

Consider Asking Yourself The Following Question:

By B.L. -- A Long-term Resident of North Haven with 58 Years of Community Experience

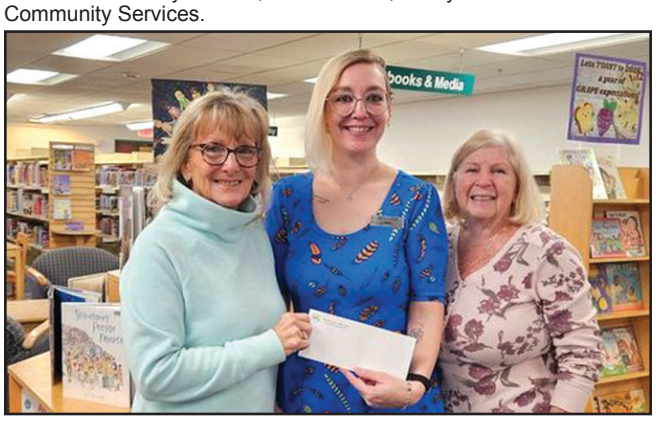
When solar panels need to be temporarily removed to repair a roof leak or replace the roof, what is the typical cost for removal and reinstallation? Can quotes be obtained directly from the original installer? Additionally, is there a list of licensed contractors who are authorized to perform this work?

Are monthly payment plans available for these services? Finally, does the town require a permit for the removal and reinstallation of solar panels?

North Haven Garden Club Presents Donations to Community Services and Children's Library



Pictured: Cindy Adinolfi, Carla Picard, Cindy Golia and Rob from Community Services.



Pictured: Cindy Golia, Emily Jenkins and Cindy Adinolfi.

North Haven: On Thursday January 15th, North Haven Garden Club Scarecrow committee member and NHGC Treasurer Cindy Golia along with committee member Cindy Adinolfi presented a check to Carla Picard from North Haven Community Services and Emily Jenkins of the North Haven Library Children's Department. The funds donated where the result of the North Haven Garden Clubs Annual Scarecrow Contest with donations coming from local business and registration fees collected from the contest. Without the support of the North Haven community this would not have been such a successful fundraising effort.

FUN FACT- Our annual Scarecrow Contest is open to all, Businesses, Civic Organizations, Families, Individuals, Teens, Tweens and Tots. So next year join in on the fun, build your own scarecrow. Remember your support is what makes this a successful event which is fun for the entire community.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information. For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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North Haven Memorial Library January/February Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

Playdoh Party: Fri., January 30, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

Readers & Writers for Homeschooled Teens: Fri., January 30, 10:30am-12:00 noon. Ages: 13+. We'll share our favorite books, chat about our latest writings, and get those creative juices flowing with fun activities.

Must See Movie - *The American Southwest:* Fri., Jan. 30, 1:30-3:15pm. No Registration Required. Narrated by Quannah Chasinghorse, The American Southwest follows the river's journey to sustain society and the natural world through the lens of bugling elk, dam-building beavers, immigrant jaguars, and the region's most fascinating wild characters.

February Programs

All Month Long - Love Bug Scavenger Hunt: Children's Department. No Registration Required. Can you find all 10 love bugs hidden in the Children's Department?

Teen Spotlight Challenge - All Month Long: Adult Service Desk. Grades: 6th-12th. No Registration Required. Each month we'll be highlighting a special part of our library. Think you can find it? Visit the teen area (check the big TV!) anytime throughout February to see a super up close picture of something we have in the building. If you find where we took the photo, you'll win a prize.

Parent Playdate: Mon., February 2, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration is Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones and check out all that the library has to offer!

Calm Connections: Mon., February 2, 11am-12:00 noon. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We encourage parents in our community who have children on the autism spectrum or with sensory needs to come every Monday in the Children's Story Room for sensory play.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Mon., February 2, 11am-12:00 noon. You will be taught the Sun style which is the youngest form. Each session builds upon the next. If you cannot attend all five sessions please do not register. No equipment required. Reminder: Upon registration you are automatically registered for each session in this 5-week series.

Evening Playdoh Party: Mon., February 2, 6-6:30pm. Ages: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Drop by to build, mix and create fun and silly playdoh masterpieces. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

Bilingual Storytime: Tues., February 3, 10:30-11am. Ages: 12-24 mos. to 5 yrs. This storytime is perfect for parents/caregivers and their little ones who speak Spanish and/or English already or for those who don't, but would like to learn!

