Quercus rubra*) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

Upcoming Reunions

**WILBUR CROSS H.S.
CLASS OF 1962**

New Haven: Wilbur Cross High School Class of 1962 will hold their Class Reunion on **Saturday, Oct. 10**, from 12 noon-4pm at Bellini's Restaurant, 2 Broadway, North Haven. Cost: \$60 per person.

Please mail checks to: Roseanne Maggio, 20 Notkins Street, Hamden, CT 06514.

**HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1971**

The Hamden High School Class of 1971 will hold their 55th Reunion on **Friday, Oct. 23** at Anthony's Ocean View; \$70 per person.

For more information, please call Ken Mahoney at (203) 903-3257.

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

FOR SALE: Sears hydraulic floor jack, 2-ton \$50; (203) 980-4322 •

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

Trials and Tribulations

Let it be known that there will always be challenges in life, which is not under our control. But it's how we react to these obstacles that will enable us to move forward in an optimistic fashion.

- Your character is based on what you give not what you take.

- It is always better to be alone than to be with someone who does not value you.

- Do not make excuses for things that you didn't intend to do in the first place.

- If you are a believer, you will be happier, live longer and be more content.

- Whenever possible, always try to avoid people who are cynical.

- Strive to be happy and successful in anything you do.

- Setting an example should be one of your priorities.

- The most intelligent person in the room may not be the one who is doing the most talking.

- Because something has been done a certain way for years, does not mean there is an easier way.

- Personally speaking, I consider myself to be an auspicious person and think there is a logical and practical solution to every problem.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

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Holiday Collection Drive



North Haven: The GFWC Women's Club of North Haven are once again collecting 2027 calendars and unused holiday/seasonal cards. This year, in addition to the calendars and cards, we will also be collecting Adult word search/ puzzle books, Adult coloring books and colored pencils. The club will also be collecting new or gently used winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for both men and women veterans.

The collection will end on November 28th. Please call or text Michele Charm at 203-915-8990 for further information and drop off location.

and clean energy rebates and services available in Connecticut.

To find out more and get involved, please contact Kenny Foscoe at kfoscoe@snet.net or call (203) 589-1512.

Clean Energy Task Force Looking for New Members

North Haven: Are you concerned about our changing climate? Interested in helping North Haven residents, businesses, and our town government save energy and lower utility bills?

Want to help us to move to a clean energy economy? GREAT! You are just who we've been hoping would join us on the North Haven Clean Energy Task Force because we are looking for more members.

As a town-sponsored task force, we work closely with the town and residents to promote and provide opportunities for energy conservation and clean energy. We have had many successful campaigns, including promoting Home Energy Solutions energy assessments, with 40% of North Haven residents participating. We have also led campaigns to educate residents about home solar options and heat pumps, and connected them with local vendors to install these clean energy technologies so they can realize savings immediately. There is more work to be done!

Even with the clean energy setbacks at the federal level, there are many energy efficiency

NHHS Sports Hall of Fame Athletes to be Honored

North Haven High School Sports Hall of Fame proudly announces the following individuals who will be honored at the 25th Awards Ceremony and Lunch on Saturday, October 24 at The Woodwinds in Branford:

Frank LaMonaca - Athlete, Class of 1975

Christopher LeGates - Athlete, Class of 1987

Steven Niles - Athlete, Class of 1989

Max Joyner - Athlete, Class of 1991

Brittany Nelson D'Andrea - Athlete, Class of 2006

Mark Zurlis - Athlete, Class of 2012

Ticket information will be available on our website NHHS Sports Hall of Fame - NHHS Sports Hall of Fame - North Haven Athletics later this summer!