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Probus Community Day of Giving

Hamden: HELP US add to our inventory of clothing for the Greater New Haven homeless, at-risk families and veterans NEED THESE ITEMS.

We are planning a WEEKEND of donation in NEW HAVEN, November 14-15.

Shelters: NEED TWIN SHEETS, BLANKETS, TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, Plastic forks/spoons. We could use additional COATS, HATS, GLOVES and SWEATERS, for this Community Day.

DONATION LOCATION: We will be at KOHLS in Hamden, on Sunday, NOVEMBER 8TH, from 10am-2pm, collecting your donation of the warm needs for this affected community.

We are a 501c3 organization. Your donation may be tax deductible.

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Hamden Woman's Club Honors Elle Gaetano "Spotlight Member Award", Oct. 2026



Pictured: Elle Gaetano, HWC's "Spotlight Member for October, 2026".

Hamden: Congratulations to our longtime, dedicated member, Elle Gaetano, on being recognized with the Hamden Woman's Club award, "Spotlight Member for October"! She joined our Club way back in 1991, bringing her boundless energy to every area in which she participated . Throughout her 35 years as a member of the Hamden Women's Club, Elle Gaetano has had the pleasure of participating in and chairing many committees and activities, including Home Life, Hospitality, International Suppers, Sunshine person, Telephone Squad, Installation Banquets, Charity Luncheons, Fashion Shows, and Holiday parties. She also has had the honor of serving as First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and HWC President from 2015-2017. WOW!

While Elle is proud of the many activities and events that she has been a part of, what means the most to her are the friendships that she has made along the way, which are truly special!

When asked about her dedication to the HWC, Elle responded: "Our HWC Collect says it all: We make friends, work together, have fun, and learn from one another. Most importantly, we are there for each other. I have never met a more caring group of women who are always willing to lend a helping hand and offer their support to each other and to the community. For anyone looking to become involved in a group of dedicated women who value friendship, service, and community, the Hamden Women's Club is a wonderful place to start. I am grateful for the many wonderful memories and lifelong friendships these 35 years have brought me."

We, HWC members, wish to sincerely thank Elle for her dedication, service, leadership, and friendship.

PLEASE JOIN US! Formed in 1951, our Hamden Woman's Club is now celebrating 75 years of service in our community and all women of 18 years and older are welcome.

Come to a general meeting to learn about the Hamden Woman's Club and our commitment to the community, including events and activities members engage in. As we continue to build friendships, encourage participation, welcome new members and create meaningful opportunities to serve the community together, we want our club to be a place where women can connect, grow, make a difference and blossom together.

During November and December, the Homelife Committee, chaired by Linda Bishop and Shirley Mero are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, socks & other "Gifts of Warmth" for those in need. These clothing items will decorate the "Mitten Tree" in the foyer of the Miller Library. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Our Rada Cutlery Fundraiser is ongoing and will continue all year through May. They are best known for their excellent qualty of their knives but they sell many more kitchen items/gadgets that make great gifts. Browse through the catalog in the link of our new website. Everything is made in the USA with a lifetime warranty since 1948! For more information , visit our website or please contact Sharon Welch, @ srwelch011@hotmail.com

Our next meeting will be on November 4, to 2026 at 6:30pm at Hamden Senior Center, which is located at the rear entrance to the Miller Library. Our Guest Speaker will be Mayor of Hamden, Adam Sendroff, who will be happy to answer your questions and concerns. Following this, our members will cut paper snowflakes to decorate local retirement residences for winter holidays.

VISITORS, GUESTS & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings! Please come by and plan to stay for our social hour of "calories and camaraderie" while getting to know us! Our members are wonderful cooks and bakers! We hope to see you there!

For more info, please visit our website: https//:hamdenwomansclub.org

Hamden Symphony Orchestra Presents "A Place For Us"

The all-volunteer Hamden Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Vesna Mehinovic, will open its 65th season with their Fall performance, "A Place For Us" on Fri., Nov. 20 at 7:30pm in Hamden's Memorial Town Hall auditorium. As America's 250th birthday year begins to culminate, Hamden Symphony will present two works of American music that highlight the varied global influences and styles that have been interwoven from its beginnings, as well as two staples of the European classical music tradition.

