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## Plaques to be Provided Identifying 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 nhhistoc@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!

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**FOR SALE: Cast iron chimera with ornate flowers & birds, 38"H \$100; (203) 887-0051**

## Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford

### UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 484-0469.

**Little Makers: Tues., March 3, 10:30-11am.** Come for 30 minutes of making! Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a giraffe headband. Recommended ages 2-6. Registration required.

**Drop-In Tech Help: Wed., March 4, 10am-1pm and Thurs., March 5, 2pm-5pm.** Free drop-in sessions of personal tech help. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration required.

**Tots & Tunes: Fri., March 6, 10:30-11am.** Children ages 18 months & up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement at Edward Smith Library. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

**Monday Night Mah-Jongg: March 9, 6pm-8pm.** Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

**Little Makers: Tues., March 10, 10:30-11am.** Come for 30 minutes of making! Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a pigeon craft inspired by Mo Willems' Pigeon series. Recommended ages 2-6. Registration required.

## Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

### ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2025-26 HEATING SEASON APPLICATIONS

This Office of Social Service is now taking applications for the Energy Assistance Program for those who heat with a deliverable fuel. **Those that heat with a utility may now schedule appointments.** The program helps people pay for heat and weatherize the home. Eligibility is based on income; assets are no longer reviewed. This is not an entitlement program.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at (203) 484-6006 or (475) 655-0412 to make an appointment. A flyer with required documents is available in both public libraries, the Office of Social Service lobby at STW Community Center and online at <https://www.northbranfordct.gov/192/Energy-Assistance-Program>

You must bring copies of your required documents if you need your originals returned. This office cannot make copies for you. Applications cannot be completed without the required documents.

You may also apply online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply>.

**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**

**FOR SALE: Texaco ceramic mug, circular medallion "Interstate Hiway Prestige Award 1977", 3.5" tall x 4" round \$30; (203) 239-8060**

## Creative Concepts Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



**Pictured (L-R):** Devin Rogers, Chef/Owner, Bourassa Catering; Jon LeFebvre, Chef/Owner, Bourassa Catering; Ben Philbrook, Chase Canopy Luxury Event Tents and Rentals; Renee Miller, Executive Director, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Antonecchia, Owner, Creative Concepts by Lisa, LLC; Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of Wallingford; Don Crouch, Wallingford Economic Development Commission and Matt Iovannie, Business Development Executive, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce.

**Wallingford:** We were thrilled to celebrate the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Creative Concepts by Lisa, LLC located at 9 South Colony Street in Wallingford on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Owner Lisa Antonecchia has built a business centered around creativity, collaboration, and unforget-

table event experiences. Creative Concepts by Lisa offers - full-service event planning, design & styling, custom décor concepts \*Including wedding dresses, event coordination, and luxury event experiences tailored to your vision.

Lisa also shared heartfelt appreciation for her true business partner, Ben Philbrook, owner of Chase Canopy Luxury Event Tents and Rentals. Together, they help transform spaces into extraordinary celebrations.

To learn more about Creative Concepts by Lisa, LLC's services visit <https://creativeconceptsbylisa.com>.

Please join us in congratulating Lisa and wishing her continued success! Be sure to follow Creative Concepts by Lisa and support this incredible local business.

## Sen. Cicarella & GOP Lawmakers Call for Connecticut Government's "Candy Store" to Close

### CLOSE THE CANDY STORE

DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY. STOP CORRUPTION.



State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34) has joined House and Senate Republican leaders call for a legislative package aimed at ending what lawmakers describe as a "culture of corruption" in Connecticut state government.

"Taxpayers should never feel like their money is being handed out behind closed doors," Sen. Cicarella said. "Spending must be transparent, accountable, and focused on serving the public not political interests. It's time to restore confidence in how Connecticut manages hard working taxpayer dollars."

**Republicans are proposing the following anti-corruption legislative reforms:**  
**Establish Standards for Third-Party Funding Recipients, Vetting for Bonding and Budget Requests**

- Require all budget and bonding earmark requests to be publicly linked to the legislator or organization making the request before funds are granted, including a certification that the requesting legislator, their family members, or any associated business has no financial interest in or will benefit from the grant.

- Mandate that organizations receiving state budget funds or bond funds disclose how money will be spent, including the share dedicated to administration versus programming, the number of people served, program goals and progress, and a detailed Return on Investment (ROI) analysis.

- Require financial statement filings, a full accounting of all income sources and disbursements, disclosure of any officer or board member convictions related to financial crimes or fiduciary breaches, and full disclosure of any close associations with current legislators, government staff, or other elected officials.

- Require that when grant recipients pass funds to third-party or subsequent recipients, those recipients must identify all such parties, the specific amounts granted, and be bound by the same transparency and reporting requirements as the original recipient.

- Direct state agencies responsible for disbursing these funds to report annually on fund status and usage, and subject grant recipients to random state audits to verify funds are used as intended.

**Establish an Office of Inspector General (Civil)**

- Will investigate fraud, waste and abuse in the expenditure or use of state resources.

- Review Auditors' reports on Agencies and investigate findings of fraud, waste and abuse.
- Intake complaints including from whistleblowers.
- Seek civil recovery of funds.
- Refer cases to state/federal authorities.

**Strengthen Oversight and Empower the State Auditors**

- Require physical site visits for housing and human services providers receiving \$25,000 or more in state funds
- Set performance and accountability standards in order for state agencies to be able to renew contracts

- Require additional review of findings identified in audits where only a sample of transactions were reviewed
- Grant subpoena power to the Auditors of Public Accounts.

**Restore the bipartisan Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee**

- Connecticut once had a powerful, bipartisan watchdog committee that held state government accountable — independently investigating agency performance and uncovering waste and mismanagement.

**Treasurer Fiduciary Reform**

- Establish an Investment Board to share fiduciary responsibility with the state treasurer for state investment.

**Housing Funding reform**

- Require the Department of Housing (DOH) to identify specific projects and terms of any agreements to the state Bond Commission prior to receiving allocations of state bond funds.

- Require DOH and CHFA to compile and report dollars loaned and leveraged for housing projects and the process and "scorecard" for each project that led to an award.

**Require FOIA/UAPA training for PURA Commissioners and Staff**

- Requiring commissioners and staff to undergo training on the Freedom of Information Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act — the laws governing public records and agency conduct — ensures those entrusted with regulating Connecticut's utilities follow the rules.

**Deposit volatility funds in a timely matter**

- Connecticut's volatility cap fund exists to protect taxpayers. Recent actions by the State Treasurer to withhold the deposit of these funds exposed a dangerous loophole. Require the Treasurer to deposit volatility funds within 30 days, ensuring these reserves are managed with integrity.

**Provide House and Senate minority leaders appointments to Siting Council**

"These are practical, common-sense reforms," Sen. Cicarella said. "They put real safeguards in place to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly, transparently, and with proper oversight. Connecticut residents deserve a government they can trust, and that means closing the 'Candy Store' and restoring accountability."