Heart Handwarmer: Tues., February 3, 2:15-3:45pm. Darling and simple to make, this craft would make a perfect gift for a loved one. Join us to calm your mind, boost your mood, and meet like-minded people in your community.

German Conversation Group: Tues., February 3, 4-5pm. Come practice your German speaking in an informal group.

Switch Party: Tues., February 3, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11 yrs. No Registration Required. Grab your controller and join us at the Library for a gaming party where we will play some fun multi-player switch games together! *We have limited switch controllers, so please bring your own from home to jump in on the fun.

Middle School Chess Club: Tues., February 3, 6pm-7pm. Grades 6th-8th. Interested in learning the game of chess? Looking for more middle schoolers to play with? Join our highly-requested Middle School Chess Club!

Toddler Time: Wed., February 4, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays, and sing.

Magic - The Gathering- Teen Meetup: Wed., Feb. 4, 2:30-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. No Registration Required. Bring your deck(s) to compete and your favorite cards to show and tell. No deck? No problem! Our extra cards and pre-made decks are kept in the teen area. Teens are welcome to browse and keep cards from our black take-home boxes.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Wed., February 4, 3pm-4:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. At TAB, members share their ideas for new programs/services, help the Teen Department plan special events, and overall work to make our library a better place for teens. TAB meets every first Wednesday of the month.

Sen. Cicarella Receives 2025 AARP Legislative Achievement Award



Pictured (L-R): John Erlingheuser, AARP Senior Director of Advocacy and Community Outreach; Barbara Munck, North Haven resident and longtime AARP volunteer and advocate; State Sen. Paul Cicarella accepting the 2025 AARP Legislative Achievement Award; and Nora Duncan, AARP Connecticut State Director, at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

North Haven: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34) was recently selected to receive the 2025 AARP Legislative Achievement Award in recognition of his leadership in passing important consumer protection legislation. The award honors legislators whose work significantly benefits the more than 590,000 AARP members in Connecticut.

Sen. Cicarella was recognized for his role in advancing legislation to rein in automatic renewal contracts and ensure total price disclosure when purchasing goods and services. The act (P.A. 25-11), which became effective on October 1, 2025, requires businesses offering automatic renewals or continuous service agreements to obtain a consumer's permission before charging credit or debit accounts. It also ensures that courts and agencies consider whether records of consent comply with laws on recording phone calls when determining if consent was properly obtained.

"Thank you to AARP Connecticut for this honor, and to the advocates and volunteers who work every day to protect consumers. I will continue advocating for seniors and all Connecticut residents in helping ensure they are treated fairly and have a strong voice in the decisions that affect them," said Sen. Cicarella.

AARP Connecticut State Director Nora Duncan said, "Consumers today face a constant stream of pop-up advertisements, hidden fees, fine print, and increasingly sophisticated scam communications that threaten their financial security. Each time legislation is enacted that promotes transparency, good-faith business practices, and stronger consumer protections, it represents a meaningful step forward ensuring that consumers can make informed decisions without fear of unfair or deceptive practices. We appreciate Senator Cicarella's leadership and commitment to making Connecticut a more consumer-friendly state."

More information on AARP Connecticut is available here.

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 Snurkow-ski in the Dept. of Community Services Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at (203) 239-5321, x502.

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WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662 •

District 23A Lions Clubs

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

District 23A Lions Clubs -- New Haven & Fairfield Counties are now accepting applications (Scan QR code). Communities in the local area that have Lions Clubs are: Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, and West Haven.

Lions Clubs are looking for fun, positive community members dedicated to making a difference. The benefits are Leadership Growth, Community Impact, Networking and Friendship, Global Reach, and Local Action.

FOR SALE: Toro power shovel, electric corded, 7.5 amp motor, like new, original box $100 or best offer; (203) 606-0932

WANTED: Old tools, musical instruments, military, Winchesters, Colts, antique guns & old hunting & fishing. We buy gold & silver coins and jewelry. Anything related to vintage jewelry. Call Joe, (203) 488-7271 •

FOR SALE: A.C. Gilbert complete American Flyer train set, 6'x6' train table included $500 or best offer; (203) 239-3919 •

FOR SALE: Radio Shack trunking desktop mobile scanner $75; call (203) 239-1790