Hamden Symphony will perform the Symphonic Dances from West Side Story by the renowned American composer, conductor and scholar, Leonard Bernstein. As one of the most complex works the Orchestra has performed in their 65-year history, it will feature a massive percussion instrumentation, and evoke the soaring melodies, dynamic rhythms and dramatic arc of the original musical from which this suite is derived.

The Orchestra is excited to welcome oboist Pedro Falcón to perform the Concerto in C Major of Antonio Vivaldi. In addition, the Connecticut-based band, Blue Soul Society, will perform an excerpt from William Russo's Three Pieces for Blues Band & Orchestra.

Opening the performance will be the Symphony No. 8 of Ludwig Von Beethoven (both his penultimate symphony and his shortest), which was composed in the year 1812.

No tickets are required in advance. A suggested donation of $20 will be accepted at the door.

This performance is generously sponsored by the Sude/Wang family. Additional support is provided by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For more information, please visit www.hamdensymphony.org or call (203) 230-2140.

Positive Thinking = Longer Life

Thinking positive and having a positive mindset will enable you to live a happier and longer life. Other factors that will benefit you are as follows:

- Your body responds to movement and sends signals to your brain that you want to live longer.
- Don't make someone a priority if they only want you as an option.
- If you have a grounded disposition, people will gravitate towards you.
- Being optimistic and stable can make you many friends.
- It is better to overreact than to be presumptuous.
- Don't believe everything you hear or see.
- Surround yourself with people who think like you do and who have the same values.
- Be the best version of yourself.
- The person who is doing the most talking may not be the smartest.
- Have fun. It is later than you think.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

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 •

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Author Talk Series at Unitarian Society

Hamden: The Unitarian Society of New Haven kicks off its 2026-2027 Author Talk series with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Beverly Gage and her latest book, *This Land Is Your Land: A Road Trip* through US History. The program will be held on Wed., November 4, from 6-8pm at Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Free and open to the public.

From her travels to museums, historic sites, roadside attractions. reenactments, and souvenir shops across America, Gage has crafted a guided tour of key moments that define US history -- its successes, flash points, and challenges -- in the places where it happened.

There will be time for questions and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Beverly Gage is the John Lewis Gaddis Professor of History at Yale University and winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Biography for *G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century*, among many other honors.

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Town of Hamden's Fall Leaf & Brush Collection to Begin

Town officials want to alert residents to the start date for Fall leaf and brush collection and remind residents of the program guidelines. Leaf and brush collection will begin Thursday, November 5. Hamden Public Works will make two sweeps throughout the Town, weather permitting.

A fall leaf and brush collection routes map will be posted on the website (hamden.com/219/Public-Works). This map will be updated each day to reflect progress. One crew starts their leaf and brush collection from the south end, and simultaneously a second crew starts their leaf and brush collection from the north end.

Leaves must be placed in paper bags (not plastic) and brush must be bundled and tied with string or twine. Bundles should weigh no more than 50 lbs., exceed no more than four (4) feet in length, and contain no pieces in excess of four (4) inches in diameter. Bundled brush and bagged leaves should be placed curbside separate from each other and away from bulk pickup items. No items should be placed in the street or in any way block a sidewalk. Disposal of root systems, grass clippings and soil are prohibited.

Residents are reminded of the requirement to bag all leaves and yard waste. Only those residences where all occupants are physically disabled or unable to bag their leaves, and have provided the necessary documentation to the Town, may rake their leaves to the curb (pursuant to Section 52 of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Hamden). This greatly speeds up the process and allows all residents to have their leaves and yard waste picked up in a timely manner.

For questions regarding curbside leaf pick-up eligibility documentation, please contact the Town Attorney's Office at (203) 287-7050.

Leaves cannot be picked up from private roads or from roads that have not been accepted into the Town road system. Residents on unaccepted and private roads may bring leaves to the Transfer Station.

The entrance to the Hamden Transfer Station is located at 231 Wintergreen Avenue. Their normal hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30am-11:30am and 12:30pm-3pm and the first Saturday of each month from 8am-11:45am.

Hamden Public Works is offering additional Saturday hours at the Transfer Station on November 7, November 14, November 21, November 28, December 5, and December 12 from 7:30am-11:30am & 12:30pm-3pm.

For further information, please contact the Public Works and Parks Department at (203) 287-2600.

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.