State Senator Paul Cicarella Officially Launches 2026 Re-election Campaign

North Haven: Senator Paul Cicarella proudly announces his candidacy for re-election to the Connecticut State Senate representing the 34th District in the 2026 election cycle.

"I am honored to continue serving the families, veterans, seniors, and small businesses of the 34th District," said Cicarella. "Over the past terms, we have taken steps to make Connecticut more affordable and safer - but our work is far from finished. I am running again to build on that progress and fight for commonsense solutions that put people first."


Sen. Paul Cicarella

Senator Cicarella, first elected in 2020, serves as Senior Deputy Republican Leader and Ranking Member on key legislative committees, including General Law and Public Safety & Security. He represents a district that includes Durham, East Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, and Northford. He is known for his collaborative work across party lines, including successfully passing bipartisan laws that boost public safety, workforce opportunities for young people, and safeguarding consumers.

Campaign Priorities Include:

• Affordability: Championing tax relief and policies that reduce the cost of living for families across Connecticut.

• Public Safety: Strengthening public safety initiatives and supporting law enforcement efforts to protect communities.

• Job Creation & Workforce Development: Expanding access to well-paying careers through job training, apprenticeships, and workforce initiatives.

• Support for Veterans & Seniors: Advocating for policies that honor and assist veterans and provide critical resources for senior residents.

A Connecticut native, Cicarella grew up in East Haven and currently lives in North Haven with his wife, Christy, and their two children. Outside of the State Capitol, he is a small business owner, a retired law enforcement officer, and a long-time community volunteer and youth athletics coach.

"Serving in the State Senate has been one of the greatest honors of my life," Cicarella continued. "With your support, I look forward to continuing to fight for our shared values and deliver results that strengthen our communities."

For more information about the campaign, volunteer opportunities, visit www.paulchic.com or contact the campaign directly - PaulChic34@gmail.com.

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Pierpont Concert NHHS Choral And Jazz Ensembles Feb. 21st

North Haven Congregational Church is presenting a concert by the NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL AND JAZZ ENSEMBLES on Saturday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. This promises to be a wonderful and lively event showcasing our community's best student talent.



Tickets are $15.00 for adults, $10.00 for students, and children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at the door by cash, check or Venmo. This is a major fundraiser for both the church and the Music Department of North Haven High School. There will be a Meet and Greet following the concert.

North Haven Congregational Church is located at 28 Church Street, across from the Town Green. There is ample free parking in our recently resurfaced parking lot, and the church is handicap accessible.

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Spring Glen Garden Club Thanks the Community for Helping Celebrate Our 100th Anniver-



Pictured (L-R): Members of The Spring Glen Garden Club Theresa-President, Trudy, Carol B, Jeanne, Kat and Dorothy (face of blog, face book, advisor and patch articles). The members made the table arrangements and served as hostesses for the holiday party for the Elderly Services of Hamden.

Hamden: The Club would like to thank the Community for helping us celebrate our 100th anniversary.

The Garden Club ongoing projects includes the gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington

Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House, watering the plants at the Government Center and the Miller Library.

The Club donated 10 American Elm hybrid trees to the Hamden Center Park as a result of its successful Wreaths for Trees program.

Other projects of the Club were 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.

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. Please stop by our historical display in hall outside the Miller Library in front of Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

Plaques to be Provided to Identify North Haven's Historic Homes

The North Haven Historical Society & Museums is excited to announce that it will be providing plaques to historic homeowners.

Signage identifying historic homes is often seen in communities that value their historic resources. These plaques are a public "thank you" to the owners for maintaining these properties. They also showcase the historical provenance of these homes. The Historical Society believes that providing these plaques, free of charge to the homeowners, is one way they can promote a greater knowledge and appreciation of local history.

The North Haven Historical Society & Museums is now in the process of identifying homes/properties of historic interest. The Historical Society is most interested in suggestions from residents.

Individuals who believe their homes/properties should be so identified please contact us at (203) 39-7722 or email us at nhhistsoc@gmail.com.

If you know of a property in your neighborhood that you believe should be identified, please reach out to us, as well. Once the society has finalized the first group of properties to be acknowledged, owners of those homes will be contacted by mail. Participation is voluntary, and property owners will be fully informed of the history of their property, the size and appearance of the plaque, and placement details.

Eventually the Society would like to provide markers for all its historic properties; we hope you can help us with this project!

What Are Iguanas?

Iguanas are long lizard-like reptiles that are presently falling from trees in Florida due to the recent cold weather, in which they have difficulty acclimating to. They come in many sizes and colors and there are forty-five different species. Other facts are as follows:

• Iguanas come in many beautiful colors and shed their skin, enabling them to grow.

• Iguanas can reach a length of 6 ft. and live up to 20 years.

• They love the heat and humidity.

• If an Iguana loses its tail due to a fight or injury, it is able to grow back another one.

• Primarily vegetarians, Iguanas also eat fruits, snails and bugs.

• Some people are hired to eradicate Iguanas from hotels, parks and homes, then the Iguanas end up on menus in local restaurants.

• They can carry the salmonella bacteria.

• Iguanas have sharp claws that they use for climbing and they are also excellent swimmers.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

FOR SALE: Wire, electrical 14 gauge stranded copper, 328 ft./$25; new Leviton GFCI 125 V/15 A receptacle $7; (203) 606-0932

FOR SALE: Snow blower, 24", electric start, Huskee, like new $500 firm; (860) 490-0817 •

WANTED: A record player that plays long-playing 33 records for a 91 year old who would love to listen to her favorite music. Call or text Ruth at (203) 687-6509

FOR SALE: New Tiffany & Co., 9 inch Windham crystal vase, geometric hexagonal design $70; (203) 865-2795

Program Schedule for Suburban Garden Club

Please join us at the Suburban Garden Club programs this year! All programs will begin at 7pm and will be held at the Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave. More information can be found at https://www.cheshiregardeners.org/

Wed., Feb. 18 (Snow Date Feb. 25): *Container Gardening Indoors and Out.* Gregory Bugbee. Learn about choosing the right plants and potting soils for the right pots, watering and fertilizing techniques, and how to start plants from seeds and cuttings.

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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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